

Jefferson School Parent Newsletter

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Jefferson Student Performance up to par

ISAT Results Encouraging

■ Each Spring Jefferson Third graders take the ISAT test in reading, math and writing. Last year's results were for the most part very encouraging. Jefferson's third grade students performed better than students in previous years. In some areas performance was much improved.

Reading scores improve

Scores on the reading test improved compared to previous years. The percent of Jefferson students meeting or exceeding state standards improved from 52% to 58%. The target for 2003 was for 40% of students to meet or exceed standards. Jefferson students are meeting the target that has been set by the state for the year 2007.

Math Scores Improve

Math performance by Jefferson third graders is the highlight of the ISAT story. 81% of Jefferson students meet or exceed state standards in math compared to 76% the previous year! The math assessment scores improved in all areas assessed (Estimation / Number Sense / Computation, Algebraic Patterns / Variables, Algebraic Relationships / Representations, Geometric Concepts, Geometric Relationships, Measurement, Data Organization and Probability).

Writing Scores Rise

The scores in writing improved over last year. 63% of Jefferson third graders meet or exceed standards in writing compared to 59% in previous years.

Focus on Reading

As a result of the analysis of student performance on the ISAT test Jefferson school is focusing its efforts at improving student performance in the area of reading while we continue to monitor performance in writing..

Our school improvement plan includes components that we anticipate will improve student performance in the area of reading. We are encouraged by our performance in the areas of writing and math and hope to parallel those same results in the area of reading.



On the Backside

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

ROOM PARTIES

COLD WEATHER NEWS

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Notice!

WINTER WEATHER
Jefferson Students will go outdoors for recess unless the temperature (including wind chill) falls below 10 degrees. If you wish for your child to stay indoors for recess due to health reasons, send a note and something for them to do quietly during recess time. Anyone needing to stay indoors for more than a few days should have a doctor's note.

Student Performance

Classes will be performing in the Learning Center on December 18. Ms. LeSage has been working with all students on a performance that will take place throughout the morning on the 18th. The schedule of performances is below.

Parents are invited to come to the performance. All performances will be held in the Learning Center.

9:00	Mrs. Cascia and Mrs. Miller
9:25	Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Grafelman
9:50	Mrs. Adcock, Mrs. Brecher, and Mrs. Marvin
10:15	Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Rogers
10:40	Mrs. Lindenfelser, Mrs. Moloney, and Mrs. Pratt
11:05	Ms. Davis, Mrs. Grossweiler, and Ms. Lydic

Calendar Highlights

December

18- Student Performance in the Learning Center

18- Room Parties

19- Dismiss for Winter Vacation at the end of the day (3:10)

Room Parties will be held at 2:00 on December 18. PTA will provide the treats through the room parents. We ask that **NO HOME BAKED TREATS BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL FOR THIS CELEBRATION.** Teachers will send notes home advising you of any particular plans for day.

Santa's Secret Shop

Santa's Secret Shop is coming! This is a service project from PTA NOT A FUNDRAISER. Children may purchase gifts for family members. The items range from 25 cents to \$5.00.



**Classes Resume
Monday,
January 5, 2004**