

March From the Principal's Desk

DATES TO KEEP HANDY

From the Principal's Office

March:

Feb.27th- Mar. 3 Read Across America
6th-10th 2nd Grade Gifted Testing
10th End of the 3rd Nine Weeks/ Spring Carnival
17th Report Cards Go Home/ KISS Breakfast
@7:45am/ Chicka Boom Awards @ 1pm (by invite)
24th Primary Aces Way Quarterly Awards (by invite)
29th 2 hour late arrival

Read Across America Week:

Monday Feb 27th: **Mask Monday!** Make a mask at school and read with your flashlight (both provided at school)

Tuesday Feb 28th: **Wear a superhero tshirt**

Wednesday March 1st: **Buddy up and Read Wednesday**
Wear your superhero socks

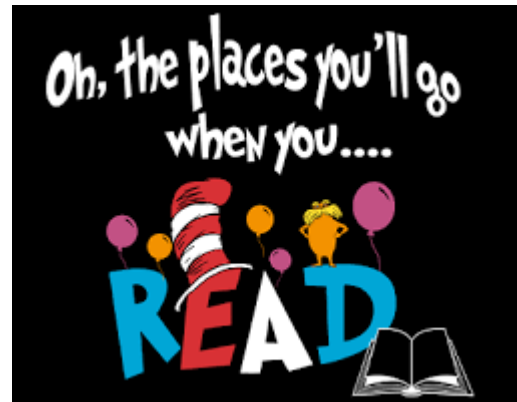
Thursday: **Dress like a Seuss character or wear your favorite hat** like The Cat in the Hat. Students can bring a favorite Dr. Seuss Book to School. Please label your child's book. The cafeteria will serve green eggs and ham for lunch!

Friday: **Dress as a superhero** for our superhero parade! "The Incredibles" Movie

The following link has a Day by Day calendar created by Ohio Ready to Read:

Every story is taking a journey and helping our kids learn new vocabulary. Let's help our kids grow together... See the attached sheet to go on your own pirate journey as a family!

One of my favorite Dr. Seuss books is Oh The Places You'll Go because it reminds me of how much life has to offer!



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE PRIMARY

Preschool News

During the month of March, Preschool will be finishing a unit on traveling and starting a unit about creepy, crawly bugs. We also will be taking our first walking field trip to the library to pick out some amazing books and even sign up for our very first library card. We also will celebrate St. Patrick's Day by doing activities and discussing how to trap a leprechaun. To celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday, we will be reading like superheroes during the first week and even get a chance to show off our new reading skills to our first grade friends!

First Grade News

Fun Stuff

Read Across America Week - February 27th - March 3rd
COSI Field Trip - March 15th

Academics

Math- Shapes, time to the hour and half-hour, money, measuring
Writing- Compare/Contrast and Informative writing
Reading- Expression, phrasing, key details, main idea
Phonics - closed syllable, and blends

Themes

Superheroes, Insects, Classify and Categorize things, St. Patrick's Day

Character Counts

Optimism, Self Control, and Organization

With so many of our preschoolers moving on to kindergarten next year, we have been working really hard at reaching our goal of learning at least 18 uppercase letters and 16 lowercase letters.

Currently, 50 out of the 71 preschoolers know at least 50% of their uppercase letters and 41 out of 71 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 or practice our phonics dance daily. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCGJ167EvBs>.

Kindergarten News

We will kick off March by celebrating Right to Read Week. Special daily activities will take place February 27th – March 3rd. Please keep an eye out for the Right to Read activities and sign-up lists on Class Dojo. We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day by participating in activities with each of the 7 kindergarten teachers. As of now, 119 of 122 (97%) of kindergarten students have earned a chicka boom award. Please continue to practice sight words nightly. Only 12 of 122 (10%) kindergarten students are able to read all 50 kindergarten sight words. Reading CVC words (cat, fox, jet) and silent e words (tape, made, hope) are the next skills to practice. Here are a couple of videos to help support your student.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlBjAWkPzNA&t=47s>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxVWScxsOsc>

Cafeteria News

Free Account Set up

Did you know you can set up a FREE account on myschoolbucks.com? With this FREE account you can set up low balance alerts, view transaction histories and make payments and much more.

Visit www.myschoolbucks.com click on SET UP FREE to get started.

Latest Cafeteria News

Please visit <https://www.amanda.k12.oh.us/district-office/ac-food-service.html> to find the latest news about the AC Cafeteria

Contact Kimberly Dum, Cafeteria Supervisor if you have questions or concerns. kdum@amanda.k12.oh.us or 740-969-7450.

Help from Home

If your child is not on track, remember math can be taught in everyday things you do at home. Have them help measure your favorite baking recipe, compare lengths of everyday items around the house, look for shapes in objects in the living room, and make up word problems about your family dinner. Your child will be on track in no time when you can find and practice math problems in your day to day routines.

Beginning to teach students how to tell time is difficult. Make sure you have an analog clock in a common area and refer to it often to read the time together. We don't use these clocks as often as we have in the past, so extra exposure will help. When you talk about time at home try to use phrases like half-past, or a quarter after.

Second Grade News

Academics:

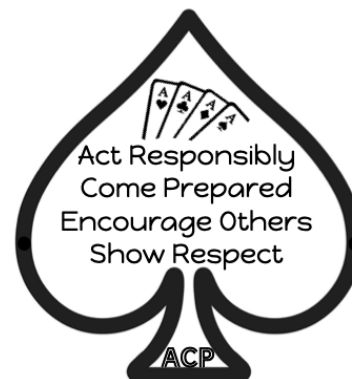
We will be learning about oi, oy syllable types, oa, oe, ow, suffixes, and ou, ov for spelling patterns. Second grade is working on alphabetical order with two letters, possessive pronouns, contractions, pronoun-verb agreement, and consonant+le syllables in language arts. . We are finishing up informative writing and moving on to research. We are learning counting to 1,000, place value to 1,000, place value with money, sequence and patterns, fractions, base-ten numbers, and time in our Bridges Math Curriculum.

Memories made in the classroom:

Dr. Seuss Day and Read Across America Feb. 27th – 3rd
Each class will celebrate St. Patrick's Day in their own way.

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.



Cards Handed Out: 1,006

