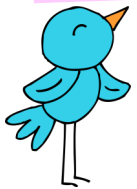


**Crestwood
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Mrs. Gariepy's Second Grade Newsletter



**March 28th
2016**

Reader's Theater Presentations

After a week of hard work and repeated reading practice, on Friday students presented their reader's theater projects to the class. Reader's theater is a great practice for developing fluency. Students were assigned "parts" and practiced reading in voices to match their characters. While practicing with their groups, they took turns reading, just like you would if you were reading a screenplay. On Friday these were presented to the class. Students had fun with this!

Writing Poetry Wrap Up

Last week students published their final poetry piece. We worked on editing for sound—paying attention to parts that didn't sound quite right and then revised/changed things to make them sound better. Then, students created a final copy to hang up in the hall that they were proud of. These are now above their lockers—check them out! Students have been working throughout this unit on completing poetry "anthology" books of poems they've been writing. These will be coming home this week. I hope you enjoy their hard work! After spring break we will be kicking off our final unit of the year: informational writing.



Science: Earth's Land and Water

Last week we focused on what happens when rain falls on a mixture of sand, soil, rocks, and pebbles. We learned that in all cases water flows down between the particles and is stored as ground water. Water not stored under ground becomes runoff that flows into streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, and oceans.

Later, students became experts on specific bodies of water. They worked in small groups to study each particular group of water and then made a poster to teach the class.

Social Studies: Map Skills



Going along with our study on the history of Rockford is the importance of understanding how to read a map! This week we will be focusing on map skills—particularly how to identify specific objects on a map using a key, how to use cardinal and intermediate directions to compare locations on a map, and we will even create maps of our own of familiar places (bedroom, neighborhood, etc). We'll finish our map skills unit when we return from spring break!

Math: Comparing Shapes

Last week we worked on describing different 2-D and 3-D shapes and their attributes. Ask your child to describe the following shapes:

Pentagon
Circle
Triangle

Hexagon
Quadrilateral
Sphere

Rectangular Prism
Pyramid
Cube
Cone

Encourage them to use words such as **vertex**, **angle**, **side**, **apex**, and **edge** when describing each shape's attributes.

March Reading Minutes

Please send in your child's March is Reading Month calendar by the end of this week so that they can be included in the library's contest!

Spring Break Reminders

Don't forget that spring break begins this Friday! We do not have school on Friday!! We will return from break on April 11th. Please also note that April 11th is a LATE START day for teacher professional development time. Please, please, please let me know if your child will be leaving early for spring break as this helps me with planning ahead.

NO HOMEWORK THIS WEEK!

Due to the short week and the wacky times that lead into spring break, there will be no homework or word study lists this week. We will use the time to review previously addressed word study skills in class.

Important Dates

- **NO SCHOOL April 1st—11th**
- **April 11th—LATE START**
- **May 11th—2nd Grade field trip to downtown Rockford! Buses leave at 8:50 and will return around 1:45pm.**

