Room 103 News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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Cursive

We’ve learned all the upper and lower case cursive letters. It is my expectation that students are writing only in cursive in the classroom. This provides good practice for your child.

Keyboarding

We’ve begun learning how to touch keyboard. This is an essential life skill for the students. We are going to be learning the proper keystrokes and how to NOT look at the keys when we are typing. Here the link to the KUSD page for websites that are available for practice.

http://www.kusd.edu/departments/instructional_technology/keyboarding/resources.html

Music Program

Please mark your calendars for February 25, 2010! This is the date of our 3rd grade music program. More information from Mrs. Howell will come soon.

Valentine’s Day

Our class will be having a Valentine’s Day celebration. Students are welcome to bring Valentine’s for the whole class. I will send home a list of student names when it gets closer. We will also be having treats that day. If you are interested in organizing the party, please contact me as soon as possible.

Snack Reminder

Please remember to send a healthy snack to school. We will have snack everyday after specials. If you send juice, please only send 100% juice or flavored waters. Also, if you child needs a utensil to eat their snack, please send that as well. Some suggestions: granola bars, fruit, vegetables, yogurt, applesauce, fruit cups, crackers, nuts.

Assignment Notebooks

Remember to check and sign your child’s assignment notebook every night. This is an important communication tool.

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What’s happening in 103?

**MATH:** We’re working on Unit 5, which is all about place value and decimals. We’ll begin unit 6 soon, which is about Geometry. *Please remember to practice addition and subtraction facts at home. Addition facts should be mastered already and subtraction needs to be mastered by the end of January.*

**READING:** We’re working on predicting and inferring. The students will also be taking their winter common assessment soon. This will assess their progress on the reading strategies we’ve been working on all year. Remember to be reading 10-20 minutes each night. Students who meet the reading goal will earn a free Happy Meal.

**LANGUAGE ARTS:** We’re working on our first narrative essay. Students are writing about a person who has helped them or an event.

**SPELLING:** Each week your child will come home with a list stapled in their assignment notebooks. Please study these words each night with your child. We will have our tests on **TUESDAYS!!!**

**SCIENCE:** We’ve completed our Structures of Life kit. Our next unit is Physics of Sound.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** We are learning all about maps. There will be a culminating project for this. Please watch for more information. We will also be learning more about Kenosha’s history.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **12**
  - Tactic Meetings 3pm
  - PTA Meeting 6:30

- **14**
  - Market Day Pick Up

- **18**
  - 11:05 Release

- **22**
  - SPIRIT DAY

- **28**
  - Second Quarter Ends
  - Popcorn Day

- **29**
  - Teacher Work Day
  - NO SCHOOL

- **FEBRUARY 25**
  - Music Concert