



News From Borlaug Fourth Grade

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Dear Families,

It was a pleasure meeting with our families for parent-teacher conferences the last two weeks. We look forward to continuing our work with your child 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 have completed our reading unit called "Change is All Around." The big 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.

This week was our Common Core week. Our primary focus was to continue our state research writing. The students are doing a nice job of taking their notes and turning them into paragraphs.

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

Math:

We were able to work quickly through Topic 10, "Multiplying Fractions by Whole Numbers." We will test early this week. Next, we will start work on a short supporting topic on line plots as a way to represent data. Topic 11 will be about understanding and comparing decimals and their relation to fractions.



Dates to Remember

- March 6** PTO Meeting (6:30 in Borlaug Library)
- March 8** State Floats Due
- March 9** Parade of States (9:30 am)
Spirit Day- Disney Day
- March 12-16** **NO SCHOOL**
Spring Break!
- March 23**
Borlaug International Night (6:00-7:30 pm)



Science:

We have wrapped up our "Energy" unit. 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 a packet explaining the "state float" project. This is due on Thursday, March 8 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!