

## February From the Principal's Desk

DATES TO KEEP HANDY	From the Principal's Office
<p><b>February:</b>            6th Corey the Dribble @ 7pm            6th-14th Kindness Week            10th Interims Go Home            15th Spring Picture Day (pre-K &amp; 1st Graders ONLY)            17th Elementary (3-5) Picture Day            17th Valentine's Day Parties                Spring Picture Day (Kg &amp; 2nd Graders ONLY)            20th President's Day, NO SCHOOL            21st PreK-12 P/T Conferences, NO SCHOOL                KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION~11-6:30 pm/                Scholastic Book Fair            22nd 2 hour late arrival/                Math &amp; Science Night @ 5:30-6:30/                Scholastic Book Fair            24th <del>Kona Ice</del> CANCELLED            Feb. 27 Read Across America Week (Primary Only)</p>	<p>Please help your child grow everyday by practicing their work bag/baggie book with them every day! See the ACES WAY Kindness challenge below.</p> <p>It is COLD out... Please make sure your child comes prepared for recess. We will go out if it is 20 degrees or warmer.</p> <p><u>Contact info:</u>            mfraley@amanda.k12.oh.us; (740) 969-7254, ext. 4202</p>

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PRIMARY	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kindergarten News</u></p> <p>We are shocked to be entering February already. Kindergarten students will celebrate the 100th day of school, President's Day, Groundhog Day, and Valentine's Day in February. They will collect and count 100 items by 1s and in groups of 10. Each Kindergarten class is trying to collect 100 cards for kindness week by February 10th. All classes that do collect 100 cards will earn an ice cream treat. Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Each teacher will send home a list of names for Valentine's cards and will be sending a donation request for the party on signup genius through the Dojo app. Our chicka boom award list is still growing. 109 out of 123 kindergarten students have earned his/her award. If your child needs extra support to learn letters and sounds, you can use Youtube to search for "KidsTV123" or "Alphablocks" videos to watch. If your child has earned his/her Chicka Boom award, please switch your focus to the 50 kindergarten fry sight words. 5 students have already met their 50 sight word goal. "Meet The Sight Words" videos are good for extra practice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>From our Intervention Team - Enrichment at Home</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Grade News</u></p> <p><u>Fun Stuff</u>            Our 100th Day of school will be celebrated on Friday February 3rd. The Valentine's Day parties will be on Friday February 17th. Help your child prepare valentine boxes and cards to bring in to celebrate. Starting Monday the 27th, we will be celebrating Read Across America week. More information to come about this exciting week!</p> <p><u>Academics</u>            Phonics pattern will continue to focus on glued sounds, blends, and reading more complex words.            We will complete informative writing.            Reading skills will focus on the main idea and key details.            Math will focus on 2D and 3D shapes and introduce story problems.</p> <p><u>Themes</u>            Animals, Adaptations, Habitats</p> <p><u>Character Counts</u>            Students will learn about exhibiting these traits- supportive, compassionate, and tolerance.</p> <p><u>Data</u>            Based on our 2nd quarter testing, 48% of our students are currently on track with their reading scores.</p> <p><u>Help From Home</u>            Reach out to your child's teacher about completing Lexia at home, the more practice, the more growth we will see!            When you are reading at home with your child, encourage them to use reading strategies when they come to a word they don't know. Some strategies include -</p>

- Graph, sort, or count Valentine's candy hearts.
- Write kindness notes to pass out to friends, family, or community members.
- Make a heart collage from magazines, cereal boxes, candy wrappers, etc.
- Create a sensory bin using rice and/or beans. Add in your child's favorite things like dinosaurs, character figurines, and toys.
- Create an indoor hopscotch with paper, a marker, and tape. You can draw a large heart on each paper with a number to create a cute Valentine's theme. Make 10 separate hearts to include numbers 1-10 on 10 separate sheets of paper.

### Preschool News

During the month of February, preschoolers will be diving deep into the world of construction. We will be discussing all different things revolving around construction from the workers to the simple machines involved. We will explore measurement and different shapes. We will be focusing on the letters P-S as well. We are excited to do some experiments with simple machines to test our knowledge of ramps and the cause and effect that they have on motion. We also will be working on sequencing events as well as comparing fictional and nonfictional texts.

We have been working really hard on learning our letters to be better prepared for Kindergarten. At this point in the year, we have a goal that our students know 50% or more of their uppercase and lowercase letters. Currently, 38 out of the 70 preschoolers know at least 50% of their uppercase letters and 28 out of 70 of our preschoolers know at least 50% of their lowercase letters. If your child is still struggling with identifying their letters, you can have them use [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) or practice our phonics dance daily.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCGJ167EvBs>.

### Cafeteria News

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<https://www.amanda.k12.oh.us/district-office/ac-food-service.html>

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- Start at the left side of the word
- Moving left to right say each sound
- Blend the sounds together to read the word
- Reread the sentence, does it make sense?

### Second Grade News

#### Academics:

We will be learning about Presidents' Day, abbreviations, suffixes, possessives, contractions, and irregular verbs in language arts. In Foundations, we are learning about ee/ea/ey homophones, syllable types, ai/ay double vowel syllables. In writing, we are learning about informative writing and how to write informative pieces. This will lay the foundation for our research writing next quarter.

Place value to 1,000, place value with money, counting to 1,000, Multiples of Ten, One Hundred & One Thousand, and Sequences and Patterns will be our focus in our Bridges Math Curriculum.

#### Memories made in the classroom:

Each class is doing some fun 100th/101st day celebrations. Valentine's Day Parties are February 17th! Your classroom teacher will send out more information soon!

Dr. Seuss Day and Read Across America will be at the end of the month!

#### Data:

**72% of Second Graders are on a Reading Improvement Plan**

54% of Second Graders are on track for reading.

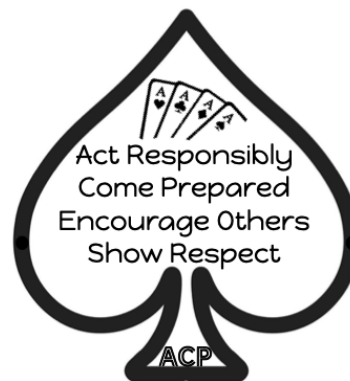
42% of Second Graders are on track on STAR tests

28% of Third graders passed the 3rd Grade Test

#### We Need YOU to Help Us Help Your Student:

Help your student complete their Bridges Math Home Connections. If your student has Foundations or Lexia practice, please help them complete these as well. Bridges and Foundations practice does not need to be returned. If your student is able to get on Lexia at home, they may do that as well.

**Questions:** Contact Cafeteria Supervisor, Kimberly Dum,  
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