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THE WEEKLY LAB

**February 6, 2012**

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

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* **Reading-** The students have been identifying story elements in different fiction texts. This week we will practice oral retellings and written summaries of fiction stories. We will discuss the difference between a weak and strong summary. Students have been excellent readers during Daily 5 time and small group.
* **Math-** Last week we wrapped up area and perimeter, and even got to explore these concepts with Cheez-It crackers! This week we will focus on problem solving strategies, especially multi-step word problems. Please continue to practice multiplication and division at home with your child.
* **Writing-** We have gone through the entire writing process with our bubble adventure fiction stories. The students have worked very hard to get to the publishing step. This week students will practice reading aloud their stories clearly and with expression, in preparation of our “community writing celebration” on Thursday.
* **Social Studies-** The students have really enjoyed learning about the Civil War and the impact it had on our state. The students made Civil War timelines depicting important dates, events, and illustrations. This week we will learn about the advances in transportation and communication that occurred the years after the Civil War.

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**“PAWS” FOR THESE DATES:**

**2/7 Pizza Bingo Night**

**2/8 Class Pictures**

**2/9 Community Writing**

**Celebration**

**2/13 In-house Science trip**

**2/14 Valentine’s Day!**

**2/17 Early release**

**2/20 & 2/21 Teacher Work Day**

**P.B.S.**

**Positive Behavior Support**

**NEWS TO “BARK” ABOUT!**

LABS

**Listen & follow directions**

**Act respectfully**

**Behave responsibly**

**Succeed!!**

We’re almost at 150 bones. Soon we will earn pajama day!!

Keep up awesome LABS behavior!

Please take the time to go over assessments and weekly progress report with your child that come home in the Monday folder. These items need to be returned to school. Thanks!

Students are very excited for their writing celebration! Community members will join our class to listen to student stories and provide positive feedback. Community members who will be joining us are Mrs. Proulx (assistant principal), Mrs. Lisa Briggs (PTA board member), a police officer, and Mr. Don Schwenneker (ABC 11 meteorologist).

The classroom is in need of tissues and antibacterial wipes. If you can donate some, it would be greatly appreciated.

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