

TEAM 5 NEWS

April 2009

Dear Families,

Team 5 is excited about spring being here, but where is it? We are thankful that the snow missed us, but we are ready for some nice weather! Here are a few items of interest in Team 5:

ITBS and Testing Schedule

April 7th is the first day of Iowa Tests of Basic Skills testing. PLEASE make sure that your student is getting a good night's sleep and a good breakfast. The tests will be held from 9:15 until 10:15 from April 7th to April 16th. If possible, please try to limit absences and appointments, all tests have to be made up. The Nebraska State Reading Test and CoGat Tests will be held during the week of April 20th. During this testing window, you will notice that homework is less then during regular weeks of instruction. There will be no spelling tests during the ITBS testing, but we will have spelling during the CoGats.

Dance on the Green

Mark your calendars now for the May 1st Dance on the Green. You will be receiving detailed information as the date gets closer. This year, we will be celebrating Fredstrom's 25th Anniversary at our Dance on the Green. We'd love to have you celebrate with us.

Zoo Trip – Spring Fling

We also want you to mark your calendars for the Team 5 Spring Fling to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo. We will spend the day at the zoo on June 3rd. Parents are welcome to go with the team to Omaha, and you will be receiving more information on the details of the trip.

Genre of the Month

April's Genre of the Month is any animal book. It may be fiction or nonfiction. Don't forget that personal reading calendars are due to reading teachers the first week in May. The genre for May is poetry, and the project will be different. We will have "Cookies and Cocoa" while the students recite their poems. Students may use props and notecards to help them with their recitation. April's calendar is on the reverse side of this newsletter.

If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to call or stop in. Thanks for all of your support.

Team 5 Teachers