Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are finally beginning to see the sun shine and the temperature warm up! Jefferson teachers are now planning field trips for the Spring. You will hear more from your child’s teacher regarding the specific details of their field trip.

Thank you Jefferson families for supporting Parents as Reading Partners (P.A.R.P.) during the month of February. Kindergarten through fourth graders logged over 32,000 minutes reading during P.A.R.P. We had a friendly competition between our grade levels and our kindergarteners received 1st Place reading close to 10,000 minutes! The PTA will be rewarding our kindergarteners with a special treat. Thank you for the generosity of our PTA who helped plan a P.A.R.P. Kick-Off Assembly Program with “John the Reptile Guy”. Many students were able to get close and touch the various reptiles such as turtles and snakes. Also, thank you to those parents who volunteered as guest readers during our P.A.R.P. Finale last week. Our Finale began with some of our second graders dancing to “The Lion Sleeps Tonight”. Additionally, our Fourth Grade Leadership Team escorted guest readers to their respective classrooms. District administrators and local town officials also joined us at our school-wide event!

As a result of a grant, security cameras were recently installed on the exterior of all Primary Schools in Huntington. You may have noticed the sign outside of our building. This added security measure will enhance our current safety procedures and protocols.

We continue to award medals and certificates to students who demonstrate their ability to be safe, responsible and respectful citizens during monthly “SPOT” Assemblies. As Jefferson Jaguars, we “SPOT” our students when they exhibit those characteristics. During the month of February, we focused on “Reading Strategies”. During daily morning announcements, we provided helpful tips that our children can put into action. Some examples of tips were:

- A good reader reads for at least fifteen minutes a day.
- A good reader creates pictures in their mind while they read. Reading is thinking.
- A good reader uses many reading strategies to figure out tricky words.

We hope you can join us for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 25th at 9:45 a.m. where we will be sharing online mathematical resources for parents. We also hope you will join us for the School Science Fair which is scheduled for, Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten through fourth grade classroom projects along with individual student projects will be on display that evening. More details will follow in a separate notice.

I continue to be amazed with the work our Jefferson students produce each and every day.

Sincerely,
Valerie Capitulo-Saide