

4th Grade March News

It's almost Springtime and we are excited for fresh air. Please continue to watch the weather and help your child dress appropriate for school. As you know there are or will be days when we still need hats, coats, and gloves.

It's ISTEP time too! 4th grade will be taking ISTEP on March 7, and 8th in the mornings. Please do what you can to have your child here and on time. We will be starting promptly when school starts. Statistically students will have higher scores if they test when the rest of the class tests rather than taking a makeup test at a different time so we urge you to move doctor appointments if you can.

Here are some other helpful tips for ISTEP success

- Get a good night's sleep 8-10 hours
- Eat a nutritious breakfast.
- Wear comfortable loose fitting clothing
- If your child wears glasses make sure they get to school on testing days
- Encourage them to do their best and take their time on the test
- Plan evenings on testing days that are relaxing and not stressful.

We will not be sending homework home on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

The end of the nine weeks is March 10, 2016. We still have several students that need to get their Reading Counts points. They should have 20 points for this nine weeks.

Reminder that weekly Reading Skills and Spelling words can be found on the school website under the 4th grade tab. There is also a link to Mrs. Stewart-Merryman's Spelling City page that can be used to practice spelling words. You can also find links to IXL Language Arts and Math on the school home page. There are great places to reinforce skills that students may be struggling with. If you are curious about any areas that your child needs practice in please let his/her teacher know. They will be glad to give you some suggestions.

March Dates to Remember

7	Istep
8	Istep
10	End of grading period
16	Music Program
20-24	Flex Week for Snow Days
27-31	Spring Break