

The Trujillo Times
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The Week: This week we began learning about fractions and, though I don't want to speak too soon, I think this is going to be an easier concept for the children to learn. We have been breezing through our lessons so quickly that they've been getting the homework done in class! In Language Arts we finished writing our comparison papers and began reading a story called "Gold Rush Success Stories." In snack we have continued to read Island of the Blue Dolphins and write a short summary for each chapter. We are now on chapter 8 and the kids really seem to love this story! In Science we began learning about the Sun. In the near future I will send home information regarding a Science project the class will be completing on constellations.

Word of the Week: Dedication. A feeling of very strong support for or loyalty to someone or something. The act of honoring someone. Please take the time to speak with your children about how important it is to be dedicated to being a responsible human being!

Reminders:

- Parent Involvement Night is **Wednesday, February 24th**
- Our next round of conferences will be held on March 10 from 7:30-2:30, with a lunch break for myself at 12:00. I will put a sign-up sheet out soon but if you would like to go ahead and reserve a time, feel free to email me. If this day does not work for you, let me know and we will work something out. ☺
- A TIPs assignment went home earlier this week. If you have not already returned it, please do so by **Monday, February 22nd**. We would like to look over the information before our PI night on the 24th.
- We will be holding a morning mile ceremony next Friday. Please join us if you'd like to see where in South America we will visit next!
- Continue to practice those basic math facts at home, especially multiplication. I will be sending home a new speed drill packet every Tuesday from now on. This packet will be due by the following Monday.

Trivia Question: Answer the following question for **10 credits!!!** Write your answer somewhere on this newsletter. Your parents may (and are encouraged) to help you. "What are the five colors of the rings on the Olympic flag?"

Spelling List (Academic Science Words)

solar energy	transform	temperature	gravity	astronomy
eclipse	sunspot	orbit	prism	astronomer

This section is for you! Feel free to write any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. **Please sign and return!**

Signature: _____