



Homestead Happenings for March



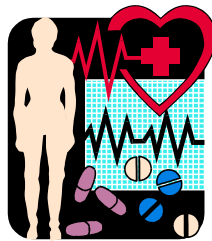
Science/Social Science

In Science, Mrs. Clarke's and Mr. Ozee's classes have begun a unit on Human Body in Motion. Our focus will be on three systems most directly involved in moving the body --- the skeletal, muscular, and nervous systems.

In Social Science, Mrs. Castner's class is exploring the Southwest region. We will be focusing on the natural and manmade features along with facts about life in the Southwest. We will then be moving on to the West region.

Reading

After ISAT testing, we will be focusing on learning how to form Inferences. Students will combine the text information with their own background knowledge to form a new idea. Students will be able to practice their inferencing skills while reading mystery novels. This is a higher level thinking skill.



Battle of the Books

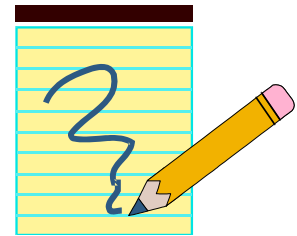
Our battle team has been busy preparing for the District competition, which will be held in late April. We have been creating and playing different Smartboard activities to showcase the books.

Math

During the third trimester we will continue to review multiplication and division. Our main focus for the trimester is geometry, where we will study two and three dimensional shapes, spatial sense, geometric terminology, and problem solving. If your child has not completed his or her Cold Facts, they need to show some effort in this area.

At Home

Continue to keep communication flowing by asking your child questions about what is happening at school. Have a set time of day to discuss and check in about assignment sheets, practice spelling words, review math facts, read a book, write, or complete any assignments.



Other

Each fourth grader is expected to be at, and participate in, his/her parent-teacher conference. Students will be discussing goals and progress in preparation for conferences. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

We will enjoy hearing speaker John Lynn and learning some unique and fun facts about Illinois on March 24th. Mr. Lynn was here earlier this year talking about his adventures on the Erie Canal.

The Homestead Teachers