

Team 3 April Newsletter

The beginning part of February was spent with each class working up in the Media Center. We received instruction on research and note taking from Mrs. Sleight. Each student picked a country to study. Students were to follow the steps they learned which included picking a topic, reading the entire selection, taking notes on the study guide sheets provided, selecting at least two important pieces of information from each category, incorporating that information into a rough draft copy, editing/revising, and finally completing a final product. The students put forth good effort and learned a lot about the people, lifestyles, customs, traditions, and foods of their country. Some classes are still working on the final steps of the project and will soon be sharing with their classmates.

Embryology is the hot topic in Unit Studies! The students have been studying chicken embryos and have learned the different parts of the egg, and what the little embryo needs to grow and survive. The "Egg Lady" came on Wednesday, February 25th with 48 eggs. She discussed important information with the students, including what the students would need to do to take care of the growing chicks. Students are expected to rotate the eggs in the incubator one time each day and turn them three times each day. They must also make sure that there is plenty of water in the incubator to create humidity. On day eight, the "Egg Lady" returned to Fredstrom to candle the eggs. She has a special flashlight that allowed the students to see inside the egg. The students were able to tell if the embryo was a winner, a quitter, or a yolker. Ask your child what this means. They should be able to explain it to you. We were pleasantly surprised to learn that we have a total of 45 eggs that are growing properly. We hope those embryos continue to develop normally and we have a good hatch. You will probably hear updates from your child. Our chicks should be hatching around March 18th.

Our next topic of study in Unit Studies will be Family/Social Health. We also will be preparing for the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in April. More information about the test will be coming home soon.