December, 2009 Volume 3 Ms. Myung and Mrs. Zimmerman

# **Hot Topics!**

<u>Math</u> - We are just finishing our unit on perimeter, area, measurement, and estimation. We will then move onto multiplication and division number stories (word problems). Please review multiplication and division facts at home to help your child memorize the facts.

Reading -This month, we have started introducing our readers to the non-fiction genre in the world around us such as magazines, texts, brochures, newspapers, etc. We have been focusing on the characteristics of non-fiction and the specific features of various kinds of non-fiction texts. Readers are also learning to choose just right non-fiction books in order to read for information.

<u>Science</u>- In Ms. Lubick's class, we are beginning a new unit on energy. We will be learning about many types of energy, as well as energy conservation.





## Writing Workshop

We have begun with a unit that focuses on non-narrative non-fiction. Students are collecting in their notebooks the topics that they are experts on or know a lot about. They will be choosing a topic and begin to develop it. We will also be looking closely at the structure of an essay and modeling the process of how to write an introduction, body paragraphs and a conclusion.

## Chess Education

Did you know that the third graders are learning how to play chess every Friday? They just started to learn about the chessboard and some important terms and vocabulary words to understand the game. We will soon be experts in playing chess.

#### Dates to Remember

Dec. 16 - Holiday Show 1:00 and 5:45pm

Dec. 18 - Mrs. Zimmerman's Publishing Party!

Dec. 23- Sports T-Shirt Sweatshirt Day

Dec. 23- Jan. 3 Winter Recess



# Girl Scouts Is Coming to Chelsea Prep!

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls have the opportunity to be part of the Girl Scout program. Girl Scouting helps girls learn leadership skills, develop positive values and contribute to their communities while making friends and having fun. Stay tuned for more information.

#### Borders Trip

We would like to thank UBS for the books at Borders! We are so excited to read!