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Spring is finally here! We are enjoying the warmer weather. It's a good idea to bring a jacket to school, as the heat is often turned off inside the building.

We are taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills this week. We are testing over reading, math, and science. It is going well so far. Thanks to all the parents who are sending snacks for us to enjoy!

On Friday afternoon, April 15, both fourth grade classes are going to Davenport. We will go to the Adler Theater to hear the Quad-City Youth Symphony Orchestra perform. We will leave at 12:00 and return by 2:30. We appreciate that the PTO is paying for the bus.

Last week we had a guest speaker during science. Mr. Dave Bakke, from Discovery Park, came to Grant. He reviewed vertebrates with us. He showed many animal skeletons. Then he brought out some live animals, such as a salamander, a fox snake, and a toad. We even got a chance to touch them.

Right now we are studying "Mysterious Powders" during science. This is a hands-on unit of chemistry. We are learning a lot about mixing powders and liquids.

In math we are finishing a chapter on fractions. A lot of this we have worked with in Success Lab. It's not all so new to us!

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