

a note from:

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Thought for the day:

I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught. ~Winston Churchill

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Dear Parents,

Thank you, very much, for taking the time to meet with me to discuss your child's progress during the first trimester. It is always a pleasure to meet with you and share information about your child's academic growth and future academic goals. Should concerns or questions arise as our school year continues, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your child's academic progress is optimized when we work together as a team.

This week has been very busy. Our field trip to Bidwell Mansion was outstanding. Students learned about the founding father of Chico, John Bidwell. We toured the mansion and saw some very interesting items from long ago. After our tour, students learned about the California gold rush. Students also had an opportunity to practice panning for real gold using gold pans. Our collection of mini gold flakes will be awarded to students at a later date. Thank you to Mr. Martinez and Mrs. Miller for helping on our field trip.

In science we have been continuing our study of matter. Students have learned about the building blocks of matter and the matter can change (physical change and chemical change). We completed a mini lab in class to demonstrate a chemical change by dipping an old penny in a mixture of vinegar and salt. Students observed properties of the penny before and after and had an opportunity to draw a conclusion as to what happened.

In math, we have continued to develop the concept of multiplication through small group activities, using real world applications. Students have also practiced the strategy of skip counting. Timed math multiplication fact tests will begin in approximately two weeks. Students will be bringing home mini flash cards to help them study.

Next week, Miss Young will begin her two-week solo teaching period under my supervision. I will oversee her lesson planning and instruction. This is her final step before qualifying for her teaching credential. She will do an outstanding job! If you have any questions, please stop by, email or call.

Monday, November 10th, is our field trip to the CSI:Science performance at Laxson Auditorium. Also, there is NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, November 11th, for the observance of Veteran's Day.

Have a great week!

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Weekly Report # 13

Homework	Science/Social Studies	Attitude/Work Habits	Comments:
Thursday	Vocabulary- Elements	Outstanding	
Monday	Vocabulary-Changes	Acceptable	
Tuesday	Bidwell Web	Improving	
Wednesday		Needs Improvement	
Math	Written Language	Citizenship	
Friendship Problem	Work From Mrs. Ross	Outstanding	
Math Page		Acceptable	
Wheel Problem		Needs Improvement	
Reading Counts Points			
___/3	(20 points due by 2/27/09)		
Language Arts			
Spelling Workbook	Grammar Worksheet	Pen Pal Letter	
Spelling Test	Interactive Text		

Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Please sign and return , **Thank you!**