



March 2024

Hello Families,

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break. We had fun during Read Across America Week right before vacation with new pictures added to our website. Below is information about our classroom for the month of March.

Report Cards: The second trimester ended Friday, March 8. Report cards will be sent home Monday, March 18. As before, I will meet with students to review their report cards, answer questions, and define goals for the final trimester. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me. Otherwise, please send back the signed envelope; you may keep the report card and any other paperwork.

Academic Update: In math, we will take the test for *Unit 4: Decimals and Coordinate Grids* on Wednesday. When the corrected test comes home, please sign and return the top sheet so I know you have seen the test. *Unit 5: Operations with Fractions* will review some concepts we learned in the pilot program and then move on to multiplying and dividing fractions. In social studies, students are learning about US regions. Towards the end of the unit, students will research a state of their choice and prepare a state report Google slide presentation to share with the class as a culminating project.

In language arts, we started module 3 which focuses on leadership. We are using the anchor text *Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America*. While researching the theme of leadership, I came across *The Leader in Me* program for schools based on the award-winning book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey. This program applies the concepts of the “7 Habits” with elementary school children and I am excited to incorporate many of these valuable life skills/concepts into our lessons on leadership. For our novel study, we are reading *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George and using it as one of our sources to create Survival Guides.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Thank you,
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Reminders:

- Tuesday, March 12 - Teacher Workshop Day (no school for students)
- Friday, March 8 - Trimester 2 ends (report cards sent home Monday, March 18)
- Wednesday, March 20 - early release
- Grade 5 NHSAS State Testing (Writing March 6; Science April 16-17; Reading April 30 - May 1; Math - May 9-10)