

Team 4 February Newsletter

We hope all fourth grade families' new year is off to a great start. How quickly our first semester has passed. Throughout December, excited students who were anticipating their instrumental and vocal music programs, the holidays, and winter break, still managed to maintain an academic focus.

Students have completed their third theme in reading and diligently worked on narrative writing in preparation for the State Writing Assessment. Each classroom has, in the past three to four weeks, reviewed the criteria for a good narrative and practiced four to six prompts. With the additional help of Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Schulenberg, and Mrs. Hollmann, students were able to rotate to smaller groups for additional reteaching and opportunities to edit and revise their work.

This quarter we completed the central states in our regional studies of the United States. This regional study and our earlier study of Nebraska are now culminating with our Heritage School unit. Students are looking forward to their visit to the one room school located on the Nebraska fair grounds where students will role-play a day in the life of students in the late 1800's.

Team Four has appreciated our Junior Achievement volunteers from Duncan Aviation who provided practical information about natural, human, and capital resources found in regions of the United States and used by business to produce goods and services. Using Junior Achievement materials and their own experience, these volunteers took time from their own busy schedules to prepare and present five lessons to our students. Our thanks to Kyle Wiesen, Dana Harral, Diane Heiserman, Allison Brown, and Duncan Aviation for their participation in this excellent program.

A field trip to the LIED Center to hear the Lincoln Symphony was a special treat this quarter. This was a first time experience to hear a live symphony for many of our students. We all enjoyed the music of classical composers as well as a good Sousa march.

Calendar of Events

Heritage School Schedule

Nifelhelm`	February 4
Bredwell	February 5
Buethe	February 6
Rung	February 7

<u>Family Math Night</u>	February 21
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