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April 2025

Notes from Ms. Nur

Hello Tukwila Tiger Families,

We did it—March is behind us!

Now that we've made it over the hump, things will start to fly by once we return from spring break. This year, spring break will be from Monday, April 7th to Friday, April 11th. We're so excited for our kiddos to get some well-deserved rest and come back refreshed for the final stretch of the school year!

Our character trait for April is Courage!

Wow—what a big and meaningful trait to develop, especially in our young learners. Here are some simple ways you can talk about and practice courage with your child this week:

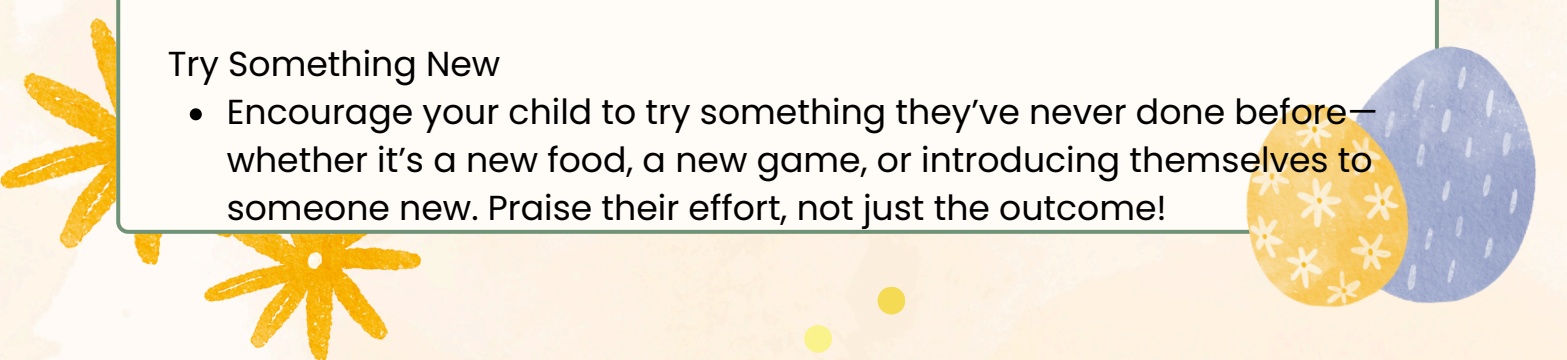
Dinner Table Talk

- "Can you think of a time when you felt nervous or scared but did something anyway? What helped you be brave?"

Story Time Connection

- Read a book together and ask:
- "Which character showed courage? What made their actions brave?"

Try Something New

- Encourage your child to try something they've never done before—whether it's a new food, a new game, or introducing themselves to someone new. Praise their effort, not just the outcome!
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Celebrate Small Acts of Bravery

- "Today, did you stand up for yourself or someone else? Did you speak up in class or ask for help when something was hard?"
- Celebrate these moments—they're all signs of courage!

Model It

- Share your own stories of courage with your child—big or small. Kids learn a lot from seeing adults face fears with honesty and strength.

Fire Drill: Friday, April 25th

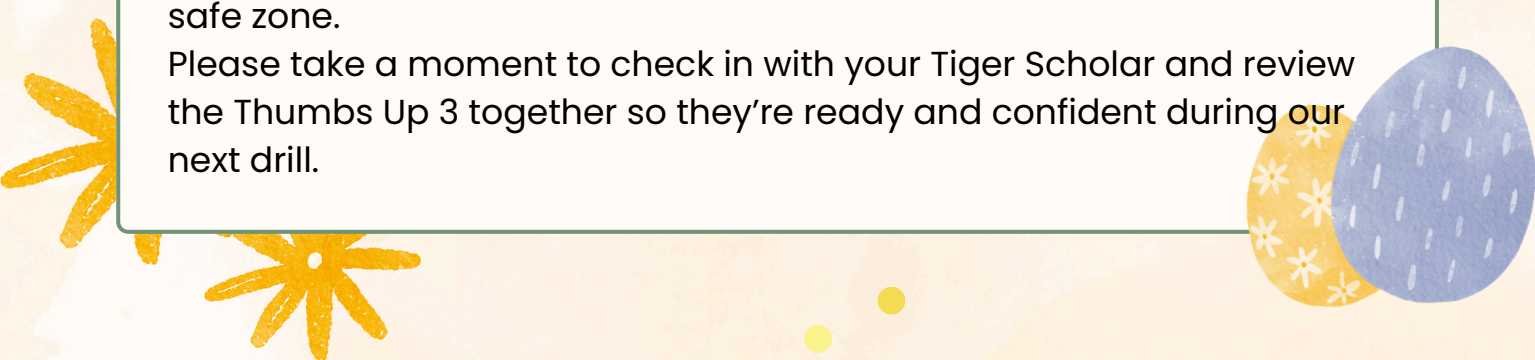
Fire drills are one of the most common safety drills we practice at school. Our top priority during a drill is to evacuate the building quickly and safely and identify our designated safe location as soon as possible.

We continue to focus on our "Thumbs Up 3" to help all students stay safe and follow expectations during any drill:

- 👍 Voices Off
- 👁 Eyes Looking
- 👂 Ears Listening

These three simple actions are key to moving safely and calmly to our safe zone.

Please take a moment to check in with your Tiger Scholar and review the Thumbs Up 3 together so they're ready and confident during our next drill.

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Meet 4th Grade Teacher, Ms. Watson!

How long have you been at TUK?

I started here as a substitute in 2011, so 14 years.

Why did you want to be a teacher?

After my son was born, I loved the world of children, and went back to school.

What do you love most about the students you work with?

They are happy and kind, and sometimes really funny!

What do you like to do outside of school?

I like to exercise: running, Pilates, and yoga mostly.

Who would you choose if you could pick one person, living or dead, to have dinner with?

Tom Petty! He was my favorite musician.

What is your favorite color?

Blue-green

What is your favorite season?

Autumn

Calendar

- March 30 or 31: Eid al-Fitr
- April 2: Early Release, 1:55pm
- April 3: Noise Opera Company: Hansel and Gretel, 9:30am
- April 3: 5th Grade Field Trip to Salmon Heroes
- April 7 - 11: NO SCHOOL, SPRING BREAK
- April 16: Early Release, 1:55pm
- April 22: 4th Grade Field Trip to Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle
- April 23: Early Release, 1:55pm
- April 24: K-2 Character Trait Assembly, 9:10am
- April 25: 3-5 Character Trait Assembly, 9:10am
- April 25: Fire Drill, 12:00pm
- April 29: 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Burke Museum, Seattle
- April 30: All School Assembly, 5th Ave Show: Songs of the Moon, K-2: 9:30am, 3-5: 10:45am
- April 30: Early Release, 1:55pm



SPRING
BREAK

April 7-11, 2025



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Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners have another busy month! In math, we will be working on partners for 10 (example: 4 and 6 are partners or it can be shown as $4+6=10$). Students will also learn about their teen numbers and that each teen number has a group of 10 in it. In phonics, we will continue working on word families and many sight words. If you want a list of the kindergarten sight words-- please ask your student's teacher! We will start a new writing unit, narrative writing. Students will use pictures and words to tell real life stories! Please keep working with your student at home over spring break!



First Grade

Hello First Grade Families! This month in math, students will be working on adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. In reading and phonics, students will be working on vowel teams that make the same sounds, three letter blends, and building comprehension (understanding what we're reading). In writing, we will begin working on narrative pieces, adding more details, and really focusing on sentence structure. We will continue learning about space and begin learning about different animals and their life cycles. Reminder, please make sure that your student is reading at home each night and working on their high-frequency words.





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Second Grade

Hello Families!

This month students will be working on finding the main idea and details in the text. They will also find the central message of the story. To do this, students will be reading folktales from around the world! In math, students are working on adding and subtracting numbers in the 100s place. Any support you can give at home would be helpful. Have a great spring break!

Third Grade

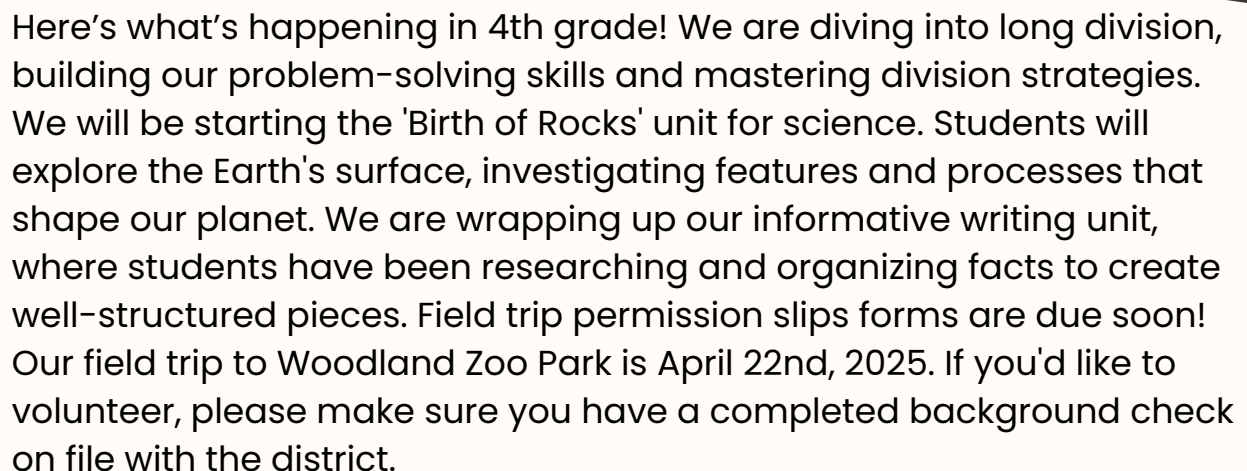
Hello Families,

In third grade, students are currently learning about fractions, but it is still very important for all students to continue studying their multiplication facts at home to build math fluency.

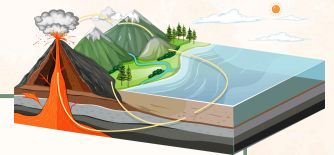
All classes worked very hard on their animal reports and projects and everyone did a great job. The third grade field trip to the Burke Museum will be April 29th.



Fourth Grade



Here's what's happening in 4th grade! We are diving into long division, building our problem-solving skills and mastering division strategies. We will be starting the 'Birth of Rocks' unit for science. Students will explore the Earth's surface, investigating features and processes that shape our planet. We are wrapping up our informative writing unit, where students have been researching and organizing facts to create well-structured pieces. Field trip permission slips forms are due soon! Our field trip to Woodland Zoo Park is April 22nd, 2025. If you'd like to volunteer, please make sure you have a completed background check on file with the district.



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Fifth Grade

Hello 5th grade families,
We are now in the last quarter of the school year! In April, we will begin preparing for the Smarter Balanced Assessments, as well as the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science. These Washington state assessments will be taking place in May. This month we also have a field trip on Thursday, April 3, where we will be learning about the PNW salmon life cycle with Salmon Heroes, a program a part of the Environmental Science Center. We anticipate a busy month but look forward to all the hard work your scholar will accomplish!



Music

March has been a busy month in the music room. We have learned about opera in preparation for our assembly presented by NOISE Opera Company. This year's production will be Hansel and Gretel. In April, we will continue learning about classical music through story, movement, singing, listening and instrument play. 2-5th graders will also start playing some pitched instruments (bells, ukuleles, keyboards) and reading notes on the staff.



MLL

The ML students at Tukwila have been getting back into the swing of things after taking a break for the WIDA test. It has been wonderful to see the students again and talk with them about their experience taking the test. The WIDA test had four sections: Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. Many of the students shared that their favorite part was the Speaking section where they got to speak their answers into a microphone attached to the headphones. Also last month our school got the opportunity to meet with families during Spring Conferences. Interpreters were provided when requested by families and conferences were a success.