

# Northside News 4

April 8, 2008

## Math

We are reviewing all TEKS/TAKS objectives. We will continue to work on problem solving, basic facts, and math enrichment.

\*Continue to work on Multiplication facts (0-12) at home.

\*Continue to practice telling time and understanding time at home.

\*Continue to discuss with your child math in everyday situations.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math TAKS Test- April 29<sup>th</sup>**

## Social Studies

This month we will continue our focus on "The Rise of the Lone Star State." We will learn about the events that led to Texas becoming the 28<sup>th</sup> state. We will also continue to discuss the vast land of Texas and how it was used to attract people to the area.



## Important Dates

April 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math TAKS

April 14 – 18 – BOOK FAIR in Library

April 15 – Donuts for Dad from 7:00 – 8:15

April 16 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch with Loved Ones

April 17 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch with Loved Ones

April 18 – Movie Day

April 25 – Music Program (9:00- 5<sup>th</sup> grade) (2:30 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade)

April 29 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math TAKS

April 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Reading TAKS/5<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Re-test

May 1 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science TAKS

## Science

This month we will continue our study on Earth Science. By the end of this study, your child should know these concepts: weather affects our lives; patterns of weather can be predicted; forces of wind and water cause weathering and erosion; the surface of the earth is constantly changing; and that natural resources are materials in nature that are useful to people.

## Reading

The Reading TAKS Test is just around the corner so our students are very busy in preparation. Extra tutoring sessions are taking place for students that have shown weakness in certain areas. Test preparation booklets have been sent home with students who had difficulty with our last Reading Benchmark test. The information in the booklet explains every reading objective and is an extremely helpful tool for the parents to use while helping their student at home. Please remind your child of the necessity of reading each story carefully and more than one time. Their hard work and perseverance will pay off. Thank you for your continued support!

## Writing

Non-fiction reports and note taking skills will continue to be a major focus of our writing class. Persuasive writing will be introduced. The students will research one of their favorite authors. Our poetry unit will also continue throughout the month. Beginning April 2 all spelling tests must be written in their best cursive handwriting. Please practice spelling at home in cursive.

