**TEAM SONNTAG TIMES** MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

## BANKS ROAD TRAILBLAZERS

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**Reading** – Our focus in reading this past week has been making inferences and drawing conclusions. We will continue to practice these skills when reading and also learn more about cause & effect and author's purpose.

**Spelling-** <u>At their own pace, students must</u> <u>complete enough activities to earn 10</u> <u>points by Friday.</u> Students need to try to refrain from using the same activity more than once a week. Each new activity needs to be labeled with their name, date, activity #, and point value.

**Writing** – In Writing Workshop we have been finishing up the publishing process of our personal narratives. Once we have all published these pieces we will be working on a variety of ways to improve our writing while editing. For example, great beginnings, great endings, and combining sentences to make them sound more fluent.

**Math** –This past week we have been working on recognizing fractions as part of a whole. Next week we will further our learning of fractions by figuring out word problems that use phrases such as ¼ of 16.

**Social Studies** – This week we have started our social studies unit: Change over Time. This unit is full of great history and activities that will display to students how people, the environment, and the way of life have changed over the years.

During this Change over Time unit, students will be "living life" through the eyes of Pioneers. To integrating different subjects this quarter, we have been writing from the point of view of a character from *Little House on the Prairie.* Not only are students learning about the past, but they are also getting a chance to "live it." Please look for more information regarding Pioneer Day closer to the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter!

## WANTED: MYSTERY READERS

If you would like to be a Mystery Reader for our class, please secretly contact me!

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – ITBS Testing March 24<sup>th</sup> – Technology Night 6-7:30pm April 1<sup>st</sup> – Early Release April 1<sup>st</sup> – PIONEER DAY! April 7<sup>th</sup> - Zoom to the Moon (in school field trip) April 11th – Spring Class Pictures April 22<sup>nd</sup> – No School

## MVP OF THE WEEK! COBY