

NEWS FROM ROOM 15

Dates to Remember

Jenison Pink Out Game
-Saturday, February 6

Valentine's Day Party
-Friday, February 12

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

Hats for a Cause
-Wednesday, February 24

Parent Princess Dance
-Friday, February 26

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End of Semester

Today marks the mid-year point of the 2015-2016 year. As always, it seems like time moved incredibly fast. The second half of the year will move just as quickly. The students have made great gains and I will be sharing those gains with you via report card next week and conferences coming up later in March.

We have a lot of goals to reach between now and the end of the year. We will be writing multi-paragraph essays and reports. We want to learn our multiplication and division facts well so we have them memorized. We need to continue improving our fluency and deepen our comprehension. Each child will set individual end of year goals and we can achieve all these goals if we continue working as hard as we have so far. Thank you for all of your help so far this year, I'm excited for the second half!





Reading

This week we took our Discovery testing in Reading. I am very proud of how hard each child worked and am excited to share their scores with you. We also did some review activities. Next week we will be working on the higher order comprehension skill of comparing and contrasting, as well as learning about prefixes and suffixes and working multi-syllabic words. **Please keep up with the reading at home. It makes a huge difference!**

Writing

We finished our first persuasive essays and mailed them to our friends in Kansas. We are hard at work at our next round of persuasive essays and these will be sent home to you! Yes, your students are working on an essay to see if they can persuade parents for something they would like. We will see how persuasive they are!

Math

We continued our study of area this week, working on some problem solving activities. We also worked on solving rectilinear area problems, which is figuring out the area of shapes made of two or more rectangles put together. We took our Discovery Test in math as well reading and again the students worked hard and did well. Next week we will be investigating perimeter and doing problems involving both area and perimeter. **Keep working on multiplication facts for our weekly test!**

Science

In Earth Science we started by looking at the building blocks or rocks, which are minerals. We then moved on to looking at how the earth changes. Last week we learned about slow earth changes, specifically erosion. This week we focused on fast earth changes, such as volcanoes and earthquakes.

