



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

March 16th – March 20th

We had such an amazing turnout for our 2nd grade show last Thursday night. Thank you so much for bringing your children back to school to participate in this special event. The students had the biggest smiles stretched across their faces when we got back to our classroom after the show and were beaming with pride. I know it is a night they will always remember!

This Friday, March 20th is a Teacher Workday, so there is no school. It also kicks off our week-long Spring Break! We will return to school on Monday, March 30th. Remember, Spring Break is a great opportunity to get a head start on AR reading for our last marking period! It is hard to believe that we only have 9 weeks left in the school year!

Important Dates

Thursday, March 19-
Teacher Workday- NO SCHOOL

Mon., March 23- Fri., March 27-
Spring Break!!!!
NO SCHOOL

Reading

This week in reading, we will review all of the skills from the past few weeks and take our Unit 4 Benchmark Test. We will break the test up into smaller chunks and work on one or two sections each day. The first few days will involve reading and analyzing texts. The final day will focus on all of the phonics patterns and rules we have been working on (doubling the final consonant with *-ed* and *-ing*; the long-*i* sound with *-igh*, *-y* and *-ind*; long-*e* sound with *-y* at the end; and bossy-*r* with *ar* and *ore/ore*). The final day will also involve reading a complex text and responding in writing.

Writing

This week we will also take the Unit 4 Benchmark Test on all of the language arts skills we have been working on: pronouns; subject-verb agreement; forms of the verb "be" (*am/is/are*; *was/were*); using commas (*city/state*; *dates*; *friendly letters*; in a series of nouns, verbs or adjectives); and editing sentences.

Math

We are wrapping up our unit on measuring length with the Metric System. At the end of last week, we started using meters to measure longer objects. Now that we have a more concrete idea of what a meter looks like, we will begin trying to estimate lengths in meters. This week we will also compare the lengths of objects and find the difference between them. On Wednesday, we will review everything we've learned before taking the chapter test on Thursday.

Science & Social Studies

In science, we are learning all about the parts of the human body! The students really enjoy this unit because **they** actually get to be the objects of the experiments! Through reading different texts and performing different labs, we will learn about the functions of the brain, heart, lungs, stomach, muscles, and skeleton. To summarize and represent all our learning, the students will trace their bodies to create life size diagrams that describe the functions of the different body parts.