

April 1, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

**Upcoming Events:**

Friday April 2, 2010: No School, Beginning of Spring Break

Monday April 12, 2010: School Resumes, Report Cards go home

**Literacy:** In Writer's Workshop this week the students finished typing their poems. Our Writer's Celebration will be planned for the Wednesday we get back from Spring Break. We will have Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> to finish our poems, so the students should have most of their final copies done by the end of that day. Some students may be bringing rough drafts home to work on, over break. In Reader's Workshop, we looked at how questioning helps us to better understand a story. As a class we looked for answers to the questions we asked last week. The students also looked at the book, The Mysteries of Harris Burdick, to see how we can form questions from an interesting picture. A reading log will not be going home over break but the boys are still expected to read 20 minutes every day.

**Religion:** This week in Religion, the class looked at the meaning of Holy Week. In groups, the students created an interesting way to teach about the events of Jesus' death to the class. We were able to attend Stations of the Cross today. The boys also took the Chapter 8 Test this week.

**Social Studies:** In Social Studies, the class learned about the effects of the French and Indian War. We discussed the conflict between settlers and Native Americans as more people began to move west of the Appalachian Mountains. The students have also been looking at the taxes Britain began to enforce on the colonists to pay for this expensive war against the British.

**Science:** This week in Science, the students took their last measurement of the plants we planted to test the variable of water with plant growth. As a class, we have discussed how to keep these plants alive over Spring Break.

I hope you have a relaxing Spring Break.

Sincerely,

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**Parent Survey:**

I have found a company that would bind our poetry anthologies in hard cover for about \$10.00 per student. Please mark if you would be interested in contributing to this.

**yes I am interested**

**no I am not interested at this time**