

Grant School

# Mrs. King's Class

FIFTH GRADE

JANUARY 4, 2011

## January

Welcome to the new year! We have a lot to look forward as we enter 2011 and finish up our year in fifth grade.

We are starting a new chapter in math, focusing on geometry. The students will learn to analyze and compare different geometric shapes. Our new reading unit is *Investigate!* All of the stories in this unit will take the students on a search for answers. Social studies is moving into how the original colonies were formed. We finished

up a very interesting hands-on unit on variables in science. Next, the class will be learning about animal habits and survival by creating habits, observing and comparing animal behavior in our animal studies unit. They will get hands on experience with live dwarf African frogs, fiddler crabs and millipedes. This is a very exciting unit for the kids.

January is also a time for the middle of the year testing. The kids

will be taking STAR reading and math as well as the DIBELS tests this month. This is a great way to monitor progress this year.

I have noticed several students with dried up markers or not enough paper. Please check with your child on the status of their school supplies, some may need replenished.

## Happy Birthday!

Jan. 28—Bix (our school's dog)

Jan. 31—Moriah Morter (half birthday)

## Reminders:

- Jan. 13—End of second quarter
- Jan. 14—No School Teacher Inservice
- Jan. 18—PTO meeting @ 6:30

## Welcome Mrs. Lara!

We are lucky to have a student teacher with us for the next 7 weeks. Mrs. Lara comes to us from St. Ambrose University. She will be observing our class and gradually taking over the teaching responsibilities, working up to full time teaching. This is great learning opportunity for her as well as our class. She is excited to take on this new adventure. I know our class will be a great starting point in her teaching career. I will still be a consistent part of the class as I oversee her in this process. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

