



News & Views from Chapter Two!



February 18, 2020

Hello Families:

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. Everyone has been working very hard and so we certainly earned the extra day off!

We want to say thank you again to the parents that came in and helped out with our fun Valentine's Day Party last week! We had Bingo, balloon fun, and a fantastic craft! Great valentines were given out too! This is our final party for the school year and I want to thank all of you who helped out with our parties this year. All of the parties were great fun for all!



Calendar Corner:

Feb. 17: No School: Presidents' Day
 Feb. 28: Trimester 2 Ends
 Feb. 28: Park Musical 7pm
 Feb. 29: Park Musical 2pm & 7pm
 Feb. 29: Six Flags Reading Logs Due
 Mar. 5: March Birthday Breakfast
 Mar. 11: Late Start at 10:05am
 Mar. 12: Spring Picture Day
 Family Reading Night
 Mar. 13: Report Card Day

General Reminders:

Recess/Lunch: Monday-Friday (10:50-11:35)

***Please dress your child for the weather!**

Please keep in mind that we will go outside for recess unless the temperature falls below zero. This also means that we will not go outside if the "real feel" temperature is below zero. I know it's hard for our students to bring all their gear every day for recess, but we do require the 5 points to play in the snow or to be on the playground when we are able to go outside...*hat, *jacket, *snow pants, *boots, and *mittens/gloves. If a student is not prepared to be in the snow, they will stand on the blacktop for their own safety.

Specials are from 1:05-1:45pm

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music & Library (2:00-2:30)

Wednesday: PE & Computer Lab (2:10-2:50)

Thursday: PE

Friday: Art & Reading/Writing Buddies (2:30-3:00)





Curriculum at a glance...what have we been doing and what is coming up?

Language Arts...

- Reading Book Clubs/Reading
- Book Banners: retell stories, recall facts, identify genre of a book
- Author's purpose
- Describe how characters in a story respond to major challenges
- Ask and answer questions to build comprehension
- Simple and compound sentences
- Using apostrophes correctly
- Contractions
- Compare and contrast texts
- Imaginative narrative writing
- Opinion writing
- Writing a letter

Math...

- Add and subtract within 1,000 using strategies
- Strategies for solving one and two-step addition and subtraction word problems
- Measure and compare objects using inches and centimeters
- Ongoing practice with a variety of skills: place value, comparing numbers, word problems, graphing, money, and number patterns

Social Science...

- History:
- Communities past and present
 - Examples of artifacts
 - Clues from the past
 - Timelines
 - Black History Studies
 - President Studies
- Science...
- Structure and Properties of Matter:
- Properties and states of matter
 - Properties of materials



HOMEWORK TIPS:

- All homework is due on Friday.
- Please initial the Weekly Homework Checklist each day and help your child record what they read every day.
- Please make sure your child is using a pencil to do their homework, unless crayon/color is on the directions.
- Please remind your child to write their name on ALL of their papers.
- Please have your child read their writing homework aloud. Help them to use capital letters and periods in their writing.
- Double check math homework and have your child correct any mistakes.
- Please staple or clip all papers together. This way, your child can see they have completed all of their assigned homework for the week. THANK YOU!



What's new in school? Here are some questions or ideas to get the discussion going:

- How do you know what the genre of a book is? What does genre mean?
- What are you learning about in music, PE, and art?
- Which is harder for you adding or subtracting 3 digit numbers?
- In the story *Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch*; how does the box he receives from the postman change Mr. Hatch's life? What was his life like before he gets the box?
- Have you been able to do a STEM bin during Daily Five? What is a STEM bin and what do you do with it?
- In the book *Looking at Lincoln*, can you tell me what made Abraham Lincoln such an important president? Would you want to meet him if you could? Why or why not?



VERY IMPORTANT...

I appreciate your understanding and attention to sending peanut and tree nut-free snacks with your child.

- Remember any snack sent in without a label will be sent home- with the exception of fresh veggies and fruit. I have to check to be sure the snack did not come from a facility that also makes peanut or tree nut products.
- You may take a picture of a label and send that to me if you prefer to buy snacks in large quantity and send the snack in a small baggie or container.
- Your child should not be finishing their lunch during snack time.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you for your support and have a great week!

Mrs. Snyder :)

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