

## Notes from the Principal's Desk

Dear Highview Learning Community,

Just as we expect our students to be learning everyday, our teachers are learning too. Highview teachers have had the opportunity attend professional development sessions this year focusing on Math and Reading. Highview is fortunate to be the recipient of the Reading First grant. Reading First is a grant from the state of Ohio that allocates money for us to use for instructional supplies for our students and professional development opportunities for our teachers. Every Highview teacher attends a Reading professional development session once a month. This year the focus of these sessions is Reading comprehension and vocabulary. The teachers are able to take what they learn during these sessions

and bring it back to apply to the teaching in their classrooms. Math professional developments sessions for the teachers have been happening monthly as well. Teachers are able to meet and learn about the new Investigations program and gather ideas for presenting Math concepts that they can take back to their classrooms and use the next day! It is so important for everyone to continue learning. Highview teachers model it for their students everyday! So, not only are the students learning, but the teachers are as well! What a great lesson for all of us, never stop learning!!

Have a great March,  
Ms. Stokes

## Don't Miss from Mrs. Deaton!!



As some of you may know, I had to have emergency surgery in the middle of February. I am hoping to be back to work in a couple of weeks, so I ask for your patience with the office staff while I am gone and also when I return. I promise to do everything I can to get everything back up to speed as soon as possible.

Please don't forget that we have a Behavior Incentive planned for the end of the month. Students who have been following our school rules, at school and on the bus, will be invited to a skating party at Skateway! Every invited student can bring up to \$5.00 to use to purchase glow sticks, a drink, etc. Please remind your student to follow all the school rules so they can attend this fun party.

Mrs. Deaton

## Notes from the Music Room

The fifth-grade World Music Concert scheduled for February 23, 2010 has been rescheduled for March 16, 2010. Two notices have already been sent home. The change was due to so many snow days and delays.

Every time there is a delay, special area teachers (music, gym and art) do not see Highview's fourth-grade and fifth-grade.

To all Highview families: your child should be able to sing the first verse of "America", "God Bless America" and for the upper grades, our nation's National Anthem.

It is an honor and pleasure to teach your students.

## Kind-hearted Kindergartners

Our Kindergartners will be working on a reading unit of study called Down on the Farm. We will learn what happens on the farm, and will learn about the people and animals that live there. We will read fiction and non-fiction books about farms.

Our Math focus will continue to be geometry. We will continue learning about 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes. We are playing some fun shape games, and making beautiful pattern block shape pictures.

March is Right to Read Month. We will be doing some fun activities with Dr. Seuss books. As always, we will read, read, read! Please read to your child at home and go to the library. Being a life-long learner is what it's all about!!

## Fabulous First Graders



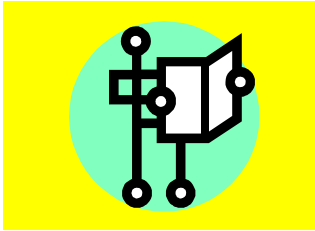
*Childhood is a  
journey, not a  
race.*

Is there a Dr. in the house? There is in first grade! We love to celebrate Dr. Seuss with all of his many stories and characters. We will be reading some of his well loved stories as well as some not quite so famous. The children will get a chance to do some deep thinking as the good Dr. sends a valuable lesson in almost every story. They will learn about integrity, respect, making peace, and environmental issues. Do you remember your favorite Seuss character? Be sure to share that with your child. We will have some fun literacy activities that will make these stories and lessons a wonderful first grade memory. Please take the time to read at least one of his stories together. You will be glad you did.

## Fantastic Fourth Grade

The Fabulous Fourth Graders want to thank all of the families who brought in treats for Valentine's Day! Reading reminder: Please make sure that your child is reading everyday! This does not always mean that they have to do their reading independently. Reading to a sibling is a great way to gain fluency! Your child can also read to you or you can read to them! Keep on reading! In math, we are continuing our work with fractions and decimals. Please have a look at your math student handbook (starting on page 53) to see

what we are working on. Thank you for all that you do to support learning at school!!



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## Pearls from P.E.

Mr. Horton would like to remind all our Highview families that Hoop for Heart will start on March 4, 5, and 10 (depending on the day your class attends PE). Jump for Heart will start on March 1 – 5. Please plan to support these worthy causes and keep our kids moving and healthy!

## News from Your PTO

March 8th - PTO meeting, 4pm

March 8th - Highview Skateway night, 6:00- 8:00

March 22-26 - Spirit Week, (More details at a later date)

March 15-19 - Book Fair, during school

As always, keep clipping and turning in your Box Tops. We appreciate your continued support with this. Thanks.

Have a great Spring Break!