Creekside Elementary

P-4

 February 2020

**Curriculum Notes:**

**Writing**

During the month of February we will continue writing opinion essays. Currently, we are writing our first paper and when that one is finished, we’ll start another one. While they are writing I will be working with individual students and small groups to give them more instruction in their area of need.

**Reading**

The second round of Fountas and Pinnell tests will start this week. This will take the entire month of February. When not testing, the students will be finishing their work on studying nonfiction text

**Math**

This week we are starting Module 4. This module continues our work on multiplication by finding the area of a shape. The students will discover that rectangles that have a measurement of 6X6, 9X4, and 3X12 each have the same area. Later in the module, we will learn how to measure irregular shapes. The Parent Tip Sheet can be found on our class website.

**Science**

We are almost finished studying Rocks and Minerals. The students have learned the properties of rocks, how they are identified, and completed experiments to help us identify minerals. When we return from winter break we will begin our study of the Natives of the Pacific Northwest Coast.

**Cultural Fair**

Mark your calendar for February 6th at 5:30 pm and come enjoy an evening of learning through your sense of sight and taste! The Creekside Cultural Fair is a school community event where families learn about our school’s diversity. In this event, different countries are represented in booths that display information about their country, like: People, Places, Sites, Traditions, Heritage, Sports, Food, Art, etc.

**![C:\Users\MeltonG\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\KALLS9MV\MC900412718[1].wmf]()Valentine’s Day**

We will exchange valentine cards and participate in friendship-building activities. We will decorate our valentine holders in class. Students can bring valentines to school on Friday, February 14th. If your child chooses to participate, please send one valentine for each child in our classroom to avoid hurt feelings. A class list is included at the end of this newsletter.

**Science and Technology Magnet Program**

Families of current third graders:  Are you interested in enrolling your student in our [Science Technology Magnet Program](http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/programs/ScienceTech%20)? The Issaquah School District offers three programs serving 4th and 5th grade students in unique multi-age classrooms. Each magnet serves 50+ students in a two-year program. Each program covers all standard 4/5 district adopted curriculum, with an added emphasis on science and technology. Grade specific math instruction is provided.

Families interested in enrolling their student in this program must attend a [mandatory informational meeting](http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/programs/ScienceTech/program%20)—unless they have previously had a student enrolled in this program.  Informational meetings will be held at Cascade Ridge on Thursday, February 27th, at Briarwood on Thursday, March 5th, and at Clark on Monday, March 9th.  All meetings are scheduled for 6:00-7:00 pm. Applications must be turned in by Monday, April 20th, 2020.

Have a wonderful month!

Amber Bulmer ☺

On February 14th we will have a Valentine card exchange. If you wish to participate, a card must be given to each child in the classroom (22 students). Below is a class list.

Logan

Sophie

Prabhav

Sofia

Ellie

Viraj

Verena

Taylor

Maxxon

Audrey

Kiah

Derek

Devin

Jackson

Varun

Alina

Eva

Patrick

Brian

Meghan

Katherine

Selena