

# "WHO's" Got the News?



Sables' Swoopers Newsletter

## February



### Check out what's happening...

We've started 2015 off strong! Winter break was restful, but it's nice to have everyone back and reaching for our goals. It's difficult to fathom that February is already upon us, along with GALILEO Benchmark 3 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade; testing dates will be available soon. Please continue to encourage your child to keep working hard and finish quarter 3 well!

This month we will also be attending our American Revolutionary Times field trip. Please get permission slips and admission fee in as soon as possible. Chaperones will be announced within the next 2 weeks.

We are looking forward to a great trip!

As always, please let me know if you have questions or concerns; do not hesitate to email, call, or schedule a meeting with me.

### Content Updates...

#### Reading:

- Drawing inferences in texts
- I can explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support a particular view in a text.
- Differences in cause & effect relationships.

#### Writing:

- Writing informational reports that are supported by research, observations, or experiences.
- Creating a five paragraph essay that defends my position on a given topic or text and includes a topic sentence, supporting statements with transition words, and a strong conclusion.

### Dates to give a HOOT about...

February 12<sup>th</sup>: PTSA Meeting @ 6 p.m.

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Gold Rush Days- No school

February 16<sup>th</sup>: President's Day- No school

February 26<sup>th</sup>: Read Across America Kick-Off @ 5 p.m. in the DOES Library



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## Homework Happenings...

Our class does have language arts (reading/ writing) homework every night; this homework consists of a reading log, where students read for 20 minutes a night, and complete a paragraph summary of what they read.

Just as a friendly reminder: spelling contracts have been suspended for the last two quarters of school, as we will be emphasizing vocabulary and the use of vocabulary words in class more exclusively.



## ELA Tip:

Reading aloud can be a very helpful tool in assisting shy or struggling readers with their confidence.

Try to set aside time at least once a week to read a book to your child that is a few levels above their reading level, to help increase vocabulary and fluency.

## Specials Schedule

Week 1:

Monday: PE

Tuesday: P.E.

Wednesday: PE

Thursday: P.E

Week 2:

Monday: Computers

Tuesday: Computers

Wednesday: Library

Thursday: Library