Bishop's Blast

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Dear Families,

Upcoming Events:

- Conferences (This week): Wednesday evening, Thursday afternoon/evening, and Friday morning
- 3/2 Black History Bee classroom test
- 3/6 School wide Black History Bee (top scores from each class)
- 3/18 Adopt-a-Pilot presentation
- 3/25 Family Life Health Education (school nurse)
- 3/26 Adopt-a-Pilot presentation

Announcements:

Due to the Cold-Snow Days, we will be having **FULL** instructional school days on 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20.

IXL/XTRAMATH Clarification:

Here are my expectations for IXL:
Students should log onto IXL 3-5 times a week for around 1 hour total. The strands that are listed are the strands students should be working on through out the week. That does not necessarily mean they will finish them. I put more strands on because kids were saying, "I already did those. I'm done." When in truth, they are really never "done."

The strands that are assigned are related to concepts taught in class. E.g. Math: We have been working on fractions for many weeks. Thus, I assigned those strands. This allows students the ability to be re-taught, have extra practice, and be introduced into new topics.

XtraMath is an online Fact Fluency program. Students (who have not finished the program) should be logging onto this site DAILY. Fact fluency is critical in working with and solving mathematical problems efficiently. Ask your child (and have them show you) where they are in the program. They should be on division-or done by this point in 5th grade.

Homework:

Math: Unit 7 test will be on Wednesday. (Order of operations, Word Problems, Scientific Notation) We will be reviewing Monday and Tuesday in our Math notebooks.
Reading: Read, "We Were There, Too" and read 20 minutes nightly-fill in Reading Log
Writing/Research: We will be working on a biography project with partners for the next two weeks (in class). However, students may want to do more research to further develop their project.
Spelling/Vocabulary: Study associated words with "We Were There, Too." Words are linked on the class

website.
Social Studies: Students will be receiving information on their Wax Museum biography project this week.

Here's to another great week.

"Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude." -R. Marston

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