



February 10, 2012

Dear Parents,

I want to apologize for having to be out for two days (yesterday and today). I am sure that I will be well enough to be back on Monday. I can honestly say that I miss my students and the work I do here at WOLCA when I have to be away 😊.

As promised, we took swaps of the doorknobs around the school, and I even did a few extras such as the water fountain and chapel microphone. Students are observing the growth of germs and bacteria. Third is recording these results. I haven't seen the samples since Wednesday, but even then interesting formations were beginning to appear. We will post our results on our science board in our room next week. Please feel free to check this out.

Next week the students will be learning about President's Day and Black History Month. Our lessons will have these themes intertwined among them. I will read picture books (these can be very informative), and the students will do some role-play acting. Most of the students love to perform 😊.

For third, there is a math test on Monday to conclude our unit on time and money. This does not mean that we are done going over this topic. Third grade will be interpreting charts and figuring fractions next week, and we will continue with time and money. They will take a book 2 NYS practice exam and go over it in class. These should go home to you by Friday so you can see how your child is progressing. A science test will be given on Thursday. Their review for this test is the assignment in which they answer the end of chapter questions. These are due on Wednesday, and we will go over them so they have correct answers from which to study. In English we will continue to learn how to write a research paper either based on the scientific method or based in pure research.

Second grade will also learn about basic fractions next week. I do not foresee a test for them before break except for the Friday spelling test. We will continue to learn how to do research, make note cards, and write a research paper. I hope this will help with the science project that is due after break on the 27th.

A note from Mrs. Lincoln:

HISTORY 2nd grade - There will be a TEST on Unit 4 on Friday, Feb. 17th. Please use the unit and pages 190-193 to review.

HISTORY 3rd grade - There will be a TEST on chapter 9 on Friday, Feb. 17th. Please use pages 314-315 plus the chapter to review.

I have a special request for all parents whose families eat Pringles. Thanks to Mrs. Race (our physical education teacher) I have found a creative way to help with the study of multiplication facts. I need Pringles cans, and from these cans I can make a twisting multiplication problem and answer "machine." I have already printed the necessary sheets of paper. I have to laminate them and wrap each set around a Pringles can. I want to thank all who sent in milk and juice tops. I have made them into magnets and now all students will use them to make bar graphs and charts on the board.

Fathers and daughters enjoy your dance tomorrow! If you cannot bring in your allotted item please let me know or Kelly know. Don't forget our Valentine's Day Party is on Tuesday.

Mrs. Salmonsén