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**Writing:**  Students are working on reading non-fiction articles and writing article summaries.

**Reading/Skills:** Students have been reading fiction stories about wolves. Students are working on close reading, which means reading a text multiple times for different purposes. Students are answering questions based on the text. Soon, we will start working with non-fiction texts about wolves.

**Math:** We will be starting work on fractions soon. Please continue to help your student practice multiplication facts at home – memorization of multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 is the goal.

**Social Studies:** We will be starting a unit of study on the regions of the United States, which will focus on the geography, history, cultures, and people of 5 regions of the United States: The Northeast, the Southeast, the Midwest, the Southwest, and the West.

**What We’ve Been Busy Doing:**

Third Grade Performance:

The third grade music performance will be about Objects in the Sky. This performance will occur on Fri. Feb. 21 from 11:00 – 11:40 a.m. in the auditorium. Please attend!

Homework Routines:

One of the main purposes of homework assignments in elementary school is to help students develop study skills habits that can last throughout their years in school.

Developing these habits early provides benefits for students as they get older and schoolwork increases in difficulty.

As your child works on choices from the homework choice menu, it is recommended that:

* Time is set aside during the week for homework, as a part of students’ weekly routine at home, in each home for students who spend time in more than one household.
* Students have a designated place, such as a well-lit desk or table, where homework is completed, to help develop a routine.
* Reading is an expected part of students’ home routines, not necessarily included as “homework,” but rather a natural part of the evening. It is always excellent to ask students to tell you about what they have read. You can even read the same text and ask your student questions based on the text.

**Valentine’s Day:**

If your child wants to bring Valentines for classmates, there are 23 students in class. It will be easiest to distribute them if your child just signs them “from Anna” rather than “To Sofia From Anna.” This will make distribution easier. Cards and small treats can be sent to school on Feb. 13 for students’ Valentine bags. We will decorate lunch sacks in class to collect Valentines. Please do not send Valentine collection boxes from home.

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