

Friday, March 5, 2010

Dear Parents:

The second trimester of school ends today. I have been conducting formal assessments of the students all week and will continue to do so next week. Parent/ teacher report card conferences are scheduled for the week of March 15-19 with make-ups on Wednesday, March 24. Look for the scheduling note to come home soon. When you receive the note check your calendar. If you CAN come at the scheduled time please sign and return the form to school. If you CANNOT attend at the scheduled time, please call the office to reschedule. I am looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

Your child should be able to sound out many three letter words using the "stretch and read" method. They make each letter sound individually and then say the sounds faster and finally say the word. Examples of these consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) words are; big, dig, pig, bat, sat, fit, kit, man, can, van, etc. When reading these words with your child at home, check to make sure that he/she is sounding out the letter sounds of the words that they don't know, but should be capable of sounding out (CVC words).

In my room, I have a bulletin board to display the high frequency words that the children have learned. These "sight words" are words that they do not know the letter sounds for. With these words, we use the "say-spell-say" method. Your child says the word, spells the word, and says the word again to practice it. So far, we have learned, go, to, a, my, I, like, here, see, have, for, is, and and. Have your child teach you how to "say-spell-say".

Do you know someone who has a 4 or 5 year old? Pass the word; it's that time of year... South Bay Union School District is now accepting kindergarten registrations. Registration packets can be picked up at the school office. There will be a kindergarten orientation for parents of prospective kindergarten students on Wednesday, March 31 at 2:00 pm at Pine Hill School in Room 9. Childcare will be provided for the prospective students in Room 10 during the orientation.

The HSU Natural History Museum will be hosting a "Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Day" tomorrow, Saturday, March 6. It will be held at the Natural History Museum at 1315 G Street in Arcata from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. All ages are welcome and admission is FREE. View 45 species of live amphibians and reptiles and take part in fun activities for kids and adults throughout the day. Come find out about and see up close fascinating animals from our area and the world. I would encourage you to attend this exhibit that is presented by Humboldt State University's Herpetology class. What a great way for a family to spend some time together!