

# Mrs. M<sup>a</sup>cDonald's Intermediate Classroom

## Snow Day



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What a crazy week. A delayed start, a snow day, another delay and then finally a full day of school. To make the confusion even crazier, Channel 7 wrongly reported that The Academy was open but MIM was on a delay. PLEASE do not depend on channel seven. They are having issues with their website and their information. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about it. For the most part, I will always try to email you as soon as I get the information. This should be somewhat helpful.

Despite the delays and days off, we accomplished a great deal this week. We worked on math skills and test taking skills. Students were given math problems that involved choosing the correct answer. They were given three possible answers and a fourth option of "ANSWER NOT GIVEN." This is one of the first times that they have encountered problems like this. (However, this will come up in many standardized testing situations from now through SAT's.) We discussed test-taking strategies of selecting the NOT GIVEN option. If the answer appears to not be given, I would first rework the problem to be sure that a mistake was not made... then choose the Not Given option. On Wednesday when we first tried this format, many students second guessed themselves and chose an answer near their answer instead of choosing the not given option. For example if the problem was  $12-5=$  and they worked the problem out to be 7 but the choices were 17, 13, 8 or not given, many chose 8 and just thought they subtracted wrong. Afterwards, we went over all the problems as a class and showed how to make the best choices. This was a great practice situation for our upcoming IOWA testing, as well as preparing students for future testing situations.

This coming week is going to go by very quickly. There is no school on Monday and Friday is an early dismissal day. We will be working on our economy unit and finalizing advertisements and products.

### IMPORTANT Dates:

- No School February 18th, Presidents Day
- Early Dismissal Friday, 11:30
- Economy Shop February 28-29
- Report cards come home March 3,
- Conferences can be scheduled for March 7 **See attached Form**
- GALA is March 15th
- IOWA Testing is March 11-14, please try not to schedule appointments for this week, especially mornings.

On March 3rd, Report Cards for the second trimester will be coming home.

March 7th is designated as a Parent-Teacher Conference day for anyone that would like to have a second conference.

I welcome the opportunity to share what your child has been doing in school and encourage you to sign up for a convenient time.

Many of you I see each day, so you may not feel that a conference is necessary. This is up to you. Also, keep in mind that I will be asking you to meet with me briefly once IOWA test results are returned in April.

Conferences will be held from 7:45- 3:00. If you need a different time, please note that on the response sheet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to have a conference on March 7th.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not feel we need to conference at this time.

The best time for me is :

Between 7:45-8:45 \_\_\_\_\_

Between 9:00- 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Between 10:00—11:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Between 11:00—12:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Between 12:00—1:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Between 1:00—2:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Between 2:00—3:00 \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to meet, but need an evening time on March 6th.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-7

\_\_\_\_\_ 7-7:30