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Upcoming Events

- 3/5-3/8—Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/11—Pioneer afternoon at Blandford
- 3/12—Bake Sale
- 3/3-3/12—Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Testing Window
- 3/18—Annual Society Meeting
- 4/4—Beginning of Spring Vacation

Grading

- I've had a few questions about the new grading system. Please remember that the only thing "new" about this is the letter grade that is there. Other than that, I am grading things the same way I have been all year. If I have any academic concerns about your child I will certainly let you know! If you have any questions about this please ask.

ELA

- Once again this week your child will have nightly assigned readings of Little House on the Prairie. The kids really seem to be enjoying it, along with our social studies unit on pioneers.
- We are also continuing in our study of genre and the characteristics of these.
- We are moving on to drafting our young authors stories. The kids are very enthusiastic about these—which makes it so much fun!
- We will have a spelling test this week but the words will not come home until Tuesday.

Math

- We are continuing a two week unit on geometry. In this unit we will cover: 2D & 3D shapes, segments, lines, angles, area & perimeter.
- On Friday we will have a test on this unit. A review sheet will come home on Wednesday.

Social Studies

- This week we'll wrap up our unit on the pioneers. We've been working on packet that contains maps, timelines, and questions. That will go home at the end of the week.

Bible

- Our Bible memory is going home today. It will be due on March 5. Students may say it earlier if they know it!
- We are still wandering in the desert with the Israelites. Later this week we will settle at the foot of Mount Sinai and learn about the ten commandments.

Other:

- After a lot of conversation Miss Kurosu and I have decided not to reschedule our Camp Roger trip. Between conferences, Iowa tests, pioneer afternoon and Blandford and making up work from snowdays, March is filling up quickly! I will make sure your money is refunded to you by the end of the week.
- As you see above our Iowa Test of Basic Skills testing window begins next week. As soon as I have more details about the exact date we will begin in our classroom, I will past that information along to you.
- We started a new read aloud last week. It is Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins. I love sharing it with third graders because it is a classic story of good and evil and a great way to introduce the kids to this kind of story. It's part of a series and often the kids express interest in reading the other books. Please know that not all kids are ready to read this series on their own and use your own discretion as parents if your child is interested in them.