March 28, 2014

**Literacy**

We are continuing to review comprehension strategies and skills to help students become more fluent readers. It is extremely important that students are reading at least 20 minutes a day at home. Reading helps build vocabulary and fluency skills which in turn helps build comprehension skills. Please continue to fill out the Road to Success reading minutes. Reading minutes are due every Monday.

**Math**

We will be wrapping up our fraction unit soon. Students have been working hard. They have been adding and subtracting fractions with common dominators and uncommon dominators. They have also learned how to reduce fractions. We will start our decimal unit when we come back from spring break. Students will learn how to add and subtraction decimals and how to change fractions into decimals. These are important foundation skills in math.

**Science**

Students will begin to explore life science when we come back from spring break. They will observe, describe and ask questions about structures of organisms and how they affect their growth and survival. We will also explore how physical characteristics among individuals in a population may be advantageous for survival and reproduction and how animals and plants adapt to its environment. This is a fun unit and students will have been engaged in hands-on experiments and interactive situations.

**Classroom News**

- There will be no more breakfast/lunch charges allowed starting May 1st.
- Please remember to bring in Stuart Little permission slips. The play is April 16th and it cost $3.00.
- Please remember to bring in camping permission slips. It is May 7th and May 8th and it cost $5.00.