



*Serena Hills Elementary School*

# Fourth Grade News

*February/March  
Issue*

## ISAT INFO

In the first two weeks of March, our students will be taking the Illinois Standards Achievement Test. Fourth graders will be taking tests in reading (3 sessions), math (3 sessions), and science (2 sessions).

For some students, this can be a very stressful time. While there is not a way to "prepare" or "study" for these tests, here are a few ideas to help with "stress anxiety" at home.

- Be sure your child gets plenty of rest on the nights before testing days.
- Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast!
- Stay relaxed about the tests—this will help reduce your child's anxiety.
- Assure your child that he is prepared—and encourage him to do his best!

## It's ELECTRIC!

We are learning how electricity works! Since electricity is such a major part of our daily lives, it is important to understand how it works!

Did you know:

- There are positive and negative charges.
- ONLY negative charges move from object to object.
- Electricity MUST have a circuit, or circular path, in order to work.

Ask your student what else they know about ELECTRICITY!

## The Midwest!

**In Social Studies we are studying our favorite region—the Midwest!**

**On February 13th we had a guest speaker from the Cook County Agricultural Board. She explained how agriculture works here in Illinois. We also learned that 25% of the students will end up with a job that is linked to agriculture! Ask your child what he or she learned that day.**

## FYI...

- ♦ *There is no school on Monday, March 4th in observance of Casimir Pulaski Day.*
- ♦ *Conferences will be Wednesday, March 19th, and Thursday, March 20th. Contact your teacher today to schedule a conference!*
- ♦ *Spring Break starts with no school on Friday, March 21st. Classes resume Monday, March 30th.*
- ♦ *ISAT Testing will begin Wednesday, March 6th.*