

# Lighthouse School® 200 Cluster Newsletter February 2010



## *Notes from the Homeroom:*

“Wise choices” earn the tokens to participate in many Lighthouse School functions. This month for the mere cost of 200 “wise choices,” students were able to participate in an afternoon outdoors with staff and friends playing kickball, tag, ice games and playground activities. Fresh air, challenges, fun and friendship encompassed this energetic afternoon for those students motivated to spend their tokens to enjoy this activity. Children learn so much about people from their friendships and interactions during this type of adventure.

Our Community Therapist, Mrs. Holt, toured the Chelmsford Public Library with students as they practiced locating books and enjoying them with their peers. Their behaviors and manners in public were impeccable as they eagerly absorbed every bit of information offered.

Mrs. Holt also encouraged teamwork and sportsmanship for an outdoor winter scavenger hunt on Lighthouse School property. Attached to this letter is a copy of what students needed to find. Perhaps you might want to use this at your home with your children and ask, “What can you find in your backyard?”

Currently in Science, students are discovering the solar system, stars and meteors. Students’ creativity abounds as they make star boxes, mold planets from clay, pretend to be the orbiting planets and make exhibits of planetary mobiles.

ELA with Mrs. Hess incorporates the identification of adjectives as well as reading comprehension by answering “wh” questions after reading The Hat and the Umbrella.

Ms. Camasso as the Math teacher for 203 and 204 has been a successful transition. Work completion, time telling, money counting and temperature reading have been the major emphasis in her classes.

Math with Mrs. Barmash included concepts of elapsed time, multi digit multiplication, division with and without remainders and fractions.

History with Mrs. Young is very diversified. Community signs, workers and places are explored for some students, while the study of the seven continents continues for others. This month’s focus included the maps and flags of South Asia/India and Europe. Some classes have also been working on research projects of famous people in history such as Ben Franklin and his inventions or Paul Revere and his part in the American Revolution. Included also this month were Social Studies topics such as President’s Day and the Chinese New Year. Ask your child what animal represents this year on the Chinese Zodiac. (Just in case they don’t remember it’s the Year of the Tiger.)

### Upcoming events in March include:

- “Read Across America” - Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- The movie “Wall-E” in the gym... cost 300 tokens
- Scholastic Book Fair... cost approx. 500 tokens

As always, until next time, we wish you a safe and healthy month and hope you encourage your children to make “wise choices.”