



The Gurdraza Gazette

January 11th – 15th

<p style="text-align: center;">Teacher Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have not done so already, please work with your child on his/her science fair topic and return the slip signed by Wednesday. Thank you! DARE begins this week. A permission slip will be coming home. Please let us know if you would not like your child to participate. <p>Questions/Comments: Mrs. Podraza - cpodraza@lisle202.org Ms. Gurss - agurss@lisle202.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Important Dates</p> <p>January 11 - DARE begins this week January 13 - Science Fair Topic & Parent Signature Due January 18 - Martin Luther King Day - No School</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Podraza – Language Arts</p> <p>The students will be learning about visualizing this month. The students will continue reading new books by Mrs. Podraza's favorite author, Avi. The books include: <i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>, <i>Poppy</i>, and <i>Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?</i> We will also continue working on extended response in preparation for the ISAT test in March. The students will continue working on their persuasive essays on homework.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Gurss - Language Arts</p> <p>We will continue our WWII Unit. Students will work on scrapbooks for characters from <i>Number the Stars</i>. Students will also be reading WWII choice novels from the LRC and will create a visually interesting book report to present to the class. Students will also begin work on expository writing pieces as well as prep work for the ISAT test in March. Also, look for Independent Study Project slips coming soon!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Podraza – Math</p> <p>The students will finish Unit 4 which covers fractions. We will be reviewing for the test which is on Thursday. The students will continue to work on their "POWS" or "Problems of the Week" in preparation for ISAT. We will begin "Hands-On Equations" with Mrs. Hurt as well.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Gurss - Math</p> <p>We have wrapped up Topic 14 and will begin Topic 12- Solids! Students will also be working in teams on Math Quest, a problem solving game in order to practice ISAT extended response.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Social Studies</p> <p>The students will continue our new unit on "Colonial America." The students will begin taking notes for their final projects in this unit which is to create a "Colonial Brochure" convincing people to come to the colonies.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>The students will continue our new unit on Food and Nutrition. The students will be looking at the lab results of the fat content lab from last week. Please sign the science fair form and return it by Wednesday.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wall of Fame</p> <p><u>Mrs. Podraza Spelling (100%)</u> - Ben, Melody, Andy, Emma, Katie, Meredith, Mya, Timmy, Mary, Sydney, Nicholas <u>Mrs. Podraza Language Arts (A)</u> - Cory, Timmy, Jorge, Gianni, Parker, Mary Catherine, Lesley, Ramses, Caitlin, Skylar, Dave, Christian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character Counts Corner</p> <p>Ben – He always has his homework completed. (responsibility) Christian – He picks up the scraps of paper after Words Their Way sorts. (citizenship) Erin- (citizenship)- She let another student borrow her book during silent reading time.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Vocabulary</p> <p>aspire smirk marvel prestigious oblivion parched gallant tribulation There is a quiz over these words on Friday.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Miss Gurss' Language Arts Class-Caesar's English Stems/Vocabulary:</u> There will be no Caesar's English this week!</p>

