

# The Strohfus Star

Ms. Strohfus' 2nd Grade Newsletter 4/12/12

## We Walked into History!

### Upcoming Dates

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Movie Night-Parent's Night Out

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Ms. Strohfus and Ms. Reed  
Rocks Presentation-A visit from a  
geologist!

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Ms. Wing and Ms. Sandoval  
Field Trip to Geology Museum

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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Rocks Presentation-A visit from a  
geologist!

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Health Fair @ 4:00

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL**



In Social Studies, we've talked about how the history of our community is a part of the history of the City of Denver. Last week, we walked to the Old Elitch Carousel and Theater to see "history."

# Testing



Next week, please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep each night. When your child is rested, he/she will be able to show what he/she knows on the Benchmark tests. Also, research has shown that a healthy breakfast can improve a child's performance.

**Good Luck!**

**Spelling:** **NO SPELLING** next week!!! During our Skills Block, we will be taking year-end Benchmark tests in Math and Writing; these are District-wide tests. Therefore, there is no Spelling List on the back.

**Math:** On Monday, we'll review for our end-of-unit test that we'll take on Tuesday. After that, we'll start Unit 11.

**Reading:** This week, we read a story about a musician who is hearing impaired. Ask your child how this musician feels the beat of the drums he plays. Your child will be able to answer that question because we have been **noting details** in our reading. Encourage your child to do this as he/she reads at home.

**Writing:** Students have been using facts from their note taking forms to produce a snapshot biography of Thomas Edison. This involves taking a position on the subject and finding supporting details to back up those positions. Some students have chosen to write about Edison's childhood while others are writing about Edison as a great inventor. Ask your child about the Kinetoscope. If he/she can't remember, there is a hint on the back.

**Social Studies:** During our "walk into history," I shared my family memories of having fun at Elitch when it was in our community. We also watched a video about the ghost of Mary Elitch, which has been spotted in the balcony of the Old Theater.

**Science:** Before we started talking about rocks in Science, most students believed that "rocks" were hard and could hurt you if you're hit by one. Now, we know that rocks have many uses (for example, buildings, chalkboards, and concrete) and people have been using them for thousands of years. With our "Shake, Rattle, and Roll" bottles, we'll discover what happens to rocks when they are tossed around in water.

Please contact me with any questions at [michelle\\_strohfus@dpsk12.org](mailto:michelle_strohfus@dpsk12.org).

## Spelling

There will be **NO Spelling Test** on Friday. Next week, we will use our Spelling Block to take year-end Benchmark Tests in Math and Writing. See the front page for more information.

## Specials Schedule

Below is the schedule that our class will follow April 16<sup>th</sup>-April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>P.E.</b>	<b>P.E.</b>	<b>P.E.</b>	Library	Library



### **Family Members**

who went with us to the Geology Museum!

A special thank you goes out to our chaperones!

We'll have an in-school "field trip" on April 17<sup>th</sup> when a geologist will come to talk with us in the classroom about their real-life experiences as a geologist. Watch for news about our end-of-year class picnic and bowling trip in future newsletters.

#### **Hint**

With cameras, we can take pictures that don't move. With a Kinetoscope, Edison could take pictures that . . .

**FUN FACT:** The first Kinetoscope in Denver was located at the Old Theater in Old Elitch Gardens.