

# NEWS FROM ROOM 15

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but today is ours to win or lose." - Lyndon Johnaon

## Dates to Remember

Mid-Winter Break  
-Wednesday, February 17 -  
Friday, February 19

Hats for a Cause  
-Wednesday, February 24

Parent Princess Dance  
-Friday, February 26

Field Trip to Van Raalte Farm  
-Friday, March 4

Pirate Bowling  
-Saturday, March 16

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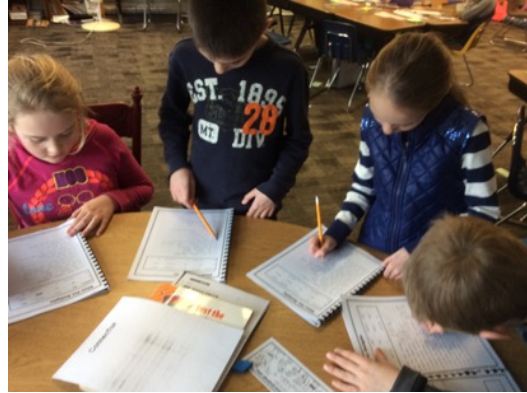
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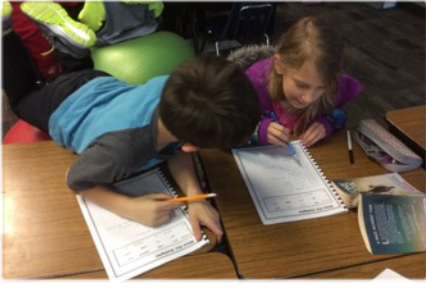
## Valentine's Day Party and More

First of all, a **huge thank you** to everyone who helped with the Valentine's Day party. It is a team effort, and it is a great example of many hands making light work. Thank you so much!

Secondly, we are making paragraph houses next week Monday and Tuesday. Your child can bring in items to decorate their house either of those days. A spelling sheet for the week after MidWinter break is in the Friday Folder.

There will be no newsletter next week due to the short week of MidWinter break. Have a wonderful nice long weekend!





## Reading

We have taken a break from Storytown this week and have been reading the historical fiction novel *Stone Fox*. We have been using this novel to review a variety of skills that we have learned so far this year and also to use critical thinking skills to answer questions by pulling facts and evidence from the text.

## Writing

In writing we continued writing persuasive essays about questions that we had different opinions out. We had fun debating each other about these different opinions. We also worked on writing paragraphs with a topic sentence, supporting details, and a conclusion. We compared the parts of a paragraph to a hamburger, because the topic sentence is like the top bun of a hamburger, the supporting sentences are like the filling in the middle, and the conclusion is like the bottom part of the bun.

## Math

We are finishing up our study of geometry—polygons, area and perimeter— and will be wrapping that unit up in the two days before MidWinter break. When we come back from break we will begin our unit on fractions. In third grade we go beyond identifying what a fraction is and begin to develop an understanding of equivalent fractions, fractions on a number line, and the idea of fractions being greater than one. We also will continue to work on memorizing our multiplication and division facts. Having a firm foundation of those facts will be extremely helpful. I will be getting students who want to continue with Reflex Math set up and going as soon as possible.

## Science

Our next science unit is a study of physical science. In physical science we study light, sound, and force and motion. We begin with a study of simple machines and how those machines use force.

