



Kindergarten Newsletter • February, 2012

Curriculum Notes

Literature: We will continue an author study on Rosemary Wells. We will use her books to help us retell and identify story elements. We will also explore wonderful words (adjectives) authors use in text. To end the month, we will begin identifying character traits such as kind, helpful, brave, shy and naughty.

Reading: The children have made great progress in reading! Now that our Winter assessments are completed, we will continue guided reading groups regularly. Please continue reading each night with your child. Please continue working on sight words, decoding strategies and comprehension of the story while reading. This month we will be introducing a new word family each week. Make sure you ask your child each week what family we are studying!

Math: The 100th day of school is February 2nd. Numeration skills will be reinforced through a variety of 100th day of school activities. We will be comparing sizes using measurement vocabulary, such as length, height and weight. We will begin identifying and describing two-dimensional shapes. February homework packets will no longer have Thursday night homework included because your child will be coming home each Thursday with homework that relates directly to what we are doing in class on that particular day. Thursday homework will be due the next day (Friday).

Writing: We will continue Writer's Workshop and independent writing. We will begin to use sensory details and adjectives to enhance our sentences. We will continue to create stories with a beginning, middle and end.

Science: Since February is Dental Health month, we will be learning about taking good care of our teeth and hope to have a dentist come and talk to the children. We will continue to expand our knowledge on the needs and characteristics of living things by exploring the lifecycle of our mealworms as they change to darkling beetles.

Social Studies: This month the children will learn about past presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln as part of President's Day. We will discuss good choices vs. bad choices and how our wants and needs impact our decision making. Students will gain understanding on how they are responsible for the choices and decisions that they make every day. We will be identifying the differences between goods and services.



Important Dates

****Listed on the back****

- 2/1: Report Cards Go Home;** Grade Level and Principal's Newsletters Go Home
- 2/2: ESOL Math Night for Grades 2-5, RSVP needed and dinner is served, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 2/6-2/10: National School Counseling Week
- 2/7: PTA Meeting featuring presentation on parent advocacy by Department of Family and Community Partnerships, 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center
- 2/8: Class Pictures by Blanton Studios;** ESOL Math Night Snow Date, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 2/9: Club Pictures by Blanton Studios; Fifth and Sixth Grade Band Concert at Clarksburg High School, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/10: Black History Month Event, sponsored by NAACP Representative and Committee, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in All Purpose Room
- 2/14: Valentine's Day Parties, 2:15-3:15 p.m.**
- 2/15: Emergency Tornado Drill
- 2/16: Fifth and Sixth Grade Strings Concert at Clarksburg High School, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/20: President's Day Holiday! No School for Students and Staff!**
- 2/22: PTA-Sponsored Spirit Night at Red Robin Restaurant in Germantown
- 2/25-3/4: PTA-Sponsored Read-A-Thon Fundraiser
- 2/28: Choral Concert at Clarksburg High School, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/29: Kindergarten Field Trip to the National Aquarium in Baltimore**