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February 10-14

Upcoming Events

- 2/13 Final swimming lessons
- 2/14 Bible Test on Moses
- 2/14 Fancy Friday Valentine's Day & Party
- 2/17 No school Teacher In-service
- 2/21 Field Trip to Camp Roger
- 3/5-8 Parent Teacher Conferences

Grading...

I will be sending home a note today about our schools grading scale. Starting this week some work that comes home will include a letter grade. This is how work is graded in 4th grade so it is our hope that the students get used to seeing letter grades before then.

English Language Arts

•We are continuing in library with our study of genre, how the library is organized and the Dewey Decimal System.

•We will begin our class novel study on <u>Little</u> <u>House on the Prairie</u>. This is a third grade classic and fits so well with our study of Native Americans and pioneers.

•This week and next we will begin our young author's stories. We will be using illustrations by Christ Van Alsburg as our inspiration to get things started!

Math

•This week in math we are touching on multiplication and division of two and three digit numbers. We spend only a couple of days on each of these topics. My hope is to give the kids some basic background knowledge on these concepts, as they are a large part of the fourth grade math curriculum.

•We are continuing our Rocket Math to stay on top of those multiplication facts!

Social Studies

•This week we are beginning our social studies unit on pioneers. This unit is intertwined with our novel study on <u>The Little House on the Prairie</u>.

•In March we will be heading to Blandford Nature Center to see how the pioneers lived by touring the schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, and log cabin with Mrs. Staal. I do not have this date for you yet—it is not a full day trip, likely just a couple of house. Once I have the details ironed out I will let you know!

Bible

- In Bible this week the Israelites will finally leave Egypt! We are wrapping up the stories of the slaves and the Passover. We will have a test on these things on Friday. A review sheet will go home on Wednesday.
- Mrs. Postmus will be lending some extra help in our classroom in the area of Bible this quarter.

Camp Roger

 If you haven't sent in your permission form and payment for Camp Roger please do so. If the \$9 payment puts a financial strain on your family please let me know, as there are funds in the office to help with these situations. Also, we are still in need of some parent chaperones- the more the merrier!