



Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

Friday, March 7th, 2025

Phonograms

Taught March 3rd-6th
"oe" ("of toe") and "ey" (3 sounds),
Planning to Teach March 10th-13th
"igh" (3 letter) and "kn" (2 letter)

Sound in a Sack "u"

Parents, it is helpful if one of the clues tells if the word begins with the 1st (as in "up"), 2nd (as in "music") or 3rd (as in "put") sound. Thank you!

Phonogram and Spelling Test

Our next test will be Thurs., March 6th.

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| ew | little |
| ui | are |
| oa | ago |
| n | old |
| p | bad |

Reassessing

I've been reassessing missed phonograms and spelling words from tests. It's amazing how many students are getting them correct with a second chance! I'll continue reassessing as the school year progresses.

This Week's Read-Aloud Books

I Pledge Allegiance
By Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson
The Empty Pot
By Demi
Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh
By Sally Walker
First Facts: American Black Bear
By Molly Kilpin
The Cat in the Hat
The Cat in the Hat Comes Back
By Dr. Seuss

Math Concepts this Past Week

- * Count On -- Part 2
- * Add Up to 3 and 4
- * Add Up to 5 and 6
- * Add Up to 7 and 8

Looking Ahead to Next Week

- * Add Up to 9 and 10
- * Addition Practice
- * Chapter 9 Practice
- * Chapter 9 Test

100th Day

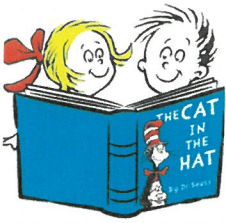
Our 100th Day of School Celebration is now scheduled for **Thurs., March 20th**. This will be the date even if we have a Snow Day(s) between now and then. All students are invited to make a t-shirt at home with 100 "somethings" on it to wear to for our 100th Day Celebration. You might want to start thinking about and planning WITH YOUR CHILD what their t-shirt will look like and how they will HELP YOU make it. The 100 "somethings" could be almost anything. Let your child be creative! Tell your child that the t-shirt "somethings" are to be a surprise. I'll get celebration information to the Celebration Coordinators soon so watch your email for details of this day we've been looking forward to celebrating since the 1st Day of Kindergarten!

Fairness

Our character trait this month is fairness. We will focus on speaking in turn and taking turns during our school day.

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Cat in the Hat

We celebrated The Cat in Hat every day this week! Of course, I had to read both of the The Cat in the Hat books. We also labeled The Cat in the Hat, found rhyming words from The Cat in the Hat, and did a directed drawing that turned out to be The Cat in the Hat. On Monday, we will be painting those drawings. Those drawings will soon be found in our hallway.

Core Knowledge

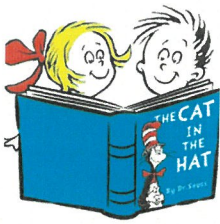
This week we began our Science Unit, Animals. We learned a lot about the American Black Bear. Next week we will do a nature study drawing of it. Our studies will also include animal classification, by whether animals eat plants or animals, or both plants and animals as well as the importance of water in the environment.

Yearbook Sales

TCA Central yearbooks are on sale! There will be a flyer going home in your student's backpack on Monday. The flyer has a QR code to order one for your student. The deadline is Friday, March 21st.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., March 9th: Spring Forward!
Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour!

Fri., March 14th: Kindergarten "In-School" ZooMobile "Field Trip"
Both AM and PM Classes will attend school from 8:15 AM-12:15 PM. All students are required to wear TCA uniform this day. Please drop off your student any time after 7:45 and send them to our Kindergarten hallway as usual. Pick up will be at 12:15 and will be like our normal PM pickup through either the carpool line or the crosswalk. Please send a snack and water bottle, but DO NOT send your student's take-home folder.

Thurs., March 20th: 1st Day of Spring ☺

Thurs., March 20th: 100th Day of School Celebration
See details on Page 1. More info to come soon from Celebration Coordinators

Fri., March 21st: NO KINDERGARTEN AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED
Kindergarten Field Trip to Millibo Arts Theater for "Suitcase Fairytales" is being rescheduled to Friday, April 4th. See below for info.

Fri., March 21st: Additional Session of JumpStart (for JumpStart Students Only!)

Fri., March 21st: Deadline to Order a TCA Central Yearbook

Mon., March 24th - Fri., March 28th: NO SCHOOL: Spring Break ☺

Mon., March 31st: School Resumes

Fri., April 4th: Kindergarten "In-School" MATS Theater Suitcase Fairy Tales "Field Trip"
This is a both a date change and a venue change from an "away" bus field trip to an "in-school" field trip. This is due to a cancellation from MATS Theater. We apologize for the inconvenience of another date change! Both AM and PM Classes will attend school from 8:15 AM-12:15 PM. All students are required to wear TCA uniform this day. Please drop off your student any time after 7:45 and send them to our Kindergarten hallway as usual. Pick up will be at 12:15 and will be like our normal PM pickup through either the carpool line or the crosswalk. Please send a snack and water bottle, but DO NOT send your student's take-home folder.

Fri., April 25th: Kindergarten Field Day
Both AM and PM Classes will attend school from 8:15 AM-12:15 PM. AM Classes will go to the field for 2 hours and then the PM Classes will go to the field for 2 hours. Mrs. Campos, our PE Teacher, will send out more info, including a volunteer sign up, as the date approaches.

Fri., April 25th: TCA Central Art Show, 5:00-7:00 pm

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