April 10, 2009

Rhoades' Report

excitement, you don't generate much." **Bill Marriott**

Our class mission (REVISED):

The students of room 210 will get ready for fourth grade by using good manners, respecting other people, and having fun with friends. We will work hard on ISTEP and all tests that we take.

This week was a lot of fun! Everyone seemed glad to be back at school after a week off. Most seemed rested and excited about the last part of the school year.

I assigned the kids a bit of a different activity in science this week. In groups, they were given a certain section of our science chapter. The groups were then given the task to become experts on the section and prepare and present the information they learned to the rest of the class. The presentations they came up with were wonderful! We learned about constellations, revolutions, shadows, Galileo, and the Hubble Spacecraft. I see several possible teachers in our future from this class!

In writing, we did not start our poetry unit as planned. We will start it next week. Instead, we wrote stories about why bunnies twitch their noses and wrote letters to our pen pals.

If you are able , please review subtraction with borrowing and elapsed time (how much time goes by between 2 events) with your kids. This is a skill that is very important to learn and several are still struggling with it as we move on to other topics. I will continue to review here at school but any extra help from home would be appreciated.

We are getting ready to start a unit on geometry. We will talk about symmetry, congruent figures, shapes, and angles.



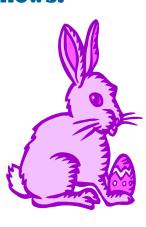
HAPPY EASTER!

Next Week's Spelling Words:

- summer 17. thought
- 2. winter 18. were
- 3. little 19. weather
- 4. October 20 whether
- travel 21, whole
- color 22, hole
- 7. apple
- able
- 9. November
- 10. ever
- 11. later
- 12. purple
- 13. flower
- 14. people
- 15. thermometer
- 16. mumble.

Extra news:

Please be sure to watch for dates and announcements as we near the end of the school year. There is a lot going on in the next several weeks.



Third Grade Grading Scale:

100-98 A 71-70 D-97-95 A-69-0 F

94-93 B+

92-90 B

89-88 B-

87-85 C+

84-80 C

79-77 C-

76-75 D+

74-72 D

Dates to Remember

- April 15—Book reports
- April 24—kids come 1/2 day only
- May 1—No school,
- May 6—kids do not come to school
- May 7—class trip to the planetarium at DHS
- Late April-early Maysecond round of ISTEP

Please do not hesitate to call or email if you ever have comments or concerns about our classroom

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