

February 3, 2012

Hello LE 4 Parents,

### **THANK YOU!!!**

We thank the parents volunteers for Reading Circles: Mr. Bascom, Mrs. Knouse, Mrs. Matoke, Mrs. Schwinger, and Ms. Rodriguez-Begley.

Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Cuilla, and Mrs. Schwinger all volunteer to make copies, file, and stuff Friday Folders. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Blanchard work with some students, one-on-one, with Sound Partners.

### **HOMEWORK**

Please help your child practice the spelling words every night. Math homework needs to be checked by an adult before sending it back to school. Continue to have your child read to you each night for about 10 - 20 minutes. These few habits build strong students of learning. Thank you.

### **VOLUNTEER FOR RECESS---PLEASE.**

We have time slots open for recess volunteers. Recess begins at 11:30 p.m. and goes to 12 noon. We have openings for Monday and Thursday. Hurry before your day gets chosen!

Mrs. Griffith comes Tuesday. Mrs. Sotomayor comes Wednesday. Ms. Ramonita Begley comes Friday. Thank you for helping during recess.

### **PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

We continue our investigations of biomes, ecosystems, and habitats of present day plants and animals. Some students are studying insects as an Entomologist. They have an insect work plan which includes levels of thinking skills and hands-on activities. Other students are writing about animals and selecting a project to show what they've learned.

### **MATH**

This month some students will study interpreting a 2-digit number into tens and ones, add and subtract 1 and 2-digit numbers to 40 with renaming, and add 3-digit numbers. Other students will study addition and subtraction find the missing number and adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers.

### **LANGUAGE**

We'll explore the Fairy Tale and write responses to this form of literature. We shine a spotlight on the preposition in grammar.

### **HISTORY**

This month some students will take a closer look at mammals while others will explore insects in depth. We'll use the Coming of Life Timeline as a reference.

### **FIELD TRIP TO LIFE AND SCIENCE IN DURHAM**

We'll be going to The Museum of Life and Science in Durham on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The total cost for the bus and admittance is \$17.00. More information about this fantastic learning experience to come.

In LE 4 we will observe Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. All the Valentine cards will be made in class. Please leave gum, candy, cupcakes, cookies, pencils, toys, and anything else that your child wants to give to another student at home. Those items can be given at a location other than school. This keeps hurt feelings from happening. Thank you so very much for helping us with this request.

We'll have a Family Friendship Breakfast on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:10 - 9:00 am. We'll send an email telling you what to bring to this event. Thank you.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**2/3 Early Release 12:00 Open House to the Public 1:00 - 4 pm.**

**2/6 - 9 School Wide Canned Food Drive**

**2/14 Library Donation and Family Friendship Breakfast 8:10 - 9:00 am.**

**2/15 Spring Pictures-- no uniforms**

**2/16 Board Meeting 6 pm.**

**2/20 No School- President's Day and Mrs. Boyd's Birthday!**

**Child Teach the Parent** night was a success!!! Thank you for coming. We hope to see you for the Friendship Family Breakfast on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
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