

Team 4 News

March 2008

State Writing

Congratulations to all fourth grade students on finishing the State Writing Test! Everyone has worked extremely hard since the beginning of the school year, focusing and refining their skills to write a personal narrative. Mrs. Schulenberg, Mrs. Bates, parents and the fourth grade teachers prepared students to write outstanding personal narratives, but the hard work and dedication came down to the students. They were ready to write and performed exceptionally on the days of the test. As an entire school, we are very proud of their work and are anxiously awaiting the results.

Math Night

Team 4 teachers would like to extend a huge thank you to all families who donated items for Math Night. It was a tremendous success. We could not have made ice cream and had so much fun without the support of our fourth grade families. Because of your generosity, families in all grade levels were able to learn and enjoy the ice cream making process. We hope you are able to take this recipe and use it in your home. Working with children in the kitchen is a great way to incorporate real-life math skills and the science behind how it works.

Heritage School

For half of the fourth graders Heritage School has been a unique trip back in time, while others are patiently waiting to go this week. It has been exciting to learning about orthography, lunches, games, and recitations from the late 1800's. Ask your child about their experiences with Mrs. Walker and what

they did during recess time. Miss Bredwell's class experienced an indoor recess playing Button Button, while Mrs. Rung's group was able to explore and enjoy the winter weather. Cross your fingers for Mrs. Buethe and Mrs. Nifelhelm's classes to have a little warmer day to enjoy this experience.

The Chinese Culture

February 7th marked the beginning of the Chinese New Year which tied in with a story students read called *The Last Dragon*. This story tells of a boy experiencing the Chinese New Year and bringing his dragon back to life. While reading this story we created our own dragons and learned much about the Chinese culture. Learning about some of the superstitions and traditions has broadened our awareness of this special holiday. One such superstition includes not using scissors or knives so as not to cut off good fortune. We also learned they light fireworks to welcome the New Year.

Important Dates

February 27th – Mrs. Buethe to Heritage School

February 29th – Mrs. Nifelhelm to Heritage School

March 21st-30th – Spring Break

March 18th – Early Release 1:33

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