

April 20, 2009

Dear 4B parents,

Welcome back! I hope everyone's Easter and spring break was restful, fun, and fulfilling. The students were very excited to tell their stories of all the events of the past week.

This Wednesday is Earth Day. Some of our activities this week will revolve around this day. A healthy and fun way to "go green" is to use an alternate form of transportation to get to school. Carpooling, walking, riding, or busing to school are great ways to save power. This Wednesday students are invited to wear free "Earth Day" dress. Colors of spring and nature can be worn on this day. We'll also be turning the lights out from 1:15 to 2:15 on Wednesday.

Religion - This Friday there will be a test on the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Students do not need to know these word for word, but they do need to be familiar with them. We'll be learning more about them this week.

Math - Students will be naming and drawing quadrilaterals, dividing a three-digit number by a one-digit number, common and decimal fractions for tenths, drawing transformations, and averaging data.

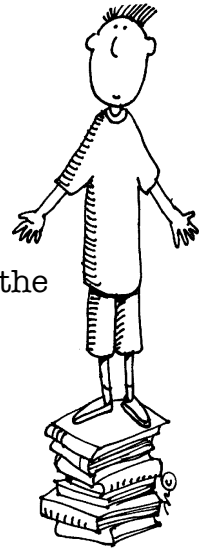
Science - This week students will be learning more about watersheds in the Seattle area and locating the key wetland areas within the urban watersheds.

Social Studies - We will be moving into the next era of our Washington History studies, the early settlers. I am still working on the grading of the Lewis and Clark tests, I was busy with company from Montana for most of the break, which has put me behind. Thank you for your patience!

Reading/Writing/Spelling - The spelling packet is due this Friday. It was sent home today. The challenge words are Fahrenheit, Celsius, quadrilateral, recycling.

Reading Logs - Your child must be completing his/her reading log each day and turning it in at the end of the month. These should be kept in the folder and signed at the end of the month. Reading logs will be included in the Reading grade of the Spring trimester report card.

CAT - 4th graders will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test. It is not overly stressful or time consuming (about 30-60 minutes a day). The tests assess the students' abilities in reasoning and problem solving using verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal (spatial) symbols. The test is scheduled for April 28th, 29th, and 30th.



Have a great week!

Mr. Barker