

MRS. GUBLER'S CLASSROOM NEWS
February 2010

READING

We have just completed Unit 3 in our basal readers with the theme of Creative Ideas. We are currently working on our Benchmark Tests. When they are completed and corrected, I will send home a paper with your child's grade. I will begin sending Leveled Readers for homework again next week. Just a reminder that I would like students to read their homework book every night. Multiple readings of the same text helps to improve fluency and comprehension. Unit 4 will focus on the theme of Our Changing World.

LANGUAGE

We are starting to identify and use adjectives. We continue to work on Compare and Contrast writing. We are writing about how insects and arachnids are the same and different.

MATH

We are finishing up our January Math Assessment. We are also working on identifying and counting coins to 99 cents. One way to help your student at home would be to give them a handful of coins and ask them to find the total. Remind them to start with the greatest value coins first and work down to the pennies.

SCIENCE

We continue to explore Liquids, Gases and Solids.

EFFORT STARS

We are talking a lot about effort these days. I will be sending home a weekly rubric/checklist of effort demonstrated by each student. Please discuss this rubric with your child. Effort is so important to your child's success.

I will choose one student each week to be Effort Star. They will be invited to bring in items to share with the class for show and tell.

IMPORTANT DATES

2/1 Report cards go home
2/11 Valentine's Day Party
2/12 February Vacation Begins
2/22 Return to school

WINTER WEATHER

Just a reminder: Make sure that your child is dressed for varying temperatures. Dress in layers for indoors, it can be both chilly and warm depending on the day. We will try to go out to recess whenever possible. Please send your child with a warm coat, hat, mittens and boots (when needed.) Anyone not dressed appropriately will have to stay inside.