Dear Parents,

Wow, we got a full week in! Remember to set those clocks ahead Saturday night. Also remember we are the only animal that uses our clock. The other animals in our ecosystem use the big clock in the sky...so they won’t be expecting us out so early. Pay attention when you are half asleep and hitting the road an hour early next week!

There is no school next Wednesday, March 11 for teacher collaboration.

End of Year Dates:
April 22 will now be a full day of classes for everyone
As of now May 27 will be the last full day of school for students.

Thursday 5/21 5th Grade Graduation
Friday 5/22 5th Grade Party
Tuesday 5/26 5th Grade Party rain date

Science: Mr. Earls
We are currently looking at matter and weather information. We are looking at weather symbols on maps and identifying low and high pressure centers and how the air circulates around them and at cold, warm and stationary fronts. It has been a great example of high pressure this past week, dry fair weather with very low humidity. We have also begun looking at weather instruments and their uses. We will be taking daily readings for temperature(thermometer), wind speed and direction(anemometer and wind vane), air pressure(barometer) and humidity(hygrometer) and looking at current weather maps to help better understand weather patterns.
This week is severe weather preparedness week. Hopefully your child talked with you about this and what to do at home in the event of severe weather.

Math: Mrs. Everett
Please look over the Unit 4: Adding and Subtracting Decimals and the Coordinate Grid, with your child. It is coming home in the Friday Folder today. Students also recently brought home a family letter telling about what we will be learning in Unit 5: Operations with Fractions.

We recently focused on several skills to prepare for Biz Town! We discussed different types of financial institutions, keeping track of transactions in a register, filling out deposit tickets and writing and endorsing checks! The kids got to practice these skills in our business day at Biz Town! I was impressed with them!

Current and Upcoming:
Add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators
Multiply fractions by whole numbers
Multiply fractions by fractions
Divide fractions with a numerator of 1 by a whole number.

**Writing: Ms. Holman**

In the last several writing classes, students have been writing and writing about BizTown! We had a lot of experiences with both pre-writings about our adventure and then some post-writings about our journey! Many students worked very, very intensely with these opportunities to strengthen their writing skills! Friendly writing challenges were even taken to increase the depth of their craft writing with one another!

Spelling work continues in our writing classes, as well. Students were given an extremely simplistic list of words at the onset of this school week. However, the list of words given to students were ones that have been carelessly used and misspelled during class rotations. Students were given one week with these words for review, rather than the usual two weeks for study before an assessment. Our writers are being encouraged to be more mindful of their spelling and editing of such during any and all writing times, not just in writing class!

Toward the end of our week together, some students began a new writing piece with a partner while others chose to write independently! Either way, it was a fun way to end our week with chosen topics that were meaningful to our individual writers!

Have a great weekend! Remember, “either write things worth the reading or do things worth the writing!” -- Benjamin Franklin

**Social Studies: Mrs. Wilcoxson**

Mrs. Wilcoxson has been out. The students have been learning about the events leading to the American Revolution. Students have been working on Chapter 7 Lessons 1-3 this week with the substitutes.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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