



January 2012 Notes to Parents

Thanks for the nice Christmas gifts for our classroom! You gave us a gift certificate to keep us supplied on classroom snacks, play dough for projects, games and toys for indoor recess, and money toward buying infant supplies and soccer balls for needy children. We also extend thanks to the parents who helped with our Christmas Bunko game and supplied delicious snacks and juice for our special treat. Parents, you were especially generous and I sincerely thank you!

Now we are back to our normal schedule of classes and the students have been eager to do their work in school again. Here is an update of our classes:

READING: We are starting our fourth unit: "Digging Up a Story."
Have you seen the **Six Flags "Read to Succeed"** offer? If students read 360 minutes during January and February (which they do for their monthly reading calendars anyway), they may earn a free ticket to Great America! PLEASE SEND THE FORM BACK BY FEB. 28! Let me know if you need another form.

MATH: We are studying place value. Every Friday we review the basics of addition, subtraction, division, or multiplication. Continue to practice with fact triangle cards, especially on Thursday evenings.

SCIENCE: We are ending our solar system study by making power point presentations about our favorite planets. Our next topics are states of matter and chemical testing.

SOCIAL STUDIES: We are learning about the diverse cultures of the United States.

VALENTINES: All the third graders are asked to make family valentines. The family valentines should be turned in by January 27 (see note on back side of this sheet). Stop by school sometime in February to see our great display of valentines in the third grade hallway! We will exchange valentines in February, and I will send a class list home at the beginning of next month.

RECESS: It is important to dress for the weather and it is good to have extra shoes, socks, and gloves in lockers. On snowy days the students should have boots and snow pants. Some students do not have gym shoes or have outgrown their gym shoes.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
½ day of school: Jan. 19 (end of quarter)
NO SCHOOL: Jan. 20 (teacher inservice).

The end of the quarter is coming up fast – January 20 is the end of the first semester! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Happy winter!

Mrs. Herzog