

# the THIRD GRADE NEWS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015



## Save the Date!

*Our trip to see The Lion King in Des Moines is Thursday, May 15 @ 2:00 pm. We will be departing by school bus earlier that day and will likely be back in Aplington between 7:00 and 8:00 pm. Please keep this evening open. We will keep you posted that evening on our Twitter page.*

## BACK FROM BREAK... KIND OF

Welcome back to school... kind of. With the delays and cancellations, we have had a slow start to 2015, but what a GREAT YEAR it will be. We have so many exciting things to look forward to in the next 5 months!

In math, we are continuing work on multiplication and division. We will soon begin sending fact cards home for daily math practice.

In literacy, we are working in our third unit and currently reading, *Symphony of Whales*. Our class website provides information on all of the skills we learn with each story.

In science, we are starting our new unit on physical science called Forces and Motion which includes Newton's Laws, magnetism, flight, and parachutes. We will be asking for your assistance toward the end of this unit to participate in an engineering challenge.

Writing time will be spent improving our craft and becoming stronger writers.

Our book birthday was a HUGE success! The Ivan book has been so much fun to celebrate!

Please check our Twitter page for photos and videos of our classroom activities!

Have a great week!

## A New Grant for Science

*In December, we found out we were granted money through the McElroy Excellence in*

*Education foundation in order to purchase materials to enhance an engineering unit. We purchased 6 K'NEX bridge building kits and an engineering curriculum through the Museum of Science in Boston,*

*called Engineering is Elementary. We are very excited!*

