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it's march! it's march!
finally!!!!

Upcoming Events

- 3/5 Bible Memory due (John 6:32-33)
- 3/5-3/8—Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/11—Pioneer afternoon at Blandford
- 3/12—Bake Sale
- 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

I'm looking forward to seeing you at conferences later this week!

Iowa Test of Basic Skills

- Please see the second page of this document, which contains information regarding the Iowa test which will be given over the next couple of weeks.

ELA

- We will continue reading Little House. Students will not be taking this reading home this week, we will be doing the bulk of the reading as “filler” after the Iowa Test.
- We will spend a large part of our ELA time this week working on our Young Author's stories. Monday we will be spending sometime in the computer lab working on typing our first draft. We will continue our work with revising later this week. Your child will be bringing home a copy of their story with a rubric so you can help with some of this process!
- In addition to this we will be learning about onomatopoeia, antonyms, and synonyms.
- We will have spelling this week!

Math

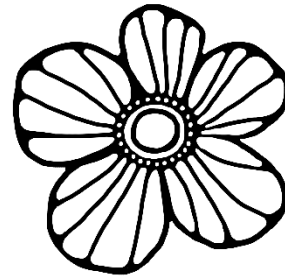
- It seems that we will finally wrap up our geometry unit, barring any unforeseen circumstances this week! Instead of sending home a review sheet, doing a formal test, etc. I will do an informal assessment in class.
- Our next math unit is all about fractions—this is one of my favorites to teach!

Science

- Now that we are finished with the pioneers we'll be moving on to an Earth Science unit. This unit is all about climate and weather! Your child may need to collect some “weather data” at home via the internet. If this is the case more detailed instructions will go home.

Bible

- This weeks Bible lessons will focus on the Ten Commandments. We will learn about the commandments as they pertain to loving God and loving our neighbors. We will also learn the story of the Golden Calf, and talk about the “golden calves” we may have in our lives.



thank you so much
for your expressions
of appreciation last
week, including the
beautiful gardening
gift basket!

3VT Iowa Test of Basic Skills

Once again this year your child will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The main difference between the 2nd grade test and the 3rd grade test is that in 2nd grade the teachers read the test to the students. In third grade the teacher may read the directions to the students, and may read any question to a student if a student requests, but we do not read through the entire test together.

Please support our test taking at school by doing the following:

- .Encouraging your child to always do his or her best work.**
- .Making sure your child is well rested on test days.**
- .Making sure your child eats a good breakfast on test days.**
- .Doing what you can to make sure your child does not have an appointment scheduled during a testing window.**

We are given a three week window for testing, and Miss Kurosu and I have decided to stretch our test out over the course of the three weeks. We are hoping this way that students will not experience test fatigue!

Our testing windows are as follows:

- 3/3, Monday 10:40-11:15**
- 3/5, Wednesday 10:40-11:15**
- 3/10, Monday 10:40--11:15**
- 3/12, Wednesday 10:40-11:30**
- 3/13, Thursday 12:50-1:30**
- 3/17, Monday 10:30-11:15**
- 3/18, Tuesday 12:50-1:30**
- 3/19, Wednesday 10:40-11:30**
- 3/20, Thursday 3/20 12:50-1:30**