

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Dear Parents,

Please review the following important notes! As always, there is a lot going on!

What Have We Been Up To!?- In class, we are enjoying various read alouds. As we wrap up our focus on narrative nonfiction, we have read biographies about Louis Braille and Harriet Tubman. The students have LOVED our other read aloud, The Front Desk by Kelly Yang. (We checked- the second book, entitled Three Keys is out September 2020!) As we are wrapping up our Nonfiction Unit, students are practicing the skills they have learned by reading articles and completing a response of their choice. Next week, we will return to more Fiction- focusing specifically on Character Study.

In writing, we continue our study of information writing. Students are wrapping up two informational books- one on a topic of their choice and the other on a Native American tribe they have studied during our Social Studies Unit. We are reviewing the importance of capitalization and punctuation when editing our pieces. Many students will have a chance to publish their work.

In Math, perimeter and area are the focus of our math lessons. We have been furthering our understanding of these two topics by doing activities that use standard units of measurement, and on classifying 2-D figures. We talk about peRIMeter to remind us that perimeter is the measure of the outside of an object, and area is the measure inside an object.

As we transition from our Native American Unit, we are going back to important science topics. We started our simple machines unit with fun experiments/activities with Fred D. Worm. The class has been challenged to help Fred, a gummy worm, raft in a river, make it down a mountain, and cross a bridge. Please ask your child about the adventures of Fred. I am sure some of you might have already heard that I BROKE Fred during a demonstration! Poor guy doesn't stand a chance in Room 201!

Next week, we will start creating simple machines out of Vex IQ blocks. We look forward to our field trip to the DuPage Children's Museum on Wednesday, March 4 for our simple machines lab. We will need two chaperones, so please email me if you would like to chaperone and have not chaperoned yet this year. The field trip form is in today's Friday folder. Please sign and return it.

I am so proud of our scientists- Molly, Veronika, Juliet, Henry, and Sam and all those that helped to make the Science Expo a success! It was so fun seeing our students share their experiments.

Thank you to Lukas for presenting magic tricks to his classmates during our Teacher of the Week presentation! The students and I have also been discussing small problems vs. big problems during "Feeling Fine Time." We are practicing how to feel/react to different situations that come up.

Trimester 2 Conferences- As mentioned before, I will send out the "check in emails" to families. I have been working on them! Please let me know if there is anything specific you would like to cover during our conference. Thank you to families that have already signed up for a conference time. Please use the District email to sign up for times on either the evening of Thursday 2/27 or Friday 2/28.

A Reminder on Valentine's Day Cards – Please remember that valentines should be brought for every student in your child's classroom. Valentines may **NOT** contain any type of food or candy items. If your child brings a valentine with candy attached, the candy will be removed and then the valentine to be passed out. If there is no way to separate the candy from the valentine, unfortunately, the valentines will not be allowed to be passed out, and we will ask your child to bring the valentines home. Please help us avoid disappointment and tears and remember not to have candy or food be a part of your child's valentine cards.

Homework Reminders- It is students' responsibility to return homework when it is due. Students usually have a math assignment about 2-3 times per week. Sheets should be in their red homework folders. Even if there is no homework on a night, students should still bring their folders home to make it a routine. Please note that students' biography projects are due the week fo 2/10. This assignment will help students depict their mastery of biographies AS WELL as be a good lesson on time management! Students should be reading their biographies at home (and can bring them to

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school). Students are to also complete the Bio-Cube and prepare a speech to share with their classmates. Please let me know if you have any questions about the assignment.

Memo from School Nurse- Please remember during cold and flu season to keep your child home if they are sick. If they have a fever they need to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. If they are vomiting and/or have diarrhea, make sure it has been at least 24 hours since the last episode before returning to school. If your child has an excessively runny nose or cannot stop coughing, it may be a good idea to keep them home. This is to protect your child from catching something if their immune system is down, as well as to protect the other students and staff. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone at Lincoln School healthy. If you have any questions at all please contact our school nurse, Erin Godellas at godellase@district90.org or 708-366-7340 x 8034.

Important February Dates:

2/10- The biocubes/biography speeches are due this week.

2/12 Kids Heart Challenge Day- All donations (cash, change, checks), should be put into the donation envelope and returned to the PE department.

2/14-**Valentine's Day** party at 10:30am/sharing of valentines 

2/17 No school - Lincoln's birthday

2/18 No school - Professional Development for teachers

3/4 - Field Trip: please bring disposable lunch and drink

Have a wonderful weekend!

-Roxy Ponzio

