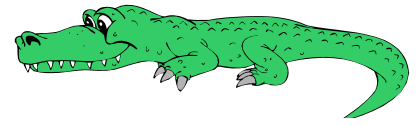


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Coming Events

February 1

- Report Cards, Grade Level Newsletters and Principal's newsletters go home

February 2

- ESOL Math Night grades 2-5 from 6-7:30 PM (RSVP needed and dinner is served)

February 3

- MCLASS ends

February 6-10

- National Counseling Week

February 7

- PTA Meeting featuring presentation on parent advocacy by the Dept. of Family and Community Partnerships 6:30 PM (Media Center)

February 8

- Class pictures by Blanton Studios
- ESOL Math Night SNOW DATE (6-7:30)

February 9

- Club Pictures by Blanton Studios
- 5th and 6th grade band concerts at CHS

February 10

- Black History Month event sponsored by the NAACP representative and committee 7-9 PM in the All Purpose Room

February 14

- Valentine's Day Parties 2-3:15 PM

February 15

- Emergency Tornado Drill (Fire Dept present)

February 16

5th grade strings concert 7 PM at CHS

February 20th

- No School for students or staff-President's Day

February 22

- PTA Spirit Night at Red Robin

February 25-March 4

- PTA Read-A-Thon begins

February 28

- Choral Cluster Concert at CHS



Spelling

This month in spelling we will explore plural suffixes, and contractions. We will also continue working with second grade high frequency words.

Reading

This month we will focus on: Reading to inform and reading for personal experience.

Independent Reading

Using, "just right" books, we will ask questions, predict, and identify important information.

Reading to Inform

- Biographies
- Determining Importance
- Sequencing Facts
- Timelines
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Reading for Personal Experience (This will go into March as well.)

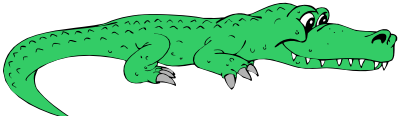
- Tall Tales, Folktales, Legends
- Comparing Genres
- Characteristics
- Comparing Folktales from different countries

Writing

We will begin working on writing to persuade.

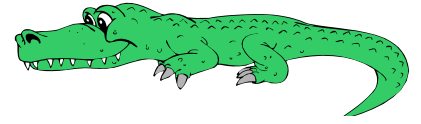
We will focus on:

- ❖ Persuasion Techniques- Reasons and Evidence
- ❖ Supporting Opinions
- ❖ Topic sentence and supporting details
- ❖ Writing a friendly letter
- ❖ Oral Presentation
- ❖ Supporting opinions with facts
- ❖ Writing concluding statements



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Science

We will continue our *Classifying Matter* unit where we will observe, compare, and describe how all objects are made of parts, and how those parts work together to make the objects work. We will also begin our next science unit in which we will be observing the moon, creating plant habitats, and monitoring plant growth.

Social Studies

This month we will be identifying the characteristics of an effective leader and how these characteristics influence the decisions he/she makes. We will read biographies and learn about the important leaders in our country's past and present. This is integrated into our reading block.



Important Notes

- As the winter months continue, please remember to dress students in winter wear as outside recess will continue during these months when appropriate.
- If you need assistance purchasing Valentine's Day Cards for your child to distribute during our Valentine's Day Party please contact your child's homeroom teacher.
- Please remember that when you are scheduled to volunteer in your child's classroom that this is not a time to consult with the teacher about your child's performance. Please let the teacher know if you would like to schedule a conference to discuss your child's academic performance. It is also important to come at your scheduled time as teachers plan student groups/clerical work accordingly.

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