

# NEWS FROM ROOM 15

“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.” - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

## Dates to Remember

Field Trip to Van Raalte Farm  
-Friday, March 4

Sports Day  
-Friday, March 4

Technology Night  
-Tuesday, March 8

Flashlight Friday  
-Friday, March 11

Parent Teacher Conferences  
-Thursday, March 17

Pajama Day  
-Friday, March 18

Pirate Bowling  
-Saturday, March 19

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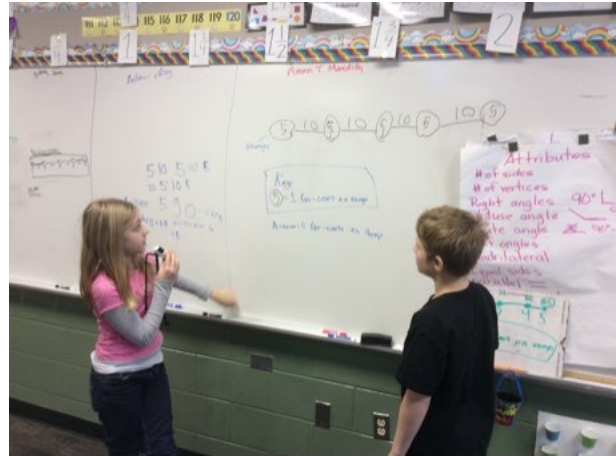
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## March is Reading Month

It is hard to believe that next week we are in March already but here we are. March brings all sorts of great things, but one of the best is that March is Reading Month! We have lots of great things planned, please check the handouts in the Friday Folder.

One thing I am very excited about is our partnership with Spain Elementary in Detroit. We will be writing letters to the students in another third grade class talking about our favorite books, and also helping out those children by donating a new or gently used book. I will share more about this in the weeks ahead and please check the handout in today's Friday Folder. Next week we will begin our letters.





## Reading

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This week we worked on determining the theme of the story based on examples/ evidence from the text. We read a variety of stories and also watched some short videos to determine the theme. We will continue next week focusing on determining the theme.

## Writing

We have done a great job writing persuasive essays! Our final essays we had to decide whether we preferred a cat as a dog for a pet and then tried to persuade others why that animals is the best. Next week we will be writing friendly letters to third graders at Spain Elementary about our favorite books. After that we will turn back to narrative stories. Rather than personal narratives, this time we will be writing a realistic fiction story. It will be a great way to practice descriptive writing and working on developing good characters, setting and plot.

## Math

This first week back from Mid Winter break we have started our unit on fractions. In third grade we begin by thinking about the different ways we can represent fraction: by breaking a shape into equal pieces, putting fractions on a number line, or figuring out fractions of a set. We will then start looking at adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators and learning about equivalent fractions. We continue to work on our multiplication and division facts as well reviewing other concepts we've learned so far such as area, perimeter, and estimation. Time test will continue to be every Thursday.

## Science

We have started our unit on physical science. The first part of physical science we will investigate is a study of light energy. We started by learning characteristics of light such as what light is and how it travels.

