



The Gurdraza Gazette

January 4th – 8th

Teacher Notes	Important Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">We hope that everyone had a safe and wonderful Winter Break!Thank you so much for all of your contributions to our "Pennies for Pages" fundraiser. It was a huge success!DARE begins next 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>January 4 - After School Band begins on Tuesdays</p> <p>January 11 - DARE begins this week</p> <p>January 13 - Science Fair Topics & Parent Signature Due</p> <p>January 18 - Martin Luther King Day - No School</p>
<p>Mrs. Podraza – Language Arts</p> <p>The students will be learning about inferencing this month. The students will begin 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 begin 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>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>Mrs. Podraza – Math</p> <p>The students will continue Unit 4 which covers fractions. They will be learning about converting fractions to decimals and percents. They will also be learning how to use percents to create a pie chart. We will begin "Hands-On Equations" with Mrs. Hurt as well.</p>	<p>Ms. Gurss - Math</p> <p>We have wrapped up Topic 8 and will begin Topic 14-Solids! Students will also be working in teams on Math Quest, a problem solving game in order to practice ISAT extended response. Daily Math Practice sheets will continue to come home!</p>
<p>Social Studies</p> <p>The students will begin our new unit on "Colonial America." The students will be learning about why the Puritans came to America and some of the first colonies as well.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>The students will begin our new unit on Food and Nutrition. The students will be completing a lab on the fat content of food. The 5th Grade Science Fair is February 23rd. A packet will come home this week explaining the directions for the fair. Please return the topic sheet with parent signature by next Wednesday. Each student will have a different experiment and they are chosen on a "first come, first serve" basis so it is better to turn in the form as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Wall of Fame</p> <p>All of the students in Ms. Gurss and Mrs. Podraza's class for their outstanding efforts in the "Pennies for Pages" fundraiser.</p>	<p>Character Counts Corner</p> <p>All of the students in Mrs. Podraza's class for giving up many recesses and putting in extra work after school which showed their responsibility in preparing for the "Pennies for Pages" play. Great job!!!!</p> <p>Miss Gurss' Class deserves recognition for picking up all the fallen coats and gloves by the recess door after lunch to keep our hallways clean. Thank you so much!</p>

Weekly Vocabulary

smug hideous burrow misconception fester perturb gumption
eradicate

There is a quiz over these words on Friday.

Miss Gurss' Language Arts Class-Caesar's English Stems/Vocabulary:

There will be no Caesar's English this week!