

# THE ACADEMY

## Mrs. MacDonald's Intermediate Class

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**Math:** This week we worked a bit more on equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. Recognizing divisibility is important in order to reduce fractions. The more familiar students are with their facts, the more successful they are in completing these tasks.

**Economy:** We have been learning about money and the economy. This ties in nicely with addition and subtraction of decimals. Students have been learning about wants and needs, necessities and luxuries, taxes, bartering and money.

**United States:** Students have been given a pre-test of the 50 states. We will be working on learning the names and locations of the 50 states. We will be using a practice game that students are encouraged to try at home. It is [http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web\\_games.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games.htm)

**Language Arts:** Students did a different type of writing this week. We call them "Spill—s—Stories." Ask your child about them.

We worked on "Spill-a-Stories" alone and then worked with the AM and PM kindergarten to help them on their writing skills. It was a successful activity.

We will be having an overnight field trip to The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. This trip will allow us to use the museum at night. We will be dismissed from the museum at 7:30 am the following day. There will not be classes at school on April 24th due to the overnight of learning. (More information including a permission slip will be coming home soon.)

On that Sunday, the 26th, there will be an afternoon of science where students will present or display the science projects that they will be working on AT SCHOOL. Please do not stress over this project, it will be a research based project with work completed at school.

One of the EXTRA's this year is the yearbook! Flyers came home last week advertising a FULL-Color yearbook! Grades K-8 will be featured in our yearbook! Get your order in soon.



### Important Dates

- Spring break will begin on April 3rd
- School will resume on April 13th, this is a day of school to make up for the snow and wind days we had
- Overnight to Boonshoft April 23
- Science Displays April 26th

## Homework for the week of March 23rd

**Monday:** Wordly Wise Unit 10– look over this week's words. Become familiar with the definitions. Write a paragraph using at least 10 of the words. This work should be in cursive and skip a line.

**Tuesday:** Reading assignment

**Wednesday:** Math Practice

**Thursday:** Practice wordly wise for a definition test on Friday.

Try to practice states and capitals at the website below:

[http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web\\_games.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games.htm)

