

Mrs. Heikel's Third Grade

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Classroom Highlights

Dates to Remember

Jan. 26- International Dinner 6:30 in the GYM

Jan. 29—"Song Dudes" Concert at FLEMING 6:30-7:30

Feb. 3 - Visiting author, Patricia Newman in L.C.

Feb. 5- Judy Dow, naturalist, will visit our class and Ms. Bergstrom's

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Monday: P. E.

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: P.E.

Thursday: French; Health & Wellness; Art

Friday: Music

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We have had a busy few weeks. The kids have enjoyed all the snow at recess. They have been great at lining up and taking turns on the sliding hill.

The math unit on large numbers and decimals is complete, but we will keep coming back to the concepts. Place value is essential in math understanding. Using base-10 blocks, meter sticks, diagrams, and place-value books helps all kids.

We are just beginning a unit on geometry. There is a lot of new vocabulary to use and understand. I sent home the Family Letter. We have talked about

line segment, ray, line, parallel, and intersecting.

We have heard many origin stories about how Native Americans explained their world. They show some of the animals, trees, and birds that Woodland People had around them. After brainstorming ideas, we are starting to write our own legend.

Much sharing has happened about the resources that Woodland People used and how their lives changed



with the seasons. We made a chart of the four directions and the seasons.

January is a month of many assessments in literacy. Kids continue to read independently as I work 1-1. We have started a new read aloud, The Sign of the Beaver.

The kids are excited about contributing to the relief for Haiti and some money comes in each day. They started talking about it the day after the earthquake. Thanks for your support.

This and That

Because we all love to share the vocabulary words we find in our books, Jamaal decided to plan a bulletin board to tell about our "Word Jar". With lots of help from others, many words that we have discussed are displayed.



We also have thought about the contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. and

each wrote about our dream to make the world a better place.

