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Elk Grove Elementary School
Home of the Eagles



March 15, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here are some upcoming events I would like to tell you about:

- Tonight, March 15th: Movie Night at EGE! Doors open at 6:00pm
- March 19th: Art and Science Family Night from 6:00-8:00pm
- March 25th-29th: Spring Break (No school)
- April 22nd-26th: California State Testing

Please make sure your child is here during the California State Testing week. We will be testing in the morning, so if your child has a morning appointment during this week, then you may want to change it.

I will be sending home information about a few more requirements for the Mission Report. These requirements will not change the main report in any way. Please, see the "Social Studies" section below for more information.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child with his/her academics.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs. Stroth

Lessons Being Taught the Next Two Weeks
(One week is before Spring Break, the other is after.)

Please note: The assignments and skills listed are what I have planned and are subject to change. Please refer to your child's Homework Agenda for additional information.

Language Arts: Unit 4: Survival This week's selection: *McBroom and the Big Wind*
Next week's selection: *The Big Wave*

Tests: Thursdays: vocabulary, writing Fridays: comprehension, DOL

Math: Chapter 10: Data and Graphs Lessons being taught: 10

Skills: graphing equations

Tests: The Chapter 10 test is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th

Fridays: Daily Math (DM)

Skills: points, lines, segments, rays, angles, polygons, triangles, quadrilaterals, spatial reasoning, circles

It is imperative that your child has his/her multiplication facts memorized with INSTANT recall! Your child should not pause or count on his/her fingers in order to come up with an answer. Memorization of these facts was a third grade standard. Not having these memorized will lead to homework taking longer to complete and answers being wrong. It will also be a part of the "Number Sense" section on the report card. Please, make sure you work with your child to memorize the facts. If your child has them memorized, then practice with him/her in order to keep this skill sharp!

Spelling: This week's skill: abbreviations Next week's skill: doubling the final consonants

The spelling pretest is given to your child every Monday. This pretest contains the list of words for the week. If your child loses this list, please refer to the Spelling and Vocabulary Skills booklet (Blue Booklet) for each week's words.

The Spelling Packet is handed out every Monday. It is a half sheet of paper listing all of the assignments that are to be completed throughout the week. The packet/assignments will be collected on Friday.

Tests: Fridays: Dictation and Multiple Choice tests

Social Studies: California's Missions

As you know, your child brought home the California Mission Report information sheet. As stated on the sheet, the **final draft of the Mission Report is due on Thursday morning, April 4th**. Any reports turned in after that date will be lowered one grade for each day it is late. The optional project is due on that date as well.

We have gone over the report and expectations several times in class. It is now up to your child to **complete the report at home**. Make sure that your child continues to work on this project every week, so that he/she doesn't fall behind. As stated in the information sheet, your child needs to write the final draft using blue or black pen. If your child would like to type the report, he/she can. Parents are not to help with the typing. The students have been practicing their typing skills and should be able to type the report themselves. It may take some time, but the students need to type their own reports. Refer to the information sheet about the specifics on how the report should be written/typed.

Next week, your child will be receiving an additional information sheet. This sheet lists the other requirements of the project, such as: a title page, table of contents, a map, etc. Your child will also need to include a bibliography. I am sending home a map and a handout that explains how a bibliography is to be written. We will cover all of the new requirements in class. **Please, have your child turn in the final draft, the rough draft, and outline in a folder.** This will help keep all of the items together.

Tests: Fridays: Daily Oral Geography (DOG)

Science: Chapter 3: Rocks and Minerals

We will be reading, discussing, and completing handouts all about rocks and minerals