



Mrs. DiMarzo's Weekly Newsletter  
March 11, 2011

**Math/Spelling:**

This week our math lessons focused on equivalent fractions, problem solving and converting fractions to decimals. Next week our lessons will focus on comparing and ordering fractions and decimals. Students will take a test on this chapter mid-week. In spelling, students will continue to learn syllabication rules and spell words with multiple syllables.

**Reading:**

This week we finished reading *Number the Stars!* Most students really enjoyed this novel. Next week we will expand our lessons about WWII and the Holocaust by listening to other stories of real and fictional characters and their experiences during that time in history. Students will then create an acrostic poem based on a theme of their choice from these different stories.

The essay portion of the biography book report was due today, **March 11, 2011**. Students have been assigned specific dates to present their oral report. A form went home in today's folders, indicating their assigned date. Please encourage your child to practice their presentation ahead of time.

**Language Arts:**

Today students took a quiz on irregular verbs. Students were given a review packet of verbs today which should be completed by **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a test of verbs **Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Our next grammar lessons will focus on pronouns. This week students had the opportunity to share a journal entry of their choice with the class. In addition, they began writing their essays describing their favorite snack food or dessert.

**Science:**

This week we began our lessons on alternate sources of energy, such as the wind, water and the Sun. Today, students began working in groups to research an assigned source of energy. Each group will create a poster and present facts about their source of energy to the class some time next week.

**Important Events:**

**March phone book collection - March 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>** - Knowlton Elementary School will be collecting and recycling telephone books. If you would like to recycle phone books, you may send them in with your child. If you have a large number of books, please provide me with a note indicating the amount of books you have recycled and place them in the recycling dumpster that will be located on the right as you come in the entrance to the school. The homeroom with the most phone books collected wins a free pizza lunch with the Mayor of Knowlton!

**Gertrude Hawk fundraiser - orders were due today, Friday, March 11, 2011**

**Author visit - Margery Cuyler - March 25, 2011**

**Spring pictures - March 25, 2011**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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