



Lincoln Times 4th Grade Newsletter November 2010 Edition

Here's What's Happening in 4th Grade!

Fourth Grade Math

During the month of November, the students will be working with concepts about money. Students should know how to count money, make change and be able to solve money problems. Following our money unit, students will begin working on a geometry unit. Parents can find examples of what we are learning in their student's math spiral.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Mrs. Jane Flander

Social Studies

We are discussing and looking at the Southeast Region of the United States. States in this region include West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The students have learned many things about the environment of this region. They are also learning many vocabulary words, concepts, and ideas, which have been added to a foldable (study guide) that they made.

We will learn about the heritage and people of the Southeast Region in our next unit in early November. We will be learning about Cherokee culture, Colonial Williamsburg, A Country Divided, and Civil Rights and the Southeast Today. We will learn how the make decisions too! Students will also have to label the states in this region as well as the Southwest on a map. Following this unit, we will be doing a Bringing History Home unit on the Progressive Era (1890-1920). More to come on this unit! Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!

4th Grade Teachers

SCIENCE

For the next six weeks, your child will be exploring earth materials. The Foss kit he/she will be using consists of four investigations dealing with observable characteristics of solid materials from the earth – rocks and minerals. The focus is on taking materials apart to find out what they are made of and putting materials together to better understand their properties. Your child will use scientific thinking processes to conduct investigations and build explanations: observing, communicating, comparing, and organizing.

There will be very little homework for this unit. All materials completed should stay in their science binders, which can come home for you to discuss what he/she has worked on in lab.

Language Arts, Reading, and Spelling

Happy November! Our comprehension skill this month is creating images. Creating images can help us understand what we read. When we create images, we think about how something we read might look, sound, feel, smell, and taste to paint pictures in our mind.

During writing, we are going to be working with Science to write reports about sea creatures. We modeled and practiced writing reports in LARS and we are going to take what we know and research and write a report for science about the sea creature of the student's choice. They will also be making a drawing of their creature.

We are also studying nouns. We have started by talking about what a noun is and in November we are going to talking about different types of nouns. We will start with proper nouns and end the month with possessive nouns.

Don't forget to study those spelling words!

Here's What's Happening Around the Building!!

4th Grade Art – Mrs. Humphreys

4th Grade: Still-life Drawing
View examples of still-life.
Understand and use the concept of overlapping.
Create a glue resist drawing and color with chalk.

4th Grade Music - Mrs. J. Hill

Lincoln 4th graders have been studying how all music has a beat, which is totally different from the rhythm. They know the Italian word tempo, which means speed and have been listening to and studying the blues. They have sung several fun Halloween songs and will soon start working on rhythm and note values.

The Sunrise Singers are collecting pop cans and bottles as a fundraiser, so please send your rinsed and empty cans and bottles to school and they will take care of them for you!

Performance Schedule:

Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Sunrise Singers & Advanced Band H.S. auditorium 7 P.M.

Friday, Dec. 10 - Sunrise Singers & Advanced Band Lincoln gym 8:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Sunrise Singers Washington Y, Y's men dinner 7 P.M.

Lincoln Elementary Fundraiser

Students have sold Red Wheel fundraising items to support the Lincoln PTG organization. Money from this fundraiser and other sources will be used to improve the playground, purchase speakers and other school needs. Items sold will be available for pick up on Wednesday, November 17, from 2:45 - 6:00. It is important that you pick up the items your student sold or arrange for someone else to pick up those items during this time, as they will arrive frozen and we do not have space to store them. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call the office. Thank you for all you and your students time helping with this fundraiser!

2010-2011 FLU SEASON

If your child has a fever, body aches, headache and a cough-Do NOT send him/her to school that day.

Any child with a fever above 100 degrees will be sent home.

Your child may return to school only when he/she has been fever free for 24 hours without the use any fever reducing medications.

If your child has a fever in the evening or at night, please do not send them to school the next day.

A child placed on antibiotics must be on the medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

If your child has vomited within the past 12 hours please do NOT send them to school.

Have your child to wash their hands before meals, after using the restroom, and after blowing their nose. Have your child cough into their elbow rather than their hands.

These guidelines will help reduce student and staff illness during this flu season.

Holly Roth RN, BSN



Smile Iowa

The 3rd Iowa MOM will be held
November 5-6, 2010 from 7am-5:30pm
at the U. S. Cellular Center
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Everyone Welcome for Free Dental Care!

-No Full Dentures or Crowns

-Extractions, Fillings, Partial dentures, Cleanings, Exams and X-rays Done

***Health Histories checked for safety reasons**

First Come First Serve!

Helping Your Child Succeed at School

You are your child's best teacher! Research shows that children whose parents are engaged in their education are more likely to achieve academic success. It is essential to be as **positive** as possible as you support your child. The following ideas are effective for children in grades PreK-12:

1. Have high expectations for your child.

Kids rise to a challenge. Make sure your child understands the clear expectations you have for them and how well they should do in school.

2. Talk to your child about school.

Ask specific questions to draw out your child. Instead of asking “yes” or “no” questions, ask, “How do you think you did on the math test?” or “What is something funny that happened at school today?” or “What did you do during PE?” It is very important as you talk with your child about school to help them believe in themselves and have the confidence to know that they can succeed.

3. Get “connected” with your child’s teachers.

Teacher and parents should be equal partners. This doesn’t mean you have the same role, but you are both equally important players in supporting the success of your child. Ask teachers about their expectations. What are students expected to master by the end of the year in each class? Ask what you can do at home to support what is going on in the classroom.

Ryan Gratz, SAM

Counselor Notes

ITBS: Iowa Test of Basic Skills

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be given at Lincoln starting Tuesday, November 9th and ending Friday, November 12th. We test for one hour each morning from 8:15–9:15. It is imperative that your child be to school each day on time, but especially the two weeks of basic skills, so they do not have to spend time making up the tests. Getting a good night of sleep will help your child be more alert and do better on the tests. Also, everyone knows that breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day. Starting the day without breakfast is like driving a car without stopping to fill up the gas tank. Children who eat breakfast tend to have longer attention spans and do better in school.

Children do not have to eat the traditional breakfast foods. Here are a variety of nontraditional foods for breakfast.

*Whole-grain cereal with fruit and reduced-fat milk

*Whole-wheat toast, eggs, and juice or reduced-fat milk

- *Fried egg and reduced-cheese on whole-wheat toast
- *Oatmeal with raisins and reduced-fat milk
- *Waffles, turkey bacon and juice
- *Low-fat yogurt with fruit and granola
- *Bagel with cheese or peanut butter
- *Fruit smoothie: fruit and milk or yogurt mixed together
in a blender
- *Bagel, string cheese and an apple
- *Whole-wheat toast, hard-boiled egg and fruit
- *Turkey sandwich and reduced-fat milk
- *Leftover pizza and juice
- *Breakfast burrito: scrambled eggs, cheese and veggies wrapped
in a flour tortilla
- *Peanut butter and jelly sandwich and reduced-fat milk
- *Grilled cheese sandwich and juice

**BREAKFAST AT LINCOLN IS SERVED FROM 7:40 TO 8:00.
Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime by phone or email!**

Teresa Beenblossom, Counselor

Notes from the Principal

Lincoln Elementary will be starting Basic Skills on Tuesday, November 9. Tests will be given November 9-November 12. This year Lincoln Elementary will only take the tests required by No Child Left Behind and the State of Iowa. The hope is to minimize the number of tests given so students will maximize their effort.

It is important that the students do their best on the test. Both the students and Lincoln Elementary School are measured on the results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. These test scores will be used to help identify non-proficient students. Please make sure your child gets enough rest and has a good breakfast. Any student missing days during this time will need to make up the missed test upon their return. Students will receive a snack during homeroom compliments of the Lincoln PTG. Also in the newsletter are details on the Lincoln Elementary Basic Skills Awards.

Schedule of Basic Skills Tests:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Test</u>
Tuesday, November 9-	Reading- Part 1 (25) Reading- Part 2 (30)
Wednesday, November 10-	Math Concepts and Estimation- Part 1 (25) & Part 2 (5)
Thursday, Nov 11-	Math Problem Solving and Data Interpretation (30)
Friday, November 12-	Science (30)

The end of the first trimester will be on November 12. Report cards will be sent home with the students on Wednesday, November 17. Students that earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the first trimester will be recognized with an Academic Awards certificate. These certificates will be presented to the students at a later date at school. The grade point average is calculated from grades earned in math, language arts, spelling, social studies, science, reading, physical education, music, art, and band.

With the cold weather and possibility of snow in the upcoming months, we ask you to make sure your child is dressed warm for recess. A lot of students find themselves getting cold at recess because they did not bring a hat or gloves.

Our rules for the playground during the winter season are very simple. When there is snow on the playground:

- 1) Students **must** wear boots and snow pants to go off of the blacktop area.
- 2) No throwing snowballs.
- 3) No king of the hill on the snow piles.

These rules are for the safety of the students.

Information on the Family Night scheduled for Monday, November 15, is below. We hope you can attend.

Dave Hoffman
Principal

LINCOLN FAMILY NIGHT

Come One, Come All

Mark your calendars for Lincoln School's first Family Night of the year.



Monday, November 15

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Lincoln School

"Healthy Bodies - Healthy Kids"

More information to follow

District Equity Statement

It is the policy of the Washington Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, marital status, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices. If you believe you have (or your child has) been discriminated against or treated unjustly at school, please contact Dr. Jorgensen or Mrs. Veta Thode at 319-653-6543.