

SCCS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter  
February 4, 2010

Dear Parents,

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow so we'll have 6 more weeks of winter. Yikes! But, it's Minnesota, so would you expect otherwise? Here are some reminders about our upcoming wintry activities and other events.

\*\*\* Parents, please ask your children about their conference time forms. There is no confirmation tear-off at the bottom, so if the time does not work for you, please email your homeroom teacher.

\*\*\* The Warner Nature Center field trip is next Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please have your child dress for the weather (in layers) and be sure to send a lunch.

\*\*\* Our Valentine's Day exchange will be on Thursday afternoon, February 11<sup>th</sup>. If your child chooses to bring a treat, please send enough for his/her homeroom class.

\*\*\* No school on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\* Parents drive students on Tuesday morning, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ART:** We are pleased to announce that our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have art with Mrs. Fioritto each Thursday for the next 8 weeks. One of her art projects will dovetail nicely with our unit on the Sacraments.

**SCIENCE:** We have started Chapter E.2 – Atoms and Elements. We continue to investigate and use the Scientific Method. **Please remember to send your child in cold weather clothing next Monday as we will be at Warner Nature Center the whole day. Don't forget a good lunch!**

**RELIGION:** Our study of the Sacraments continues. We now place our focus on the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

**LANGUAGE:** The unit test on Verbs will be given on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> (Rustin & Lehman) and Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> (Thomas). We will review in class. Students should also spend time reviewing their text book in preparation for this test.

**READING:** READO is due next Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Your child has \_\_\_\_\_ of the 5 required squares completed on his/her chart. READO is 25% of your child's reading grade. We will be taking the Unit 4 test in class. Please watch for the test to come home for your signature sometime next week.

**MATH:**

(*Thomas*) Chapter 3 on addition and subtraction of decimals is complete. We begin our study of multiplication and division of decimals next week.

(*Rustin & Lehman*) We are currently working on Circle Graphs, Predicting and Listing Outcomes, and Expressing Probability as a Fraction. The Chapter 5 test will follow. Please watch planners for an exact date.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** We are completing our study of the Ancient Americans. The Chapter 3 test will be on Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

We look forward to seeing you at conferences.

Mrs. Rustin, Mrs. Thomas & Mrs. Lehman