

# AnnaMae's Crew Weekly Newsletter



April 16, 2010

Sorry... I tried to have pictures here like the usual... but we just got word on our macs and for some reason when I convert it to a .pdf so you can open it... the file size is too large to attach. I will try meeting with our tech people to see what I can do to crunch the size down... if you have experience/ideas... I'd love to hear them!

Hello Families!

We've started the pre-planning for our vehicle commercials. Students are brainstorming the three main ideas that "drive" the production of a commercial or advertisement- position, target, and features/benefits... I have included more information about this in their Friday homework. Students are working hard on getting their vehicle structures built in art so we can get on to the paper mache-ing, painting, and then, when their commercial story boards are ready, they will start filming! We do have parents lined up to help this next Monday for art... But we are in need of parents to come and help with an extra art on Wednesday morning (April 21<sup>st</sup>) from 9:00-10:00 - if you can come... let me know. We have many students are working on their final copies of their transportation writing and some who have started their illustrations. What hard workers!

For Daily 5, we refreshed our minds on a reading strategy that most students started using last year when we worked really hard on the phonograms. It is under Accuracy on our CAFÉ board and is called "Flip The Sound." This is usually used with vowels... but there are also many multiple letter phonograms that this strategy can help with. We've been strengthening and building on our understanding of place value in Math this week. We also learned about three new math symbols: > greater than, < less than, and = equal to.

Friday homework should be in their backpacks. It will be due next **Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

We have run out of Kleenexes... if you could send in a box that would be great (if I get a surplus... I'll send them home again.)

Many students have expressed to me that they don't like the taste of the water at school. I have suggested to them that can bring their waterbottle home each night, rinse it, fill it, and bring it back with water from home. If your child decides to bring home their waterbottle, please help them remember to get it back to school the next day... we don't have drinking fountains near our cabin and it is really important that they get plenty to drink.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can most easily be reached via e-mail at: [annamae@schoolcraft.org](mailto:annamae@schoolcraft.org) I can also be reached via phone by calling the main Schoolcraft number at 218-586-3284.

Thanks!!

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## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER...

Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - 9-10a parents needed to help with paper mache in art

Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> - 4p Brigid's SLC Open Mic (see yellow note in their backpacks for more information)

Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 1:30p K-3 DANCE

Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30p Spring Concert

Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> - 5-6p 1st Grade Celebration

Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - No School K-5

Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Last Day of School

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!

Orion Montgomery - April 9<sup>th</sup>