

# THE ACADEMY

## Mrs. MacDonald's Intermediate Class

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**Math:** Last week we worked on Area and Perimeter. Students were shown a variety of ways that we need to use area and perimeter in our daily lives. We reference perimeter as fencing or baseboards in a room and area as carpeting or grass. Remembering which is which is often the problem in determining what operation to use. Perimeter adds all the outside lengths and we are working with area by multiplying length and width of the figures. This week we will be working with positive and negative numbers.

**Economy:** Last week we discussed incentives. We talked about positive incentives like a bonus and negative incentives like a video store fine. My father-in-law came in to talk to the class about his experience in business. His father started an incentive company called E.F. MacDonald. He told the class how this helped improve sales for companies by providing motivation to do better. It was a great learning opportunity. This week, students will be working on products to sell to the younger students. Supplies for their creations can be purchased on credit, or they can bring their own supplies from home. (Some have already started on their products)

**United States:** We continue to work toward our goal of locating all 50 states. Progress has been very strong and steady. There will be a test this week on the states. We have been working at school on tricks to remember the states as well as using the website below.

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

**Language Arts:** We have been working diligently to complete the Legacy Projects. I have put in well over 10 hours this weekend trying to complete these projects. We will continue to work on them this week and hopefully be finished by Friday. We can then complete the order to Shutterfly. Thank you for your patience. I cannot tell you the cost until they are complete. Sometimes they offer free shipping and sometimes they don't.

Permission slips came home for the overnight to The Boonshoff 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.

We are in the process of working on a yearbook. Orders for the yearbook are due April 17th.



### 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
- Yearbook orders due April 17th
- Overnight to Boonshoff April 23
- Science Displays April 26th

## Homework for the week of March 30th

**Monday:** Wordly Wise Unit 11– 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*. (PLEASE FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS)

**Tuesday:** Math practice

**Wednesday:** Write a story about April Fool's Day. Tell me some way you could be tricked or make up a way you could trick someone.

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

Try to practice states and capitals at the website below:

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