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THE WEEKLY LAB

**February 27, 2012**

**NEWS ON WHICH TO “KNAW”...**

***“SNIFFING” THROUGH THE CURRICULUM!***

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* **Reading-** We have been reading lots of stories and practicing skills that aid in the comprehension of fiction texts. Students learned about character motivation and features of pourquoi tales. Next we will turn our focus to point of view and theme.
* **Math-** We did a math “team time” last week in which students were placed into groups to practice a certain algebra skill. This week we are going to practice finding the median, mode, mean, and range of a set of data, along with locating points on a coordinate grid. Very soon we will begin our study of fractions!
* **Writing-** Now that we’ve had plenty of practice reading pourquoi tales and studying their features, the students are going to write their own! Each student will be asked to select a topic from nature, such as an animal, plant, or landform, and write a story about how it got a certain characteristic. Students will use an organizer to plan out their ideas before drafting.
* **Social Studies/Science-** In SS, we wrapped up our unit on the civil rights movement. We will now transition back into Science for the remainder of the quarter. Students will be going to Mrs. Boecke’s class to learn all about the properties of rocks and minerals.

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**“PAWS” FOR THESE DATES:**

**2/27—Read -A-Thon Begins**

**Interim Reports**

**3/1—Symphony Field trip**

**3/13—Talent show**

**Rehearsal**

**3/15—Student led**

**conferences (5-6 pm)**

**3/16—Early release**

**NEWS ON WHICH TO “KNAW”...**

**P.B.S.**

**Positive Behavior Support**

**NEWS TO “BARK” ABOUT!**

**Monday Folders—**Please read the information that comes home weekly in your child’s Monday folder. Be sure to review class work and assessments and return these to school.

**Multiplication and Division—**It is very important that you practice multiplication and division with your child at home. Students should be at the point where they know basic facts and the process accurately and with ease. Multiplication is the foundation for more complex math skills we will be getting into.

**Donations—**The cold and allergy season is upon us. Students have been going through a box of tissues in two days. If you can donate tissues or antibacterial wipes to our classroom, that would be great.

LABS

**Listen & follow directions**

**Act respectfully**

**Behave responsibly**

**Succeed!!**

**We had a great time earning pajama day!**

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