

**February
2010**

Lewis & Clark News

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**Happy
Valentine's
Day**

February 1 -5

Statewide Writing
Assessments

February 15

Staff Professional develop-
ment day **NO SCHOOL**
K-12

February 14

Midterms go home

February 8

6:00 Board Meeting

February 19

Dakota Assembly 10:40 am

February 26

Pride Assembly 2:15 pm

School Reminders

Students enter school
at **7:55** am

School starts at **8:00** am

School dismissal at
3:00 pm

Guidance Newsletter for February

Our Skillstreaming topic for February is **Problem Solving**. This is one of the skills required for learning better ways to deal with problems. Some people act with aggression because they think this is the only thing they can do. Other people act with aggression to show their power over others. They might think they can get another person to act a certain way. They may think aggression will get them what they want, but over time they will find that it only causes more problems. People who act with aggression often get into trouble. They also have a hard time keeping friends.

Before people can solve a problem in a good way, they need to know that there are many ways to deal with problems and what the consequences are. This means getting the power to make themselves stop acting with aggression. This will take a lot of practice but good things will happen.

The steps for the skill of Problem Solving are:

1. Stop and say I have to calm down.
2. Decide what the problem is.
3. Think about different ways to solve the problem.
4. Choose one way.
5. Do it.
6. Ask yourself, "How did this work?"

For homework, I encourage you to talk with your children about different ways to deal with problems, and the consequences of each alternative. For example, talk about how a child might solve the problem of breaking something. What are some of the things one might do if they break something?

Thank you for cooperating with our Social Skills program.

Mrs. Mueller

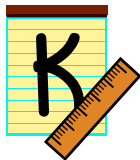
ATTENDANCE!!!

School attendance is important in order for children to learn. Excessive and unnecessary absences or tardies can hinder a child's growth in education. It helps a student to have regular school attendance and to be at school on time.

*Important
DATE!*



CLASSROOM NEWS



NEWS

by Mrs. Gengler and Ms. Mohnson



Kindergarteners have been working really hard this past month after our long break:

In Reading: We are reading polar animal books, penguin books, gingerbread books, Jan Brett books, and snowman books

In Math: working on the numbers 11-20, creating number sentences, and working on addition using a fun new computer game called Fastt Math!

In Science and Social Studies: discussing the season winter and what we need to wear in the winter, various winter animals and Martin Luther King Jr.

In Writing: writing our first AND last names, working on the letters; O and F and the sight words; is and play.



GRADE NEWS

by Mrs. Nelson and Mrs Ricklefs



First graders are studying the following:

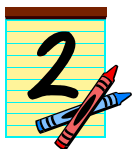
Math: addition, subtraction, and understanding the place value of tens and ones

Reading: continuing to use strategies to read more stories with better fluency and understanding

Writing: using interesting words and sentences while writing longer stories and then checking for mistakes

Science: weather, the sky and seasons

Social Studies: understanding globes, maps and directions; north, south, east and west



GRADE NEWS

by Ms. Augustine & Ms. Sievers



In Second grade students will be learning about:

Reading: Taking clues and making connections and inferences while reading

Social Studies: Local and United States Government and Citizenship

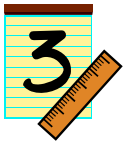
Science: Space and Weather

Math: Addition and Subtraction with regrouping

Writing: Writing Process – Writing Descriptive Pieces

Spelling/Vocabulary – Word correlations to reading and writing.

The second grade students will also be hosting the PRIDE Assembly this month on February 26th at 2:15, so we hope all parents will attend. Thank you so much!



GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Sudtelgte, and Ms. Eriksen



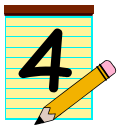
Writing – Students will use their knowledge of the 6 Traits to write and illustrate a story and publish it in a hardcover book.

Reading – The students are learning skills and strategies to help move them to the next guided reading level. Reading at home is an excellent way to improve these skills.

Spelling – Learning how vowel combinations make different sounds and how to write the words is our main focus. We continue to practice the words students write incorrectly plus learn words needed for writing.

Math – Students are measuring around shapes and finding the perimeter. They also have the opportunity to practice the multiplication facts on a fun computer program named Fast Math.

Social Studies – Presidents, the monuments and symbols, government, and the United States will be discussed and also what makes these important to our country.



GRADE NEWS

by Mr. Wanning and Mrs. Tillman



Science- students are continuously doing investigations. This month they are working on gaining a better understanding of all the systems in our bodies.

Social Studies- Students will be identifying features of the Southeast Region.

Math- The fourth graders will be focusing on factors and products in multiplication.

Writing- Students are preparing for the upcoming State Writing Assessment on February 2nd and 3rd!

Reading- The students are using their prior knowledge to clarify while reading.



GRADE CLASS

Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Somsy

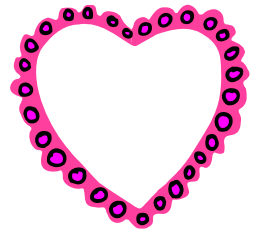
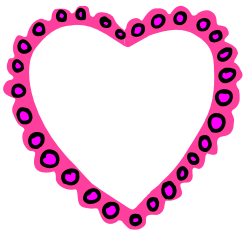
In the following subjects, we have been learning about:



- **Math**- Measuring Angles and using a protractor and we started using Fastmath, a computer program to help with everyday math skills, and facts. Keep practicing facts ☺
- **Science**- Balanced and unbalanced Forces and Motion, we all did a GREAT job on our individual science experiments!
- **Reading**- Using comprehension strategies with a focus on identifying the main idea and most important information in a story!
- **Social Studies**- Identifying the 13 colonies, we will be creating a PowerPoint to describe the different colonies while discussing geography, climate, and economy.
- ◇ **Writing**- Using all the traits in our writing, we will be working on narrative writing!

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*Valentine Suckers
For Sale!!*



February 2nd - February 26th
\$1.00 each LARGE LIP SUCKERS

