

# News from Mrs. Wickness

March 2nd, 2010

## Social Studies

We are now in the middle of our West unit. Each child has been researching 1 state from the West and will be creating a PowerPoint presentation to share with the class. Ask your child to share some facts with you about his or her state!

Please remind your child to continue studying for the states quizzes on Fridays.

## Reading

We continue to work in our small reading groups in our "Workshop." During this time students may read with myself or Mrs. Alexander, or they may work on their own or in small groups on spelling, reading contracts, writing, silent reading, or buddy reading.

We have also been learning about some fun literary devices in reading and writing. We've been working on metaphors, similes, and idioms.

## Math

We will be having our Unit 5 test on Monday, March 8th. As we move into Unit 6 we will be Studying division and doing some more work with angles and coordinates.

## Reading Logs

If your child has lost his/her reading log, you can write down what he/she has read on another piece of paper and turn that in., but please staple the piece of paper to the new reading log. Please remind your child that his/her reading log is due every Monday or the next school day if we have Monday off.

Your child should be reading 20 minutes and logging their reading EVERY night!! This is part of their homework.

## Science

We are starting our Color and Light unit in Science. We will be working with prisms and mixing colors!

## Teacher Read Aloud:

The Thing About Georgie  
by  
Lisa Graff

## Important Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> -  
Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> -  
ISATs

\*Be sure to get a lot of sleep & eat a good breakfast!\*



Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
& 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to  
NIU to see CCT's presenta-  
tion of  
Willy Wonka

Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - No  
School - Teacher Institute  
Day

Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> -  
Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - No  
School - Spring Break

Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> -  
Progress Reports Distributed

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - No  
School - Vacation Day