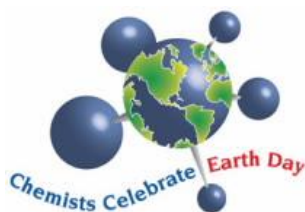


the Academy News

February 2012

The second semester has rolled around with new topics of discovery in full swing. At Lena the students will be participating in a literacy unit. (The 1st and 2nd grade students will participate in the Jr. Great Books program and the 3rd - 6th grade students will be participating in a media literacy program.) At West Park the students will be participating in a LEGO robotics unit. Letters specific to the units of study will be sent out to parents explaining the program.



As we have done the past two years, students participating in the Academy will be writing a poem to enter in the American Chemical Society's Poetry and Art Contest. This year's theme is "Rethinking Recycling, It's Easy to be Green."

In addition to the Media Literacy unit, students in the 5th and 6th grades will be reading a book entitled, "The Gifted Kids Survival Guide." These were purchased with donation money from the Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories in celebration of Mr. Dearian's tenth year of employment. Thank you!

I would like to celebrate with our first place competition champions.

Lena Primary Spelling Bee - Benny Jacobus

Lena Intermediate Spelling Bee - To be determined on 1/30/12

Lena Geography Bee - Tia Vierling

Lena Knowledge Master Open Team - First Place in the State of Idaho

West Park's Spelling Bee will be held during 4th quarter. Information and word study packets will be handed out the beginning of the month.

Please contact me if you have an idea or a concern you would like to share.

