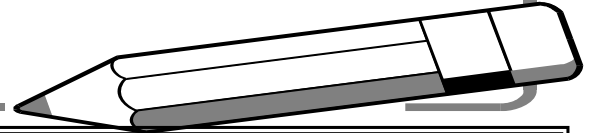


Laurel News

January 16, 2012



A Note from the Teachers:

This week in Laurel: We have launched headlong into Accelerated Math, a wonderful standards based math program that the kids love to use. We also started our Language program in anticipation of the STAR test. In cultural, students created art projects with Mrs. McDaniel and Reader's Theater with Miss Witwer. In History, students studied the Timeline of Life and in Geography, the focus was biomes. We did the Math Review Game Show and studied triangles.

Book Report: We sent home the next book report (biography) before break. It is due on January 26th. The value of rehearsals was evident during the fairy tale reports. Please rehearse with your child 3 times again.

Martin Luther King, Jr.: We studied the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Students learned that he refused to lead or be a part of any violent demonstration; rather, he chose peaceful forms of protest.

Character Trait: This month's character trait is forgiveness. Instead of carrying around the burden of resentment and non-forgiveness, students pledge to forgive and move on.

Wish List: If you want to donate colored pencils, graphite pencils, or an electronic pencil sharpener, we'd be thrilled.

Extra credit: What is a whizzpop? Ask your child.

"I have a dream that someday my children will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character".

Ms. Witwer and Mr. Tom

Dates to Remember

1/16/12	School Closed for Martin Luther King Day
1/18/12	Laurel Pancake Breakfast!!!!!!
1/20/12	2/3 Onsite Field Trip-Crocker "Art to Go"
1/20/12	Kids' Night Out- POSTPONED
1/27/12	Minimum Day-Staff Development
1/27/11	Report Cards home in "Friday Folders"

Special Person: Thank you to Alex for being our first second grader to be the special person. We got to see his fishing pole that he received for his birthday. We also saw his tackle box. He shared his Tumblebuggy with the class as well. Thank you for sharing, Alex.

Coming up:

1/16/12 Andrew
1/23/12 Angeline
1/30/12 Augie
2/6/12 Bradford

Rosetta Stone: Keep it up!

Accelerated Reader: We are emphasizing again the value of Home Connect. You can receive an e-mail every time your child takes an Accelerated Reader quiz or completes an Accelerated Math lesson. Sign up information will be sent home again.

Homework and Assignments

Spelling: Lesson 14

Reading: 20 minutes/night-please fill out your reading logs

Conceptual math: In purple folders

Math Facts: 3 minutes per night

Student work:

