

# Mrs. Honiotes' Class Notes

October 2008

**Math:** Please ask your child to inform you about the math concepts being taught in their individual math classrooms.

**Reading:** The class has been reading the book Martian Tales in small reading groups. We have been focusing on the reading strategy of creating and using images. The students have been using the images the author writes about to paint a picture in their minds. This helps the student visualize and connect to the story. We will be starting a new guided reading book towards the end of the month. The first quarter book genre is due on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Pizza Hut Book it program started at the beginning of the month. This reading log is mandatory and is due by the first Tuesday of the next month (November 4<sup>th</sup>). Each child who reads the recommended minutes will receive a coupon for a free Pizza Hut personal size pizza.

**Writing:** The students will be learning how to include the traits of writing into their personal stories and classwork. We will be using the Write Traits workbooks to introduce the traits and will then apply those traits to their writing. The students are currently working their Invent a Holiday paper. They have to invent their own holiday using details to describe their holiday. We will type these papers. Organization will be next.

**Social Studies:** We have tested out of the 13 colonies and are currently discussing the events that will lead up to the Revolutionary War. We will be completing small projects in class to reinforce these concepts.

**Science:** The students are currently researching an endangered animal. After gathering information, the students will be constructing an informational cube. This is being done in school. The students will be having a science test on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Animals will be next.

**Spelling:** Every week there will be a spelling test.

**Odds and Ends:** If at all possible, please make sure that all lunch money, book orders or any other payment is sent to school in the form of a check.

Have a wonderful October!

Mrs. Honiotes

# Dates to Remember

## *October 2008*

- 1 -
- 2 - Book Fair
- 3 -
- 4 -
- 5 -
- 6 -
- 7 -
- 8 - Pro Kids Assembly (during school) and Pro Kids Assembly at LINCOLN 6:30pm (optional)
- 9 -
- 10 -
- 11 -
- 12 -
- 13 - NO SCHOOL
- 14 -
- 15 -
- 16 - Full Band Starts (during school)
- 17 - Genre Project Due, Science Test
- 18 -
- 19 -
- 20 -
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24 - End of First Quarter

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29 - Wear Yellow Day

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31 - Party at 2:30pm, Book-It due on 11/4