Sept. 20, 2015

Dear Parents,

Students enjoyed meeting cartoonist, author, artist, animator, and television producer Mark Tatulli last Friday. He gave an excellent presentation about his work and emphasized the importance of reading. There were some photos and a wonderful article in Saturday’s Kenosha News.

Several parents have told me it’s been quite challenging to get their children up in the morning for school, especially since Jeffery is an early start school. The doors open at 7:15 and children are expected to have their morning routine completed and ready to start their lessons by 7:25. They’ve asked me what time their kids should go to bed. A list of suggested bedtimes was recently shared with me, so I’ve attached it to this newsletter. I hope it helps!

***This Week:***

**Language Arts** - Students will continue to practice reading strategies. They will learn about first, second, and third person points of view. The story this week is, “My Brother Martin.” This story is about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and is told from his sister’s point of view. It ties in nicely with this quarter’s narrative writing focus. The vocabulary test and spelling test will be on Thursday. These lists have been attached to this e-mail.

**Math** - Continue unit 1, “Geometry”: polygons, identify angles, and measuring angles with a protractor.

**Social Studies -** Students will learn about different types of maps and landforms. They will have a colorful landform assignment this week.

**Science –** This quarter’s science kit is, “Landforms,” which correlates well with our social studies lessons this week. Throughout this quarter, students will do experiments about landforms.

**The art teacher** – Mrs. Nosek, the art teacher, would like to thank you for sending a smock (an old shirt) to school.

**Color-a-Thon Fundraiser –** Congratulations to those of you have signed up to participate in Jeffery’s Color-a-Thon fundraiser! There’s still time to participate and join in the fun! Please check out this brief clip regarding this *COLORFUL and exciting* fundraiser: <http://shop.schoolathon.org/EventIndex.asp?EID=181355> The class that raises the most money through donations will get an ice cream party with Mr. Johnson. They will also give ideas and vote on the next Spirit Day theme.

**Vigeo and Shoparoo –** Many of you have also signed up on Vigeo and/or Shoparoo. The Jeffery website has information that explains these two additional opportunities to help support Jeffery.

**Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:**

**Sept. 21st, Monday –** Picture Day. Students should dress sharp!

**Sept. 25th, Friday –** Early Release Day

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Ms. Flaherty