



## Notes and News from the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Crew

Jan. 20, 2012

Dear Families and Students,

Can you believe it is 2012 already? It's amazing to see how much your children have grown in only half of the school year!

We were so glad to see you at Winter Fest in December! Every student was very proud of his/her writing about a family tradition. We'd like to send a HUGE thank you to all of the third grade parents, the Winter Fest committee, the photographers, and everyone who helped set-up, clean-up, and provide food. You helped make the 2011 Winter Fest a great success!

*\*If you are missing any serving dishes, platters, etc., please check the staff lounge.*



### Literacy

Over the next month and a half we will be working on a variety of projects and activities in literacy. Students will be researching a colonial region (New England, Middle, Southern), reading and writing about the Revolutionary War, and preparing for the TCAP.

The TCAP is the state assessment this year and will be very much like the CSAP tests from the past few years. Because Colorado has adopted new state standards, the tests are transitional this year, and therefore not called CSAP. To prepare for the test we will continue working on the following skills:

- Writing a well-organized paragraph
- Drafting, revising, and editing an extended writing piece
- Returning to the text to demonstrate comprehension in the forms of answering questions about the text and summarizing
- Being able to identify sentences with correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling

Here are some links with more information about TCAP you may find helpful:

<http://www.bvsd.org/assessment/Pages/default.aspx>

[http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/csap/csap\\_frameworks.html](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/csap/csap_frameworks.html)

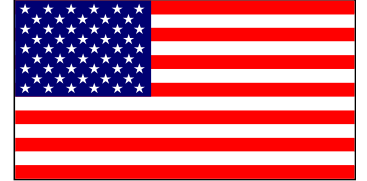
### Math

Our study of math continues with *Geometry and Measurement*. For more information about this unit in particular, please see the math newsletter emailed by your child's math teacher last week.

We will continue to practice multiplication and division skills throughout this unit, and will soon be starting a new unit focused on place value, addition, and subtraction.

## Science and Social Studies

We are continuing to study the American colonies through research, technology, reading, and interactive activities. An extra credit assignment was sent home, which involves researching a particular colony. **It is due February 10, prior to report cards coming home.** Keep in mind that your child needs to consistently demonstrate proficiency in the social studies standards in class activities and assessments, as well as complete the extra credit assignment (going "above and beyond") to receive a 4 on the report card.



## Reminders and Highlights

**We appreciate all that you do!**

Here is the link to the SES calendar online:

<http://schools.bvsd.org/p12/Superior/Lists/SES%20Calendar/calendar.aspx?CalendarDate=2%2F13%2F2012>

***Conference sign-ups are hanging by the office.  
Please come in and sign up as soon as possible!***

Jan. 24 and 31: Tuesday Afternoon Club

Jan. 27 - Feb. 3: Read-A-Thon

Feb. 20 and 21: No school (Presidents' Day and Professional Development Day)

Feb. 28- Mar. 1: Conferences

Mar. 2: Report cards come home

Mar. 6-16: TCAP testing (Please be sure your child is at school every day on time)



Remember to read over and the sign planner each night!

Have a great weekend!

Your 4<sup>th</sup> grade team