



Weekly Newsletter

March 3, 2004

NSF Annual Report

Dr. Harris submitted the annual report to NSF last Friday. By late Saturday he had already received a very complimentary response from Terry Woodin, an NSF GK-12 program officer. She was very interested in our efforts to integrate literature into science, noting that Berkeley was attempting the same thing! Thanks to all of you who contributed to the database. If any one would like to submit a book based on the 6th grade curriculum, the goals are as follows:

Shaping the lithosphere
Cycling of matter
Solar system
Energy transfer
Population dynamics

Fellows Rotations

After spring break, Byron will be moving to Virgo, Tika to Williston, and Courtney to Murray.

Engineers & Science

Last week was National Engineering Week. An interesting article appeared in our local paper entitled, "Scientists catapult into history". The article describes how scientists of ancient times were often ridiculed for their thoughts and interests. But in at least one area scientists were considered "superstars". Engineers who built catapults were doted upon! Check out the link below to read the entire article.

Ask a Scientist?

Fellows will be encouraging their classes to generate a weekly question to submit to the "Ask a Scientist" link. We have lots of scientist ready to answer your questions, so let's start asking! To submit a question, see the link below.

Guest Speakers

Meghan has put together a list of potential classroom guest speakers. If you are interested, please have your fellow contact her.

Happy Spring Break

We hope everyone has a relaxing and reinvigorating spring break. See you soon and thanks for everything!

URLs:

"Scientists catapult into history"

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn?pagename=article&node=&contentId=A24448-2004Feb8¬Found=true>

"Ask A Scientist"

http://www.uncw.edu/smec/GK_Fellows/askscience.htm