



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 4, 2010

¡Hola a todos! We have had a busy week with many exciting events: from Dr. Seuss' birthday, to the Invention Fair and now welcoming Ellen, a new student to our classroom! Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Fair yesterday (and helped on the projects) – students were very proud of their work and I heard many wonderful comments about the presentations! I was very impressed myself and happy to see students' beaming faces! ☺ Next week we will begin Unit 7 in math, continuing with multiplication and division practice. Please read the family letter for background information, important vocabulary and homework help. Our Estrella de la Semana this week was Anna Erickson, and our upcoming Estrella is **Ellen Hofstede**.

Ancient Civilizations

Our Invention Fair yesterday was a great success and a fun way to finish up our unit. Students will have one last in-class assessment on this unit tomorrow: writing an article as an archaeologist. This unit has been great fun and very informative! Ask students what they were most excited to learn about, what was most surprising, and what questions they still have! There is always time to look through more books at the library (or on the internet) and answer those lingering questions...

Homework

Many students have not been turning in their homework recently. Please remind students that they need to turn in their homework on time, or they will have to complete it during recess.

Vocabulary Mini-Books

After much postponement, we will begin discussing "three-tiered vocabulary," which aims at teaching students to go beyond basic words, such as "good" (Tier 1) and "great" (Tier 2) and learn to recognize and use more advanced words, such as "spectacular" (Tier 3). These "genius words," will help students develop and expand their vocabulary and understanding of language. We will practice actions, sentences, and create **Vocabulary Mini-Books**, in which students will find the words of the week, selected from class material. Students should use each word in a sentence and draw a picture demonstrating the word. When assigned, **mini-books will be given out on Mondays and due on Fridays**. *Vocab words for next week: **undeniable, muffled, hastily, suspended, denizen**.

Upcoming Events

March 9: Late Start – school begins 2 hours later; Board Meeting – 6:30pm

March 16: McDonald's Night 4:00-7:00 pm

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