

# Mrs. Covington's Friday Notes

Friday April 16, 2010

## EOG Practice

The EOG's are coming up the week of May 17-24. In the time leading up to that week, we will spend an extensive amount of time reviewing the material we have learned both at school and at home. If during this time you find that your child is struggling in a particular area, please jot a note on the activity to let me know. Many times we will go over it in class and because they have already had help on it at home, they will not ask for help at school. It is essential that we give as much attention as we can to these "trouble areas" from now until testing week. Thank you for your help at home!

## Earth Week

Next Week is Earth Week in our class! Earth Day is actually on Thursday the 22nd, but we need more than one day! We will be doing a week long study of our Earth and how to do a better job of taking care of it! Some of the activities that we will be doing include: creating our own class book, a mini-research report on endangered species, and learning all about what happens to the trash we throw away and the steps we can take to reduce the amount of trash we throw away. We will also do a study on recycling and the impact it has on lessening the amount of trash we put in our landfills. Finally, we will have some serious discussions of what the consequences of not taking care of our Earth could be. We will do this through reading several books and watching a short video clip about what our future may be like if we don't do something about it now!

## Homework and Reading Logs

I realize that it is almost the end of the school year, but there have been some recent issues with reading logs and signatures on things (Friday Folder papers, etc) and I want to just take a second to explain why I am such a stickler about this.

One of the biggest goals for the third grade is to create academic independence and a sense of responsibility for their personal academic work. I try to stress the importance of this every day in our classroom. Each night, when the children complete their homework, it is **their responsibility** to make sure everything is signed and placed in their book bags before school the next day. Believe it or not, it is not your fault as a parent if a third grader does not have something signed that they need.

I do not allow the children to blame homework mistakes on their parents, because they are the members of our class. Therefore, it is their responsibility to make sure they have everything they need.

Please take some time to discuss this with your child, and if possible encourage this responsibility at home. It will be essential in their preparation for the fourth grade and their academic future.

## Don't Forget!

Next week (April 19-23) is spirit week. Show your school spirit by participating!

Monday: Hat day

Tuesday: Tacky day

Wednesday: Wacky Socks day

Thursday: Team day

Friday: School Spirit day



## 4th Quarter AR Success:

### At least 25% of goal met:

Garrett, Matthew, Alyssa, Zane, Maggie, Gracie W.

### At least 50% of goal met:

Dazani, Morgan

### At least 75% of goal met:

Denise

### At least 100% of goal met:

Riley

**May 6th is the 50% cut off, and June 3rd is the 100% cut off!**

## Important Dates

April 20-23- Book Fair

April 20- PTA Open House 6:00- Pizza, cookies, chips, and drinks will be sold and the book fair will be open!

April 27 & 28- Mock EOG

April 30- Relay for Life

May 6- 50% AR Cut-off

May 7- Progress Reports go home

May 8- Millbridge Annual Golf Tournament