

Eureka Class Newsletter

4th, 5th, 6th Grades Mrs. Driskill and Mr. G Room 8 Friday, December 9, 2011

Dear Families,

Important Dates

Thursday, December 15th—
Continent Party. Please see
the sign up list emailed by our
room parent.

Friday, December 16th—Noon
Dismissal & Movie/PJ Day

Friday, December 16th—
Community Breakfast

Next Week's Homework

Wordly Wise Lesson
(Due Friday)

Daily Accelerated Math
(Due Daily)

Read 30 minutes per night
(Due Friday) and record in
student planner

Have parents initial work plan
(Due Tuesday)

Continent Party Artifact
Assignment (due Monday,
December 12th)

Class Pet: Thank you to the Disney family for donating the fire belly toads. We have voted on names. The winners are...Hoppy Oh and Poppy Ya.



Intel's to the Moon: We had a fantastic presentation from the Engineering Design representative from the Discovery Space and Science Museum. She led the students to create lunar land rovers using marshmallows, straws, index cards, and dixie cups. The students created various models and tested their durability.

Eureka Gardening Box: We are looking for some help getting our garden box ready and going. This could be something done over winter break. Mrs. Driskill has to admit she has a black thumb, so any gardening skills will be accepted.

Accelerated Math Goal: The students made a mastery goal for the class of 450 objectives by Friday, December 14th. We're so close!!! If everyone gets in their homework and has put forth lots of effort, we're sure we'll reach it in time. So exciting!!

Wish List: As the first semester's end is in sight, we are running low on the following supplies. If you're able to donate any of these, we'd appreciate it:

- Disinfecting Wipes
- Glue Sticks
- Binder Paper
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Simple Green

Continent Party: We are looking forward to our annual Continent Party on Thursday, December 15th at 5:30. We are hoping everyone can make it to see our research on Ancient Mesopotamia. Thank you to Cammi Berry for creating and emailing a sign up list for snacks. The students will be performing most of the research in class; however, they have a special homework assignment passed out last week to create an artifact at home that represents this culture.

We have reviewed this assignment in class; please let me know if I can answer any questions or help.

Accelerated Math: The students always have math homework, as math practice is essential for mastery. The students receive their homework on Mondays and are to practice every night. The assignments need to be bubbled on Fridays in class or earlier using the Home Connect option. You can also reprint the "practice" assignments through the Home Connect.

Curriculum Highlight: This week, we are working on our Continent Party reports. These assignments focus on the fundamental needs of humans. We are comparing theirs with ours. These reports will be showcased at the continent party along side our ziggurat (not to scale).

Mustard Seeds School & Chips for Kids/KCRA Toy Drive: Due to the success of the Canned Food Drive, we are now doing a Toy Drive.

SUGGESTED DONATION ITEMS

Please consider these items to donate:

For Babies and Toddlers

1. Colorful, child-safe action and activity toys
2. Stacker toys
3. Building blocks
4. Light and sound toys
5. Balls
6. Plush toys
7. Teether toys
8. Trikes and ride-ons

For Young Children

1. Wooden puzzles
2. Board games
3. Simple electronic games
4. Arts and craft kits
5. Hobby toys
6. Music making toys
7. Science and discovery toys
8. Pretend-play toys
9. Coloring books and crayons

10. Dolls, action figures
11. Cars, trucks
12. Train sets
13. Remote control toys
14. Building sets
15. Bicycles, bicycle helmets

For Preteens And Teenagers

This group is often overlooked

1. Board games
2. Sports equipment
3. Model kits
4. Science and magic sets
5. Hand-held video games
6. Remote control vehicle
7. Walkman radios. CD players
8. Hair dryers, curling irons
9. Electric razors
10. Bicycles, bicycle helmets
11. Movie passes
12. Phone calling cards
13. Gift certificates to clothing, variety, book and music stores
14. Gift certificates for downloadable music
15. AAA, AA and C Batteries

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~Mrs. Driskill and Mr. G