

Friday, April 11, 2008

Dear Parents:

We have finished the third week of our thematic unit, On Our Way: Land, Air and Water Transportation. We have already studied about trucks and trains. Our Read Aloud book was The Little Engine That Could and our Kinder Friends Book was Around The Town. The Big and Little book was The Opposite Book. The Shared Story was Vroom, Chugga, Vroom, Vroom. The Science Link book was Cool Wheels! The Alphafriend this week is Mister X-ray who is teaching the children all about the letter "X".

In math we have been working on addition, subtraction, measurement, reading number words, and money. The children have been working to learn that pennies are worth one cent and nickels are worth five cents. This week I introduced dimes. You can support your child's learning by giving them opportunities to play with coins at home. A fun family activity would be setting up a little "store" where your child can purchase items with coins.

The third quarter of the school year ended last Friday. Report cards will be mailed to you today. Look for it in your mail early next week. Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, April 23. This quarter, conferences are optional. I put a letter in with your child's report card if I wanted to have a conference with you about your child. You may request a conference if you feel the need. Please call the school office to schedule a time.

There is NO SCHOOL next week because of Spring Break. The students will return to school on Monday, April 21. Please have them bring their reading log that would have been due on Friday, April 18, to school with them on Monday, April 21.

Reading together is one of the best gifts you can give your child. This might be a wonderful time to visit the Humboldt County Library together to select some books to read. If your child does not have a library card, you might want to consider getting him/her one. Also, a good way to sustain skills would be to watch educational programming on Channel 13. **Between The Lions** is on at 2:30 PM. It is a wonderful show! Record it on your VCR and your child can then watch the episodes over and over, practicing the skills they teach. OR... your child can check one of the 31 DVD's of Between The Lions episodes from the school library.

It has become apparent that many of the students do not know their street address. This is important safety information you need to teach your child. Be sure that they also know their telephone number too.