Dear Families,

Wow! I am so incredibly grateful for all of the thoughtful cards, fruit, flowers and other gifts I received last week. Endeavour is a great community and I feel fortunate to be part of it. You are your child’s first teacher so thank you for all that you do! Here’s a snapshot of what’s happening in Room 107...

Reading: This week, students will be working in literature groups as they read various pioneer novels. As students are reading, not only will they learning about life during pioneer times, but also important reading skills, such as main idea, theme, sequencing, analyzing character and compare and contrast. Be sure to ask your child about his/her book sometime this week!

Writing: Our study of Fairy Tales also begins this week. During the unit, students will write adaptations of two different fairy tales and then write their own original fairy tale. We will start by studying classic fairy tales and read different versions of the same tale. Then we will explore the ways authors adapt fairy tales, such as changing the character, the setting, some of the events in the story or possibly the character’s motivation. This is a fun unit and I look forward to seeing what they produce!

Math: We are moving on to Unit 9, which teaches two digit by one digit multiplication. In addition to reviewing and practicing fact extensions, students will learn two different ways to multiply: the partial products method and the traditional algorithm. Please see the Family Letter on our class website for more details.

Science: We wrapped up our weather unit with a fun activity where students researched a weather event in groups and created a weather report using the iPads. They did a fabulous job!

Social Studies: Our unit on pioneers kicked off on Friday with a visit by the Toy Man. It was fabulous! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped out during the workshop. During the unit, students will be grouped in “families” who journey to Oregon as they learn why settlers moved west, the hardships along the Oregon Trail, and about daily life in pioneer times. This is a really fun unit that students love!

Happy Mother’s Day to all of you Moms! Have a GREAT week!

Diana Brown

Important Dates
5/30 Memorial Day, No School
6/3 All library books due
6/3 Story quilt project due (more details to come soon)

Math Facts
We are having weekly quizzes on multiplication facts every Friday. Please help your child remember to practice during the week. The goal is to know 20 in one minute. Knowing their facts will really help them in future math studies.

Your child is also welcome to take Math Magician tests at home and either print off the certificate or send me an email to let me know which facts were mastered. If typing speed is an issue, it is fine to have an adult type the facts while the student says them orally. Thank you for helping with this!

Questions to Ask Your Child
- What are alliteration and onomatopoeia? Can you give me examples?
- Can you describe the three main types of clouds? (Hint: cirrus, cumulous, and stratus).
- Where do you usually find the main idea of a text?
- How can knowing a basic multiplication fact (e.g. 4 x 6) help you with harder problems (e.g. 40 x 6)?