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THE WEEKLY LAB

**March 12, 2012**

 **NEWS ON WHICH TO “KNAW”...**

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

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* **Reading-** We have been reading fiction stories to determine their themes, or the lessons portrayed. This week students will study author’s word choice and how it can bring characters to life, enhance the plot, and impact a reader’s experience.
* **Math-** We are underway with our study of fractions! Students are learning and practicing skills such as parts of a whole, equivalence, simplest form, and adding and subtracting with like denominators. In the next couple of weeks, students will learn about the relationship between fractions and decimals.
* **Writing-** Fourth graders have been preparing for their student-led conferences. They are selecting work samples that show areas of strength and weakness and reflecting on their progress this year. Students are writing letters and responses to parents explaining their growth. Please be sure to join us Thursday 5:00 – 6:00 for this event.
* **Science-** In Science, students are going to Mrs. Boecke’s class to learn about rocks and minerals. Students performed the scratch test to determine each mineral’s hardness. They also broke apart their own rock to learn about its mineral composition.

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**“PAWS” FOR THESE DATES:**

**3/13 Talent show rehearsal**

**3/15 Student-led conference**

**3/16 Early release day**

**3/20 Talent show**

**3/29 End of Quarter 3**

**3/30 Teacher work day**

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**P.B.S.**

**Positive Behavior Support**

**NEWS TO “BARK” ABOUT!**

**Content Area Writing Assessment**

Fourth graders will be taking a week long writing assessment from March 19 – 23. This assignment will assess how well your child can take a content task through the writing process. It is important that your child does not miss school on these days.

**Fractions**

Knowing basic multiplication and division facts will help your child with fraction skills. Please make sure you review these facts with your child daily.

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

LABS

**Listen & follow directions**

**Act respectfully**

**Behave responsibly**

**Succeed!!**

**I am truly proud of student behavior!**

**Mrs. Richardson’s fourth graders are showing LABS!!**

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