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Upcoming Events

- 3/11—Pioneer afternoon at Blandford
- 3/13—Bake Sale (note changed date)
- 3/3-3/21—Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Testing Window
- 3/14—Family Fun Night
- 3/18—Annual Society Meeting
- 4/4—Beginning of Spring Vacation

Pioneer afternoon at Blandford

- On Tuesday we will be heading to Blandford to experience pioneer life. We will be leaving right after lunch recess and will be back at school around 3 o'clock.
- While at Blandford we spend some time in the schoolhouse experiencing what an old fashioned classroom was like. Then we will tour the log cabin and the blacksmith shop with Mrs. Staal.

ELA

- We will continue reading Little House. Night time reading will be assigned this week as wrap up this unit.
- We are continuing our hard work on our young author's stories and they're shaping up great. On Monday we will finish revising. On Tuesday we will learn about editing. That means that by the end of this week we'll publish and (hopefully!) do some illustrating.
- We will have spelling this week!

Math

- We are studying fractions this week and we learn about equivalent fractions and comparing and ordering fractions.
- If you are interest in another way to have your child practice math facts at home, please email me! I'm going to set up a class account using the xtramath website. This site helps with automaticity with math facts and takes about ten minutes a day on the computer.

Science

- Our weather unit is off to a slow start because of the Iowa tests. This week we will be introduced to some weather vocabulary and will have a couple of inquiry based weather lessons.

Bible

- We are finishing up at Mt. Sinai this week and will review our Bible unit and have a test on Friday.
- A review sheet for this test will go home on Wednesday. We will do some in class reviewing on Thursday.

Lexiles

Current reading research tells us that the best way for children to grow as readers is for them to read texts that are exactly at their reading level. This is really not that scientific—it makes sense right? If texts are too difficult children become frustrated and if they are too easy children will not encounter any new words or concepts.

I do my best to help kids find books that are "good fit" books here at school. At conferences I mentioned to some of you some tools that you can use to check lexiles at home. One is a free app called "Book Level 4.0" another is a website www.lexile.com

If you have any questions or need your child's lexile level please let me know, I'd be happy to send it to you.