

### February 1, 2013 –Staunton City Schools Tip Sheet

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#### MCSWAIN STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MEASUREMENTS

First graders at McSwain Elementary School are learning about measurements. When learning to measure the length, weight or volume of an object, students are encouraged to use various nonstandard units, such as Unifix cubes, paper clips, erasers, blocks, etc. The students in Mrs. Lockridge's class are learning how to measure the length of objects using Unifix cubes. Students were given the opportunity to measure Mrs. Lockridge by outlining her body with Unifix cubes as she was outstretched on the floor. Students then counted the cubes to determine various measurements about Mrs. Lockridge.



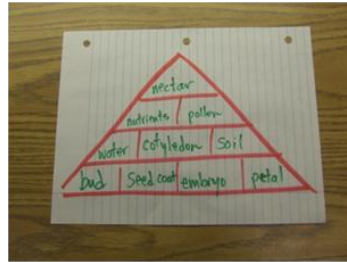
McSwain students measure Mrs. Lockridge using Unifix cubes.

### FOURTH GRADERS STUDY PLANTS

Bessie Weller fourth grade students have been studying plants. In review and preparation for an upcoming test, their teacher, Mr. Huyard, created a game patterned after the game show, “\$100,000 Pyramid.” The game allowed students to study together in pairs, giving each other clues to the correct answers. “The pyramid game promotes cooperative learning and vocabulary development, all while the students enjoy a little friendly competition,” said Mr. Huyard.



Declan Padfield gives clues about flowering plants to Lily Rosa as they play the pyramid game.



Fourth grade teacher, Mr. Huyard, created a pyramid about plants for the students to use in a creative study game.



Fourth grade students grow plants from seeds in class as a part of their study of plants.

### THIRD GRADE LEARNS PHASES OF THE MOON

Students in Ware’s third grade are studying basic patterns and cycles occurring in nature. The teachers devised a creative and fun way to reinforce what the students had learned. Each student was given a supply of Oreo cookies which they used to re-create the simple phases of the moon.



Ware 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, Hanson Smith, works with cookies to create the phases of the moon.



Lauren Austin, Ware 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, shows off her work on the phases of the moon.