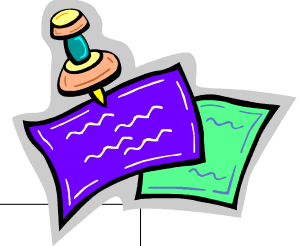


# KEEPING IN TOUCH

February 16, 2010



## Week in Review

### MS. MCTIGHE'S CLASSES

#### Reading

This week we will be working on the ISAT extended reading response. We will try to do most of our practices in class, but sometimes students may have to finish them at home so we can share them the next day. We also will do several multiple choice answer readings so that everyone feels comfortable when they take the ISAT reading test in March. Hopefully, this will help them have the confidence they need to do the excellent job I know they are capable of doing on the tests. We'll have some fun with secret codes and our choice novels. The next genre book is a fictional mystery book which will be due Feb. 25th. Independent Studies are due on Feb. 23rd. The reading contest & AR end Feb. 24th.

#### Math

We had a wonderful time working in our School Store! Our class did a great job selling and giving excellent customer service. We will be finishing our catalog orders for the fifth grade students and having an employee shopping day Tuesday. We'll finish calculating our profit and make recommendations for the next class that will run the School Store. We will continue to work hard to prepare for the ISAT math tests in March. We'll finish up with probability and then work on fractions. There will be another POW due this Friday, 2-19.

### Upcoming Events

#### Tuesday

Earth Materials Unit Begins

#### Wednesday

Earth Materials

#### Thursday

*Spotlight on Michael and Isaac*  
Abraham Lincoln Visits 1:00

#### Friday

IL Famous Person Final Copy Due  
Midwest Region

#### Monday

Midwest Region

### MRS. STEFANI'S CLASSES

#### Reading

This week we will read Rikki-tikki-tavi and practice drawing conclusions. The students will be told that a conclusion is a decision you reach that makes sense after you think about details or facts in what you read. Our vocabulary quiz this week has been moved to Wednesday in order to give the students one more night to review the words. In grammar we will focus again on verbs and review past, present and future tenses and the students will attempt their first extended response individually. As the end of the reading contest approaches (2-24), please help monitor your child's progress toward meeting the goals set at the beginning of the trimester. The updated totals will be coming home today.

#### Math

We are beginning to work on Unit 3 this week. We will explore angle measures in a variety of ways and the students will practice giving the measure of various angles with and without the use of a protractor. They will sometimes use their knowledge of straight angles (180°) and circles (360°) to calculate the measure of other angles. We will also review types of angles, geometric figures and use the geometry template. Another POW will be coming home with a sample and the students will have one week to complete it.

#### Notes:

We extended the due date for the Famous Person final copy to this Friday, 2-19. We will begin working on the speech they will give at our Learning Fair on March 16th when we have our 4th grade Music Program combined with our Famous Person Presentation Night. We'll get to enjoy history come to life when all those famous Illinoisans come back to visit! You'll finally get to see the fruits of all your hard work these last few weeks.

Thank you for all of your support!

