

The Trujillo Times
February 5, 2016

The Week: We finished our review on Chapters 13 and 14 in Math and will be taking the test on Monday. Your children have a review sheet so please be sure they prepare over the weekend. In Language Arts we continued working on comparing Martin Luther King Jr. to Thurgood Marshall. We finished Chapter 3 in Science and will be moving on to Chapter 4 on Monday, which is all about the sun and stars.

We have been reading one of my favorite books, Island of the Blue Dolphins, each day during snack. At the end of each chapter we write a short summary so that once we finish the book, the class can write a longer summary of the entire story.

Ms. Sasha and Ms. Sheriza taught on very good lesson about bullying during P.E. on Thursday and afterwards the class had a lengthy discussion on various experiences. This is a subject that is close to my heart as when I was younger many people teased me and said very mean things. I told the children about many of my experiences so they would understand that words can hurt many years after they've been said. I spoke to them of the importance of being kind whenever possible, even to those people you may not like.

Word of the Week: Understanding. A willingness to understand people's behaviors and forgive them. This goes along perfectly with the health lesson this week. Please be sure to discuss with your children this weekend about what it means to be understanding of the feelings of other people.

Reminders:

→ There will be a Math test on perimeter and area, polygons, and angles this **Monday, February 8th**.

→ Report cards went home yesterday. Please be sure to sign and return as soon as possible!

→ The 100th day of school will be on **Monday, February 8th**. If you did not bring in any food items and would still like to, we will still be glad to take them on Monday!

→ Don't forget about the Box Tops competition. All Box Tops will be due by **February 19th** and bags need to be labeled with our grade level. The winning class will receive a popcorn party!

→ The annual 5 points of life kids' marathon will be held on **Saturday, February 20th**. Register now if you and your child wish to participate.

→ Continue to practice those basic math facts at home, especially multiplication. I will be sending home a new speed drill packet every Tuesday from now on. This packet will be due by the following Monday.

Trivia Question: Answer the following question for **10 credits!!!** Write your answer somewhere on this newsletter. Your parents may (and are encouraged) to help you.

"The fearsome and wily dragon, Smaug, appears in which famous novel that now has a movie adaptation?"

Spelling List (Academic Language Arts Words)

appendix	encyclopedia	fable	glossary	illustration
brainstorm	theme	summarize	fantasy	myth

This section is for you! Feel free to write any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. **Please sign and return!**

Signature: _____