

NEWS FROM ROOM 15

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." - Mark Twain

Dates to Remember

Jenison Pink Out Game
-day, 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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Odds and Ends

Report cards came home in the Friday Folders today. Please review the report card with your child. There is a goal sheet that you can fill out and return to school if you would like. Each child will be setting individual goals for second semester over the next few weeks at school.

Our final party of the year is in just two weeks! We are in need of additional volunteers who would be willing to contribute snacks, paper products, or help with a craft/game. Please e-mail Mrs. Essenburg if you are able to help out. Also, look in the Friday Folder for a list of names for Valentine's Day cards.





Reading

We are working on the comprehension skill of comparing and contrasting in reading right now. We are reading a variety of texts, both fiction and nonfiction, and looking at how they are similar and different. We are comparing characters, settings, themes, and plots of fiction, and different aspects of nonfiction.

Writing

We are wrapping up our persuasive paragraphs, see if your child was able to persuade you! Next week we will be looking at school issues, such as, “Should students chew gum in class?” or “Should schools have uniforms?”, etc., and take a position to defend. We will choose an issue that we are interested in and write an essay defending our stance. I am seeing real improvement in the essays already.

Math

We have been working hard on area, and we now moved on to look at a different aspect of geometry, identifying and classifying a variety of polygons. We are learning different attributes polygons might have (symmetry, parallel lines, perpendicular lines, etc.) and comparing and contrasting these different shapes. We will continue working on these concepts over the next week or two, working on applying what we learned to problem solving activities. Time tests continue every Thursday. Check the Friday folder to see which facts your child is working on.

Science

In earth science we are learning about different natural resources we have in the earth, focusing on nonrenewable resources. We will continue our study of nonrenewable resources and how we use them next week.

