



# STEPS News

Letting you in on all the STEPS excitement here at HPS

## Moving On Up!

The STEPS 5th graders have arrived on the Harrah Middle School campus. A typical afternoon for the 5th graders consist of eating their snack at Russell Babb and then bussed to the Middle School cafeteria. At that time, they enjoy Enrichment activities that correspond to the curriculum. Finally, students are given time for homework, reading and a physical activity.



Steps 4th & 5th Graders helped improve their reading skills by mentoring to the Kindergartners.



## Dates of Interest:

- ☺ February 20, 2012—Presidents' Day—No School (if there is no Snow!)
- ☺ March 19-23, 2012—Spring Break
- ☺ March 29, 2012—Parent/Teacher Conference 4:00—7:00 p.m.
- ☺ March 30, 2012—Parent/Teacher Conference 8:00 a.m.—Noon

## Parental/Guardian Involvement is Vital to Student Success!

Research shows that Parental/Guardian involvement helps students succeed in the classroom and on student achievement tests. It also helps make effective schools and positive attitudes. Some helpful hints to help your child succeed are:

- develop a routine
- provide a special place for studying
- offer to study with your child

Harrah Public Schools offers the Parent Portal as an excellent online tool to assist with tracking your child's progress in school. See your child's administrator for a username and password. Useful websites for many ideas and tips:

- <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/succeed/parental.cfm>
- <http://purplemath.com>

Also, visit with your child's teachers at Parent/Teacher Conference! We offer two sessions for your convenience.



## Students Enjoy Enrichment Activities

Where is the Leaning Tower of Pisa? Who is Claude Monet? What is Krishna's Butterball? These are just a few questions we have answered during our Enrichment. Students enjoyed making their own ver-

sions of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Students used spaghetti, clay, marshmallows, and toothpicks to create their own Leaning Tower of Pisa. Students learned about artistic styles of art by studying different art-

ists and creating their own art. These are just a few of the hands-on activities students get to experience during enrichment.

