



# March 2010

March begins our march to MCAS! Our fourth grade Long Composition is set for Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our Reading Comprehension Testing is set for Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please come prepared with a water bottle, sugarless gum, a nutritious breakfast and a good night's sleep. Effort is everything. The students have been practicing answering open-response questions and giving as many facts/details as possible to prove their comprehension of each selection.

*My  
Class  
Always  
Shines*



**Math in Action:** We have been learning how to divide up to 4 digits by 1 digit. Practice makes perfect and so does mastery of facts. Please keep practicing at home to keep your skills sharp. The students are exploring how to calculate the area of a figure by multiplying length times width. Ask your child to find the area of a certain room in your home...they will be able to apply this skill to their home environment and will probably enjoy doing so.

**Science...Its ELECTRIC!** The class quickly learned how to design and construct a complete electric circuit. Working in cooperative groups, while floating on pretend life rafts, their mission was to construct a complete circuit correctly so that their light bulb could switch 'on' and 'off' in order for the Coast Guard to rescue them from the wreckage of a sunken ship. After only 1 raft was rescued...research was conducted and the other remaining life rafts were rescued. Knowledge is Power!!



Pack your bags because our **Social Studies** adventures have taken us to the Southeast region of this great country. We will be learning about the region's economy, culture, geography, and climate....enjoy your flight!

