

February 22, 2015

# Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

## Math

Students compared fractions this past week. They used fraction tiles similar to the picture below. They also used a number line to compare fractions. The fractions that were compared had the same numerator or the same denominator. Next week we will wrap up fractions and then learn more about multiplication and division.



## Writing

Students edited and revised their opinion essay about rules for scooters. Some students worked on adding more details to their essays. I gave the students a list of linking words and the children worked on adding these words to their essays. Next week we will begin a research project.

## Reading

During this short week the students were given time to read the nonfiction book of their choosing. Students were given a choice board to complete by Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. The students write about questions, main idea, details, new things they learned, and the vocabulary words.

During reading groups the students continued to read about quick changes to landforms. They read about a flash flood and a volcanic eruption.

## Social Studies and Phenology

This is week the students read about how the pioneers built log cabins in areas with enough trees. They drew a model of a log cabin. Next week the students will read about sod homes.

It was too cold to go outside for phenology this week. The students looked out the window in Muir hall to write and draw about nature.

## Google Documents

The class knows the rules of Google documents. They are not allowed on other students' documents and all writing must be school appropriate. However, these rules were not followed. Students' documents were changed and/or erased. I have changed the password for Google. The students will not be allowed to go onto the computers right now. If you or your family knows information about the Google document changes please contact me or administration.

## Big Bluestem Award

Please encourage your child to read books from the Big Bluestem list. The new class read aloud book is Gregor the Overlander. Students who have read or have listened to four or more books are eligible to vote. Voting will be sometime in the next month before March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Student Led Conferences

Student led conferences are March 11. Students will spend time getting ready for student led conferences with teacher support. They will be choosing classwork to show you from all subjects. The children will share with you the subjects they need to work on with teacher input. You can sign up for student led conferences at <https://lhahnroom20.youcanbook.me/>

If you want an individual conference, this is in addition to student led conferences. Please contact me if you want an individual conference for Thursday, March 12 between 2:00 and 4:00.

## Upcoming Events

February 25- Farm To Table

February 27- No School, Teacher In-service

March 3- Early Release

March 6- My Guy and I Sock Hop

March 11- Early Release, Student Led Conferences

March 12- Early Release, Parent Conferences

March 13- No School Teacher In-service

### A Kid in Every Park

Please check out this website <http://www.nationalparks.org/ook/every-kid-in-a-park>. Students in fourth grade next year can get a pass to get into parks free. Check out the great outdoors with your child.