

News from Grade Four

Mrs. BJ Diller



February 7, 2008

Upcoming Dates to Remember--

- February 12 - Reading is Fun (R.I.F.) + Crazy Shoe and Sock Day
Black History Month Assembly
- February 15 - 2nd Trimester Ends
- February 18 - President's Day
- February 19 - Non Student Contact Day
- February 21 - Report Cards Sent Home
- February 25 & 26 - Conferences (teacher or parent requested)

Library Books!!

- Mrs. Diller - Mondays
9:00-9:40
- Mrs. Schiller - Tuesdays
9:00-9:40

Writers and Readers Workshop

CHECK OUT OUR HALLWAY FOR NEW STUDENT WORK

Reading logs need to be turned in each Friday (30 minutes of reading Monday through Thursday required).



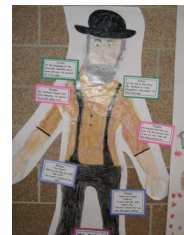
During February, we continue to explore Fiction Reading and Narrative Writing

Reading Workshop--Helping students understand story characteristics and struc-

ture helps them anticipate what to expect when they read. During Reading Workshop students study literary elements and develop deeper understanding of comprehension strategies, such as summarizing, making inferences, predicting and confirming, asking questions, and determining important ideas, as they read increasingly more difficult books.

Writing Workshop--Students write short fiction by collecting ideas in their writing notebooks and developing those ideas into stories by building characters and creating settings. Students learn about story structure to organize their plot lines and use author crafts and techniques to write scenes, develop characters, and ground action and dialogue.

Check out our character studies under the stairway in our 3/4/5 Pod!



Literature Circles build excitement for books--Students participate daily in our literature circles, where they rotate jobs of the checker, literary luminary, vocabulary enricher, and discussion director.

Spelling

Spelling packets are taken home each Monday by students for completion at home. Packets are to be returned on Thursdays. Students are responsible for learning their spelling words for a written test on either Thursdays or Fridays.

Pathways to Curriculum & Newsletter:



Curriculum for Literacy--

<http://www.dpsk12.org/>

- Click on Parents & Students
- Under Enrollment and District Info, Click DPS Curriculum, which will take you to the Curriculum & Instruction Page
- Scroll down to Grade 4 under the Literacy column and explore our units

Teacher Webpages on School Website--

<http://billroberts.dpsk12.org/>

Go to the bottom of the page to click on

[Faculty and Staff](#)

- Click on BJ Diller to find the current Grade 4 newsletter for our Literacy Block

Twins Day Sponsored by our Student Council



Everyday Math

Please continue to help your students practice multiplication and division facts.

Multiplication Tables:

<http://www.quia.com/jg/65626.html>

Gamequarium:

<http://www.gamequarium.com/mixedpractice.html>

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