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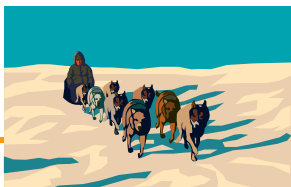
YMCA flyer

**Scholastic Order Forms
Due Next Friday 3/12**

Graded Papers

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Please sign and cut out top right corner of report card and return to class.
- I-STEP is over for March!!
- *Students are responsible* to turn in any late work within 7 days of it's original due date! Assignments more than 7 days late become ZEROS in the grade book!
- Any Scholastic Book Orders need to be turned in by Friday, 3/12
- My email is:
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Let The IditaRead Begin

As many of you probably heard, the Iditarod race started on Saturday with the official race beginning the following day. Each student has been given a musher in the race to learn about. This week we are working on writing a biography on each person. Next, we will write a friendly letter to them as well. I'm hoping we will get some responses back as well!!

On Tuesday, we began tracking the race in our own classroom. Each day a student gets the opportunity to be the meteorologist for the day! They give us an up-

date on how the race is going, who is in first, second, and third place, the weather forecast and temperature.

Monday we started our own Iditarod race, the IditaRead!! Before the race began, we went through the Official 2010 Reader Rules. Students had their dog checked by the veterinarian, Mrs. Ord, to ensure he/she was fit to run the race! The dogs are all on the trail and ready to start! Students are tracking the number of pages they read each day on their own. They are keeping track of this on their Reading Race Log.

For each page they read, it is equal to one mile on

the IditaRead trail. The reader who reaches the finish line first wins!! The total number of miles in the race is 1,049 miles, just like in the Iditarod. I wish each of you readers the best of luck!!
START READING!!

Each student has a copy of the 'Official 2010' rules if you would like to see them. I set it up very similar to that of the official rules of the Iditarod so they could see how they are similar and different.



Wonderful Progress

We have finished our first round of I-STEP. This round is usually the hardest since it contains so many open response questions. Our next round will be multiple choice, but we have a few weeks to refocus and get prepared.

I want to thank each of you for all your help in preparing your child for

this very important test. The students were all well rested and focused for the test. Your words of encouragement filled their hearts and minds. This group seemed more relaxed and at ease than any other group I have tested.

I also wanted to let you know how proud I am of each and everyone of

these kids!! I have re-benchmarked everyone to find their reading level. They are making some great progress!! Each reading group has gone up at least two reading levels!! Everyone's hard work is really paying off!

