

# Business with Buehrer

For the week of February 8, 2010

## Reading

We will read a story called One Grain of Rice from our reading book. Compare/contrast and predicting are the skills associated with this story. Your child will bring home his/her reading textbook on Monday. Please have your son/daughter reread One Grain of Rice on Monday and review the vocabulary words.

When the students bring home their reading books, it is very important that they do not read ahead, as we use the stories to test various reading skills. However, feel free to have your child read and reread previous stories at any time.

## Spelling

A new four-week list of spelling words was sent home last week with the newsletter. Please study these words in preparation for the spelling test on Friday, February 12. We will work on various spelling skills, including editing. The students are responsible for alphabetizing their words in their assignment notebook before Thursday.

## Writing/Language

We will continue to work on our biography report this week by typing our notecards to create a report. It is very important that your child bring his/her biography (wax museum book) to school each day. Your child is bringing home his/her biography folder this weekend. For homework, the students need to finish their notecards (most are already finished) and edit these cards. A copy of the rubric is included with the newsletter. Please help your child finish this project and edit his/her notecards. This portion of the project is due Monday and will be graded this week.

## Cursive Writing

This week, we will continue to practice cursive writing skills by writing words and sentences in cursive. We will begin to use cursive writing more and more in our daily assignments.

## Math

We will continue to review multiplication facts (0-5). Please practice multiplication facts (0-5) at home with your child on a daily basis to help your son/daughter show mastery of multiplication facts. We will also conclude our geometry unit with a test on Friday. Topics included on the test will include perimeter, area, volume, symmetry, congruent, similar, plane shapes, space shapes, patterns, angles, and multiplication. Please see the attached test notice. We will review concepts throughout the week.

## Science

We will continue our unit entitled "Rocks and Minerals." This week, we will continue to learn about various earth materials and observe rocks.

## Social Studies

We will conclude our chapter entitled "Our History Through Time and Place" with an open-book test on Tuesday. We will review this chapter on Monday. Please see the attached notice. Students will be able to use flashcards and textbooks.

## Other Business

Reminder: Remember to check your child's Assignment Notebook on a daily basis

The AR book list can be found at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). Your child needs to bring his/her AR book to school each day, especially on his/her designated day. Remember that you can sign up to receive the results of your child's AR quizzes by following the instructions that were previously sent home.

Our Valentine's Day class party will be Friday, February 12 @ 2:45. Students may bring in valentines for their classmates to school. We will decorate bags at school to use at the party. I will send home a list of names to use when creating classroom valentines.