

Heir Force Community School

7th Grade Newsletter

Date: March 1, 2010

Upcoming Events

March 1st-Bi-Weeklies sent home
March 8th-Field Trip to Boonshoft (4-8)
March 9th-Field Trip to Boonshoft (K-3)
March 12th-3rd Quarter Ends
March 12th-Spring Picture Day
March 12th-Spirit Day

Classroom Dates:

Mar. 2nd – Unit 5: Capitalization and Punctuation Test
Mar. 3rd – Math Test
Mar. 4th – Word Origins, Abbreviations, and Text Features Test
Mar. 5th – Spelling Test
Mar. 5th – Social Studies Test

Important Reminders:

Please have your child bring one box of Kleenex to school. Our classroom is out, and this grade level is responsible for supplying this classroom.

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ATTENTION PARENTS:

What you think matters. Please complete the parent survey on our web site at: www.heirforcecs.com. Click on our Parent Heir Mail link to access the Parent Survey. We want to know how you think we are doing. Please complete this survey by Friday, March 5th.

Your Student's Classes at a Glance:

Reading/Language Arts: Please continue to remind your child to study for all tests and complete and turn in their weekly homework assignments. We are really striving to achieve growth and passing the upcoming Ohio Achievement Assessment. Your child had the opportunity to earn THREE incentives by doing well on this assessment: no uniform for one week, a game day, and a pizza party. Reading scores were greatly improved overall. Please look for more information in the coming week regarding whether or not your child earned these incentives. Students are still given weekly Reading selections with accompanying questions as "seat work", and we review these selections and questions on Fridays in preparation for upcoming tests. When these packets are returned they can be used as great study guides for the upcoming Ohio Achievement Assessment. In Reading this week we will finish studying word origins, text features, and abbreviations. The test over this information will be on Thursday. In Language Arts we finish our unit on capitalization and punctuation with the test on Tuesday, and then we will begin writing another Pen Pal letter. Please be sure to send the bottom portion of the letter you received about the Pen Pal field trip back to me with your child by Friday, so I can start planning this fun and exciting day.

Math: We will finish chapter 10 on probability on Monday. The chapter test will be on Wednesday March 3rd. There are many 7th graders who are not doing their classwork to completion regularly and not studying for tests. Please encourage your child to study their practice test and review material prior to Wednesday's test. Also, we will begin chapter 11 on solving multi-step equations on Thursday.

Science: We are working on our newest chapter which deals with Energy (Physical Science chapter 13). During this chapter we will look at the various forms of energy, energy transformations, and fossil fuels. Some of the key vocabulary words for this chapter include: kinetic energy, potential energy, gravitational potential energy, elastic potential energy, mechanical energy, thermal energy, electrical energy, chemical energy, nuclear energy, and electromagnetic energy. Next week we will have a lab on this material where students will build a balloon powered car that will help to demonstrate energy transformations.

Social Studies: We are finishing chapter 16 this week. This chapter detailed the first Americans. We will learn how farming led to civilizations and cultures based on agriculture and trade in the northern part of the Americas, life in the Americas, and the fall of the early empires. Students are responsible for studying their notes and vocabulary each night. There will be a test on this chapter on Friday, March 5th.

Music: Parents...The SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA will have PARENT ACTS ALSO!! It is going to be on May 7th, 2010. Take time now to start thinking how YOU can take part!!!

Spanish: Students are reviewing for the upcoming weather quiz. Watch the newsletter for dates and a study guide will be sent home. Students are working on a flip book project that is weather related. Students have to describe the pictures using sentences in Spanish.

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