

A Note from Mrs. Cunningham
November 18, 2011

The weeks are really flying by! Our days are so full and it's hard to believe the holidays are almost here.

We had fun listening to the Sioux City History presentations. I was pleased with the care and effort that was put into them. They will be on display in the upstairs hallway until Thanksgiving break, and then will be sent home. I put pictures of them on our web page if you'd like to see them. The address is mrscunninghams4thgrade@weebly.com. We are now learning about the geography of the United States.

We are studying about the Human Body in science class. We are specifically studying about bones and muscles. We have counted the number of bones in the human body. Ask your child to tell you the number!

We have tested over multiplying 3-digit numbers and 1-digit numbers in math. We have been solving word problems by writing equations.

We have written thank you letters for Halloween and Red Ribbon Week goodies that were provided for us. We are currently writing an essay that explains why it's important for us to learn about Sioux City History. We will enter them in a contest sponsored by the Girls of '68, and the winner will receive \$25!

We have learned to identify the narrative elements in stories. They are characters, setting, and plot. We are using the elements to write summaries of books we read. We have learned that summarizing is a strategy good readers use to show how well they comprehend text. With regular practice, we are getting better at this.

Your child brought home 2 music sheets to practice for the upcoming holiday program. Please remind your child to read through the words to memorize them.

If you are interested in checking your child's grades online, go to www.siouxcityschools.org and click "online gradebook" on the right column. The directions for accessing your child's grades are on that page. Your child should know his/her ID number.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs. Cunningham

