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Hello Parents,

I hope all of you had a good long weekend! It was nice having that extra day off since we had Saturday school. We will have Saturday school again this week. The third make up day will be April 1st. If you know ahead of time your student will not be here, please let me know! Thanks!

What We Are Learning!

Math – In math I have started something really cool. I have paired students up and on Tuesdays and Thursdays I am meeting with half of the students and teaching them the material. They will then go to their partner and teach the material. I mix up who I meet with every time so that each child gets the chance to be the “teacher” and the “student” multiple times. There are a couple benefits to this method. The first is that the best way to make sure a student knows something is to see if they can teach it. Being the “teacher” gives the students the opportunity to make sure they really understand the content. The second benefit I have seen is that it motivates the students. They are excited to teach their peers and those who are the “students” are excited to learn from their peers. It has been really cool to watch. I will of course continue to meet with my daily math groups and make sure each student is getting a fair amount of time and opportunity to learn the material.

ELA – In ELA we are learning about quotes and idioms. We are also reading the book, Blue. This is a historical fiction novel about the Polio epidemic in Hickory, NC. The kids are loving it!

Science – We are learning about rocks and earth material in science. We have done some cool experiments and will now move on to learning about the rock cycle.

Important Announcements!

Report Cards – Something happened with my quarter 2 report cards in December. Some of them were fine, and others misprinted. If I have already contacted you and talked to you about the mistake then please know your student’s actual grades will be reflected in their progress reports which will come home soon. If I haven’t spoken to you about this, then that means your student’s report card was correct.

Have a great week!

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