



News From Borlaug Fourth Grade

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Dear Families,

This has been quite the winter! Hopefully the temperatures will start to rise and the snow will stop falling soon! We look forward to continuing our work with our students this spring and appreciate all you do to help them be their Borlaug Best!

Please remember that as the weather gets more pleasant, keeping routines will help your child continue to be successful in school. Encouraging your child to read most nights and fill out his or her HRA log, as well as asking about other homework, will help keep him or her on track!

Curriculum Updates

Language Arts:

We are finishing up our reading unit called "Change is All Around." The main idea of the unit was that change happens to us and because of us. As we read our weekly stories, we discussed the changes that the characters experienced, as well as if they were the cause for that change.

As we enter our Common Core week, our primary focus will be to continue our state research writing. The students are doing a nice job of taking notes. We will begin to turn them into paragraphs soon.

Please talk with your child about his or her reading goal for March.

Math:

Our students are showing good understanding of Topic 9, "Addition and Subtraction of Fractions." We will be working this week on adding and subtracting mixed numbers. We will take our Topic 9 test later this week. Topic 10 is a shorter unit and discusses multiplication of fractions.



Dates to Remember

March 4 NO SCHOOL
Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 5 PTO Meeting
(6:30 in Borlaug Library)

March 7 State Floats Due

March 8 Parade of States (9:30 am)
***Parents are welcome to attend
anytime from 9:30-10:30 in the lunch
room!**

March 18-22 NO SCHOOL
Spring Break!

March 29 Borlaug International Night
(6:00-7:30 pm)



Science:

We will wrap up our "Energy" unit this week. The students have enjoyed discussing and experience energy transfer in different ways, beginning with circuits and ending with waves.

Social Studies:

Our main focus over the past few weeks has been our state project. Your child should have brought home an explanation for the "state float" project. This is due on Thursday, March 7 and we will present our work the next day. Please check in with your child about his or her ideas on the state float and what he or she needs to be successful. Last year's fourth graders really enjoyed this project and did great work!