



# Gehlen Gazette



## What's Happening

February 11, 2010

Dear Parents,

What a fun week! We had spirit day, our Valentine's party, a "snowball" celebration, new math journals, a pep assembly, and a dragon study!

Our journey through Asia took us back to ancient China and had us looking at the role of the dragon in Chinese culture. We learned that the dragon is not seen as a feared and ferocious creature, but rather one symbolizing power, peace, prosperity and good luck. We drew our own dragons and wrote about them.

Math was exciting as we wrapped up Unit 5 with a day of assessments. We had our mid-year review and then celebrated as we received new math journals. Unit 6 has us looking at the relationships between facts in the form of fact tables, equivalent names, and fact families.

Being the week before Valentine's Day, we learned the poem "Valentine" which turns John 3:16 ("For God so loved the world...") into an acrostic of the word "Valentine." During our Religion time we talked about the power of prayer.

We finished reading The Magic Tree House book, Tigers at Twilight, and began Dragon of the

Red Dawn. The class is having such fun listening to these stories. They're wonderful books for working on comprehension strategies and expanding vocabulary.

Thank you so much for your participation in the Home/School Journal experience. You children were so excited to bring back their journals and read their letters from you. With the long weekend ahead, please don't forget to do your homework again! ;-)

We had a fun Valentine's party this week. It's always such fun for me to listen to the excitement of the kids as they read their cards and call "thank you's" across the room to each other. Thanks to the parents who were able to help out!

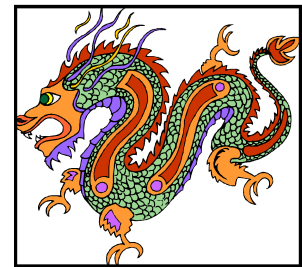
Remember that next week there is only school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday is a holiday, but the teachers have a wonderful opportunity to attend the Regional Conference for the International Reading Association on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Happy Valentine's Day!

—Mrs. Gehlen

**Forest Hills  
Lutheran  
School**



Sharing Assignment:  
No sharing next week.  
Our sharing will resume the week of February 22.



We had a nice visit with Mr. Wahlers this week. At this time he'll return to his home school in Napa to prayerfully consider the call to our school.

