

## Atkinson News

It seems as though we just returned from summer vacation all relaxed and refreshed and here it is the holiday recess is almost upon us. Where has the time gone? Here at Atkinson, the teachers and students are hard at work. Here are just a few activities that have occurred during the first few months of the school year:

### **Pioneer Day**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pioneer Day has arrived at Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School! The students have spent the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter studying and researching all aspects of Westward Expansion in the United States between the years 1800 to 1850. As a culminating experience, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in activities that the pioneers in the 1800's may have participated in.

On December 21, 2010, these same 5<sup>th</sup> grade students walked into the building transformed into pioneers. Many students dressed in period costumes to really immerse themselves in the whole experience. These activities centered on the daily lives of the western settlers. Just a few of these activities were butter churning, cross-stitch sampler making, wagon wheel relays, creating miniature log cabins, panning for gold, and candle making.

The teachers dressed in period costume as well. Davy Crockett made an appearance as did Sacagawea and Annie Oakley!

