



# FRIDGE NOTES

## Mrs. McBride's Class Family

April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> grade will begin their FSA testing this week. Our schedule won't change much, but the media center will be closed for quite a few days in the upcoming weeks. This creates an extra challenge for students trying to meet their AR goals. Please encourage your child to continue taking AR quizzes on books from the public library, books you bought at a bookstore, or books they've read from our class library.

Remember, this Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> is a full school day (no early release). The students will be dismissed at 3:15.

If you are out and about shopping our class is in need of the following items:

- hand soap
- Clorox wipes
- paper towels

Thanks so much!

### Important Dates

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>-  
NO EARLY DISMISSAL

### Reading

This week our reading will coordinate with our new science unit on animal habitats and adaptations. We will work on several different reading skills as we read an informational text about polar bears, including context clues, main idea, key details, and cause-and-effect. Not only will we be reinforcing these important reading skills, we will also be "reading to learn"!

For phonics we are focusing on multisyllabic words with prefixes (*re-*, *un-*, *over-*, *pre-*, *mis-*) and silent consonants (*kn*, *wr*, *gn*, *th*).

### Writing

This week in writing we will continue to learn about irregular past tense verbs. There are so many exceptions to the "add -ed" rule (*give/gave*, *go/went*, *see/saw*, *run/ran*, *eat/ate*, etc.)!

We will also continue our opinion writing using the OREO format. Our class voted and selected Seriously, Cinderella is SO Annoying as our favorite version of Cinderella. Since we already did all our pre-writing on the OREO graphic organizer, drafting should be a breeze!

### Math

Our new unit in math is all about geometry! We will begin by exploring 3-D shapes. We will compare and contrast their surfaces/faces, edges and vertices. We will also work on classifying 3-D shapes based on these attributes. A fun way to practice this skill is to ask your child to find examples of 3-D shapes using objects around the house. This unit contains a lot of new vocabulary, so try incorporating all those special geometry terms. There is also a fun app called "Draw Solid Geometry" that can help your child practice drawing 3-D shapes.

### Science & Social Studies

To go along with our unit on animal habitats and adaptations, your child will be bringing home directions for our Animal Habitat Diorama project that is due Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Each student will share his/her diorama with the rest of the class using the presentation form, so please make sure that your child writes the information in his/her own words that can be read easily. This will allow the students to learn from each other about the adaptations and habitats of a variety of animals.

We are continuing our social studies unit on economics with the difference between goods and services. Point out all the goods and services you pay for on a daily basis.