

PANTHER PRESS

KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB 3
K/2 CogAT Testing

FEB 3-13
Candy Gram Sales

FEB 13
Valentine's Day Parties
Food Pantry

FEB 14
Teacher PD Day
No School

FEB 17
Presidents' Day
No School

FEB 21
Fairness Convo



Ms. Stevenson's Scoop

February is here, and it is shaping up to be a busy month at KES! From Candy Gram sales to Random Acts of Kindness Week, we have many fun things planned for our students. Be sure to check folders, this newsletter, and social media so you don't miss anything. Classrooms will also have Valentine's Day parties on Thursday, February 13th. If you have signed up to volunteer, please make sure you have a *current* background check on file.

Also, as a reminder, students will not be in school on Friday, February 14th. It is a Teacher PD Day.

Enjoy your weekend, Panther families!

-Ms. Stevenson

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for April 15th & 16th from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

We will use this time to meet incoming kindergarten students, welcome them to KES, administer brief screenings, and get them enrolled for the upcoming school year.

Please be on the lookout for additional information coming your way soon and share any Round-Up information with families who have a child that will be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2025.

We can't wait to meet our newest Panthers!

Valentine's Day Candy Grams

KES Student Council will be selling lollipop candy grams for Valentine's Day! Lollipops with a message for your favorite KES student or staff member will be on sale for \$1 each.

Candy gram forms were sent home today and are attached to this newsletter. Candy Grams will be delivered during class parties on Thursday, February 13th.

General Health Reminders

We are also dealing with a variety of illnesses right now, and we need your help.

Please keep your child at home until they are fever-, vomit-, and diarrhea-free for 24 hours for without medication. As always, if you have questions, contact us at 765-345-2151.

Upcoming School Closures

CA Beard Schools will be closed on the following days:

Friday, February 14 - Teacher PD Day

Monday, February 17 - Presidents' Day

These days are NOT considered eLearning Days.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Email Mrs. Wilson at tiffany.wilson@cabeard.k12.in.us with any transportation changes

Include in the email:

- Date for the change
- Child's first and last name
- Teacher
- Destination
- New bus number (if known)

Please send a note with your child on the day they are going to a different place. If possible, please do not call the office with changes.

***Changes to transportation must be received before 12:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is critical to your child's success in school. All children are expected to be in school each day unless they are ill.

It is important that students are screened each morning for COVID-19 and other illness symptoms prior to arriving at school.

Students are allowed 20 absences per year. A letter will be sent home making you aware of absences.

If your child will be absent from school, call the KES office at 765-345-2151 or send an email to:

Mrs. Wilson at
tiffany.wilson@cabeard.k12.in.us
-OR-

Mrs. Roland at
emily.roland@cabeard.k12.in.us

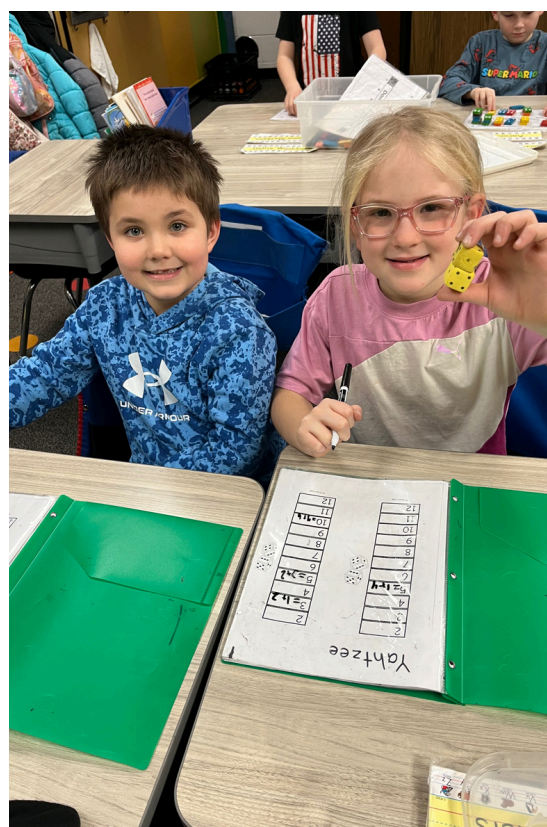
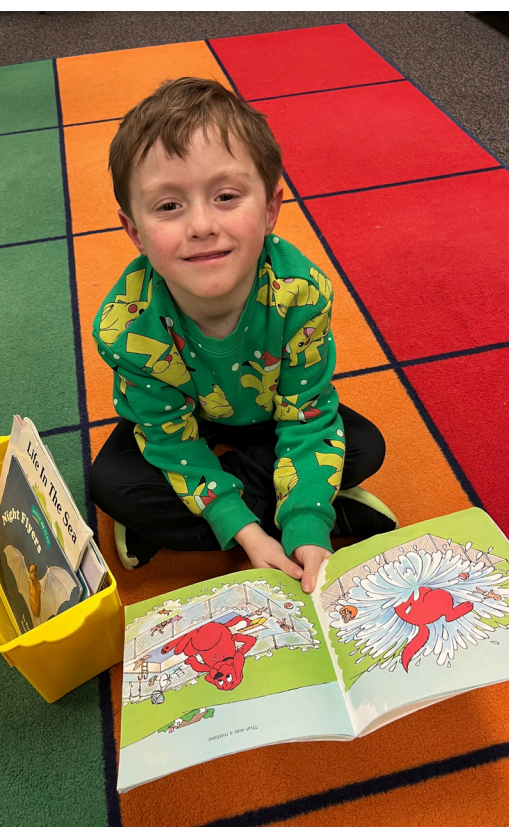
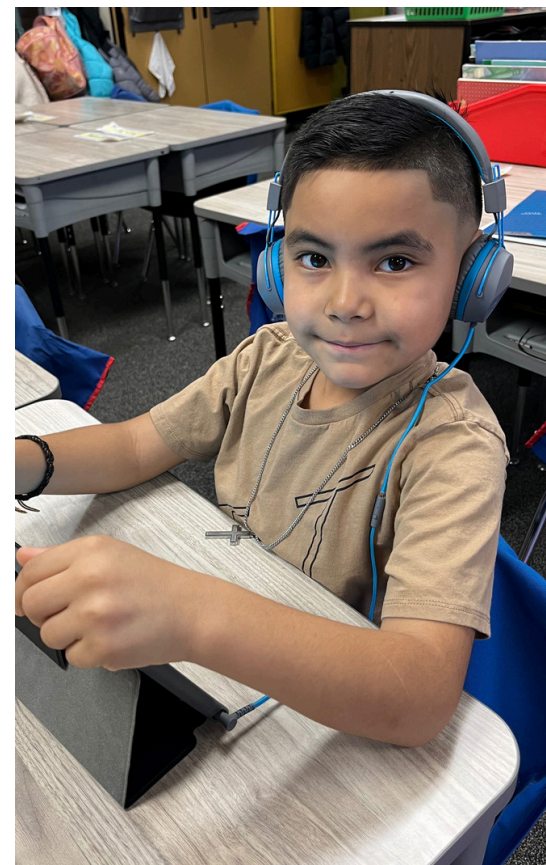
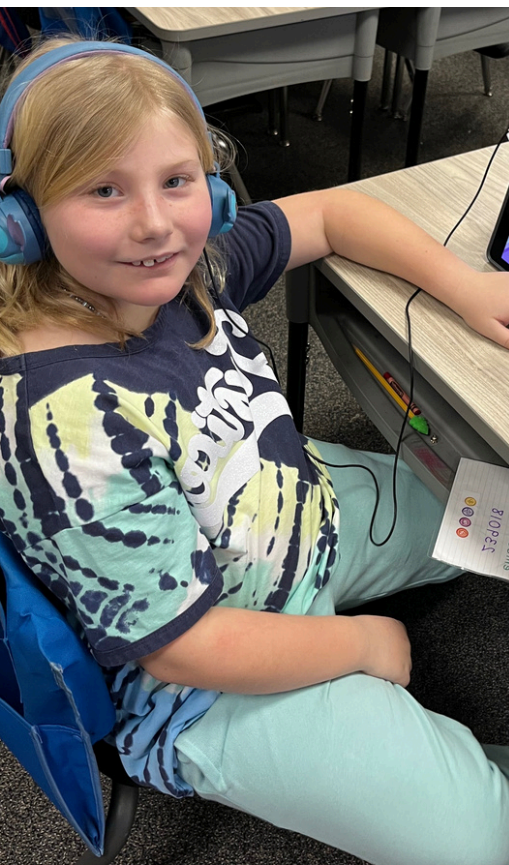
MEDICATION

Parents or guardians are responsible for bringing any new, unopened medication to the nurse's office.

This includes cough drops.

Parents or guardians and/or a doctor must fill out medical forms in order for medication to be dispensed.

Antibiotics given 3 times per day should be given at home: before school, after school, & at bedtime.





Valentine's Day CANDY GRAMS

TELL SOMEONE HOW MUCH THEY MEAN TO YOU THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

Support KES Student Council's Candy Gram fundraiser.

To purchase a Candy Gram, simply fill out the boxes below. You can purchase as many as you want to. Each gram you send is \$1. We ask that you send money in an envelope attached to this form. Please turn in no later than FEBRUARY 13th. Students will be selling these each morning as well.

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Helping Your Child Hear Word Sounds

The ability to hear individual sounds in words supports the development of strong reading and writing skills. Here are some ways to help build this skill:

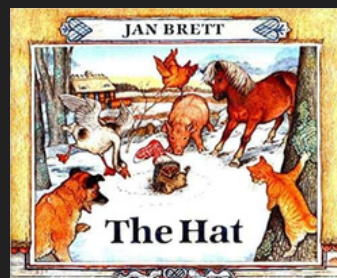
- Ask your child to blend (put together) two sounds to make a word.
 - m - ē → , me ã - t → at n - ō → no
- When you say a word, you can add a sound to a word part to make a new word. Tell your child: "say - ate, add /g/ to the beginning and the word is...." and your child would say:"gate". Other words to use:
 - -eep, add /k/ to the beginning → keep
 - -et, add /j/ to the beginning → jet

Phonemic Awareness

Phonemic awareness activities take place orally. Try these fun language play activities to build reading flexibility:

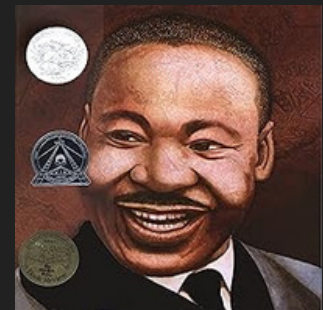
- Give your child a word and have them repeat it back to you. Then add a sound to the beginning and see if they can tell you the new word.
 - Say race → add */b/ to the beginning and the word is? → brace
 - Say car → add */s/ to the beginning and the word is? → scar
- Give your child a word and have them repeat it back to you. Then, take away the first sound and see if they can tell you the new word.
 - Say blink → without */b/ what's left is? → link

Favorite January Picture Books



The Hat
by Jan Brett

When Lisa's woolen stocking flies off the clothesline, Hedge finds it and pokes his nose in. He tries to pull it out, but the stocking gets stuck on his prickles — and the fun begins



Martin's Big Words:
The Life of Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr.
by Doreen Rappaport

Looks at the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, explaining his work to bring about a peaceful end to segregation

Tech Tidbits

[Prodigy English](https://www.prodigyenglish.com/)

Grade range: 1 to 6.

Cost: Free educational content, with optional paid Membership.

Prodigy English is ready to boost your child's language learning with a brand new game. As your child learns, they'll gain energy to use in a world of their own creation. They can gather resources, craft items and build their own village — all while learning!



Help Your Child Become a Fluent Reader

Phrasing is the ability to read words in meaningful groups rather than word by word, robotic reading. Here are some prompts you can use with your child if their reading sounds choppy:

- "Put your words together so it sounds like good talking."
- "These words make sense together. Read them together."
- "Can you make it sound like this?" (model it)
- "Listen to me read this part. Now read it just like I did."



WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY

IN NEED OF A WARM WINTER COAT?

CALL: 765-524-5695

FOR BOTH CHILDREN & ADULTS



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