

Knauf "K"notes

March 5, 2010

Important Dates

March 5= Report Cards come home

Please hold all questions, comments, concerns until next week. I will be out of town with family this weekend. ☺

Thanks!

Th. March 11= March book order due

March 22-26 = Spring Break

ISAT

We did great! It was a tough week, but we had some great snacks to pep us up, peppermints to get us pepped up, and some silly ways to get excited. All in all, I think it went well and we are done. A few of my friends have some make ups so if your child is one of those, please send more snacks for next week and get that extra sleep. Way to go! ☺

Social Studies

We have learned about danger on the frontier, New Salem, and many other interesting parts of Abe's life before he became president.

Our visitor this week from the McLean County Museum of History was really impressed with our knowledge of pioneer days. She also had really interesting items she let us touch and learn about. FYI The museum is open on Tuesdays until 9 and all admission is free. You can go see their pioneer exhibit and dress up and pretend you are back in the OLD days.

As we work more on our Abe book, Miss Satterlee has decided the final due date for this will be Friday, March 19th (before Spring Break). That gives us plenty of time to learn about Abe and do wonderful job on this special project.

SCIENCE

I want to get ROCKS AND SOIL rocked out before spring break and I will plan another fun assessment for this unit. I'm thinking maybe some poetry about Rocks. What rhymes with Igneous? ☺

Language Arts

And now, back to our regularly scheduled programming!

Yippee! We're back to our reading books and we start with a very touching story about a pioneer family and their farm; Leah's Pony.

The spelling unit is compound words.

With this next story comes a new grammar unit. Verbs will be next! ACTION!

I look forward to focusing on the comprehension tests and only writing extended responses (RACE) once or twice this trimester.

Self-Esteem

My child care lady sends a monthly newsletter with parent tips. She gets it from The Parent Express (I think it's something she subscribes to). Each month has great information that I find invaluable for how I deal with Josey. But I also have found many ways to apply these ideas to my classroom. Last year there was a great article about remembering how boys are different from girls (their learning styles, attitude, feelings, etc.). This article helped me tremendously. I have a great little clip about self-esteem from this month's issue that I wanted to share.