



# Mrs. Gurd's 4th Grade

February 2, 2009

## Dates to Remember:

- Feb 11-Early Release
- Feb 12-PTA Meeting
- Feb 13- Valentine's Day Snack and passing of Valentines at 1:15-if you would like to send something in, other than Valentines, please contact me first so we do not have too much!
- Feb 16- \$5.00 due for trip
- March 2- Progress Reports
- March 4-Field trip
- March 6-No school
- March 13- School Pictures

## Happy Birthday...



- Chandler- Dec 6
- Kennedi- Dec 20
- Hailey- Jan 25

## Terrific Kids...

- Jhonatan
- Will
- Leith
- Caitlyn
- AJ
- Grant
- Kara
- Hector
- Luke
- Chris
- Hailey
- Kennedi
- Alexis
- Matthew

## At the half...

*It is hard to believe but we are at the half way mark this year. This has been such an amazing year so far. I have seen so much growth and change in our class. They have truly changed academically and socially by leaps and bounds. They have merged as a family and become very loving and caring towards each other. I love to sit and watch them help each other and cheer for each other every day. We have been very busy in the room in the past few months. We had a wonderful treat before leaving for our winter break. Thank you so much to Lisa Price, Linda Rhodes, Debbie Everette, and all the other many parents who sent goodies in! We had so much food!!! I also want to personally thank everyone for the wonderful gifts, I have enjoyed everything you were so kind to give me. My family has also enjoyed them-especially the sweet treats! We are moving into a tiring part of the year and I want*

*to make sure we all stay motivated and positive as possible. Please help me make sure if our students are having a problem with a classmate or with me they come and talk to me. I am a big believer in solving small problems before they become big ones and I do ask the students to try to solve conflicts together but I am always happy to listen and help in anyway I can. I do not tolerate any bullying or excessive picking and I do need to know about these things.*



*I want to give you all a preview of the next few weeks of our year. We will be preparing for our trip to Raleigh in social studies by learning about our government and how it came to be the government we all know of today. To everyone's delight (including*

*mine!) we are moving away from division and into a great unit on geometry. Geometry is a fun, more relaxing unit. However, it is full of vocabulary the students will see again so it is important they study the vocabulary cards we will be making each and every night. We will also start our nutrition unit in science and learn about food groups and reading a food label. We are working on our reading strategies to make us stronger readers each and every day. Please continue to read nightly and **initial planners EVERY night!** Practice makes perfect! Talk about what your child is thinking about when they read-the plot, characters, theme, questioning, making connections...those are a few of the things they should tell you about! Thank you so much for such an wonderful half and I am very excited about the second half...this is the part where we will see the victory at the end!*

**Raleigh NC Trip  
March 4, 2009  
7:45-5:00**

Students will need to be at school by 7:45 if car riders, bus riders can ride the bus.

Parents will need to be at school at 5 to pick up.

Please wear a sweat shirt and remember...you have to carry everything you bring ALL day!

Please help me....

- ...by always initialing planners every night (except Fridays).
- ...by joining our amazing PTA. Dues are \$5.00-we need you!
- ...by sending in supplies anytime you are able, we always need them!
- ...by signing and returning anything on the right hand side of the green communication folder, along with the back of the folder.
- ... with paying school fees, if you haven't already, as soon as possible.
- ...by letting me know if there is a concern or question immediately by leaving a phone message or an email.

Thank you for all you do to help support me in supporting our children in being and doing their very best!