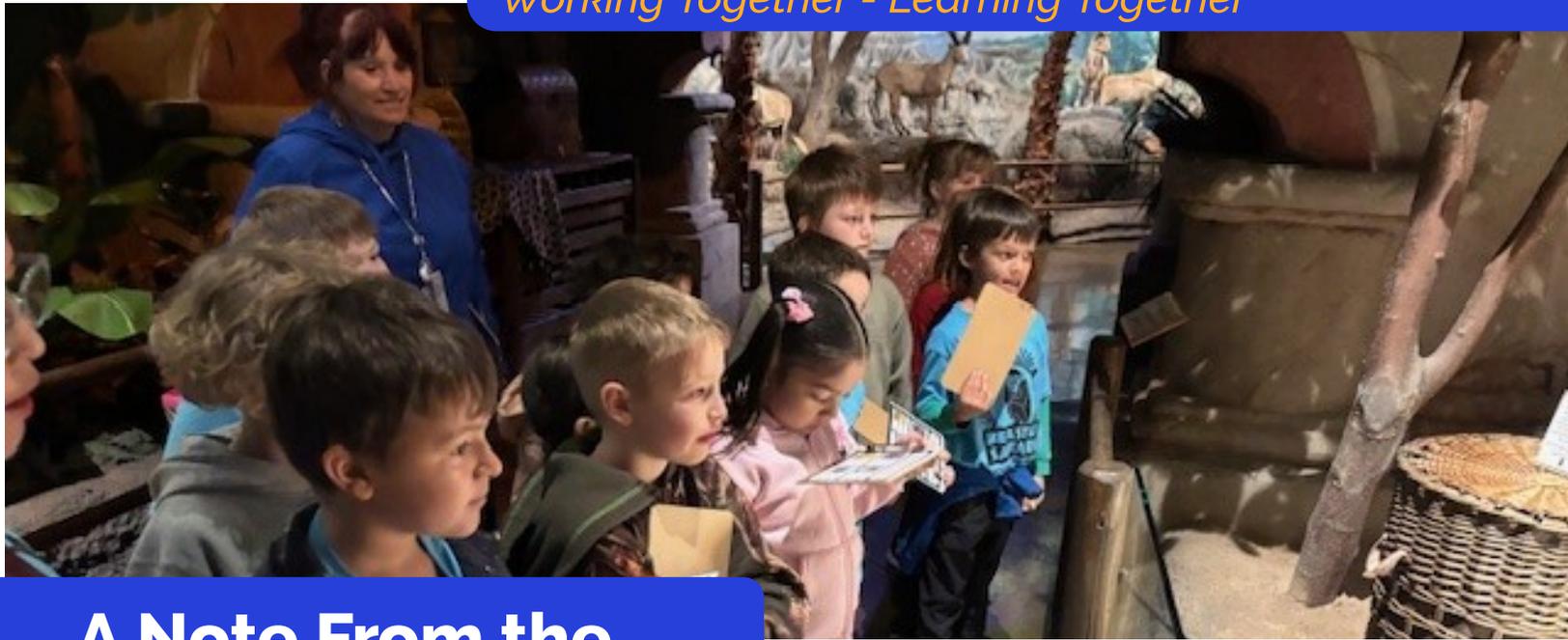




April 2025

# The Cottonwood Chronicle

*Working Together - Learning Together*



## A Note From the Principal

Spring testing will be in full force during the month of April. Students in all grade levels will be included in these important tests that measure their knowledge and skills in specific subjects. The tests are used to assess school performance and student achievement.

Attendance during this time is extremely important. Please check with your child's teacher to make sure that your child is here on test days!

Kyle Griffitts, Principal

## Upcoming

## Events

**May 2-** Grade 3 Kansas Fitness Day

**May 16-** Playday/Picnic

**May 19-** Pre-K Graduation

**May 20-** Grade 5 Honor Night

**May 22-** Last Day of School

Throwback from  
Kindergarten  
Roundup 2024!

# Kindergarten Roundup

*Please Join Us for Kindergarten Roundup! Find out what kindergarten at Cottonwood is all about!*

**Where: Cottonwood Elementary**

**When: Thursday, April 24, doors open at 5:45 p.m. (Please check-in by 6:00 p.m.)**

Please bring these items with you:

1. **Child's certified birth certificate** (not the footprint memento given at the hospital). We will make a copy and return the original to you.
  - a. If missing, order here: [VitalChek](#)

## 2. Immunization records

And, be sure you have registered your child at [Kindergarten Roundup](#)

# Book Fair (Apr. 14-17)

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again.

- Location: Cottonwood Library
- Student visitation Dates: Monday-Wednesday April 14-April 16 8:20 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Family visitation schedule: Friday, April 11 3:30-5:30 & Mon-Wed, April 14-16 3:25 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

[i More info!](#)

# Read Across America Bookmark Contest Winners!



**Grade 1**  
(from left to right)  
Remi Mclurg, Yarezi  
Lopez, and Corbin  
Garringer.

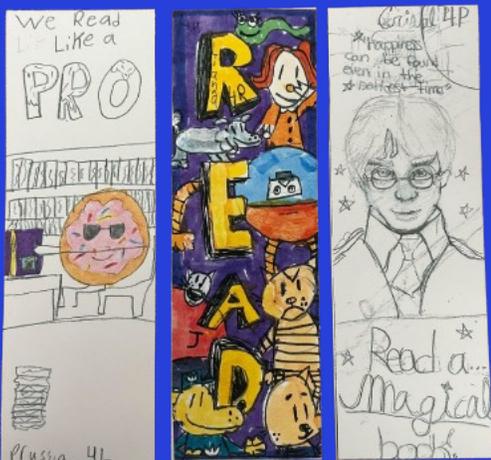


**Grade 2**  
(from left to right)  
Javier Ramon and Anahy Martinez.

**Grade 3**  
(from left to right)  
Nour Al Tabbaa,  
Gunnar Weaver, and  
Alejandra Garcia.



**Grade 5**  
(from left to right)  
Maxxton Mixon, Emma Smith, and  
Melanie Galvan.



**Grade 4**  
(from left to right)  
Prussia True, Lianna  
Murillo, and Cristal  
Cortes De La Torre.

# Visible Learning

As part of the Visible Learning journey at Salina Public Schools, our teachers are focused on being clear in their expectations and instruction to support student learning.

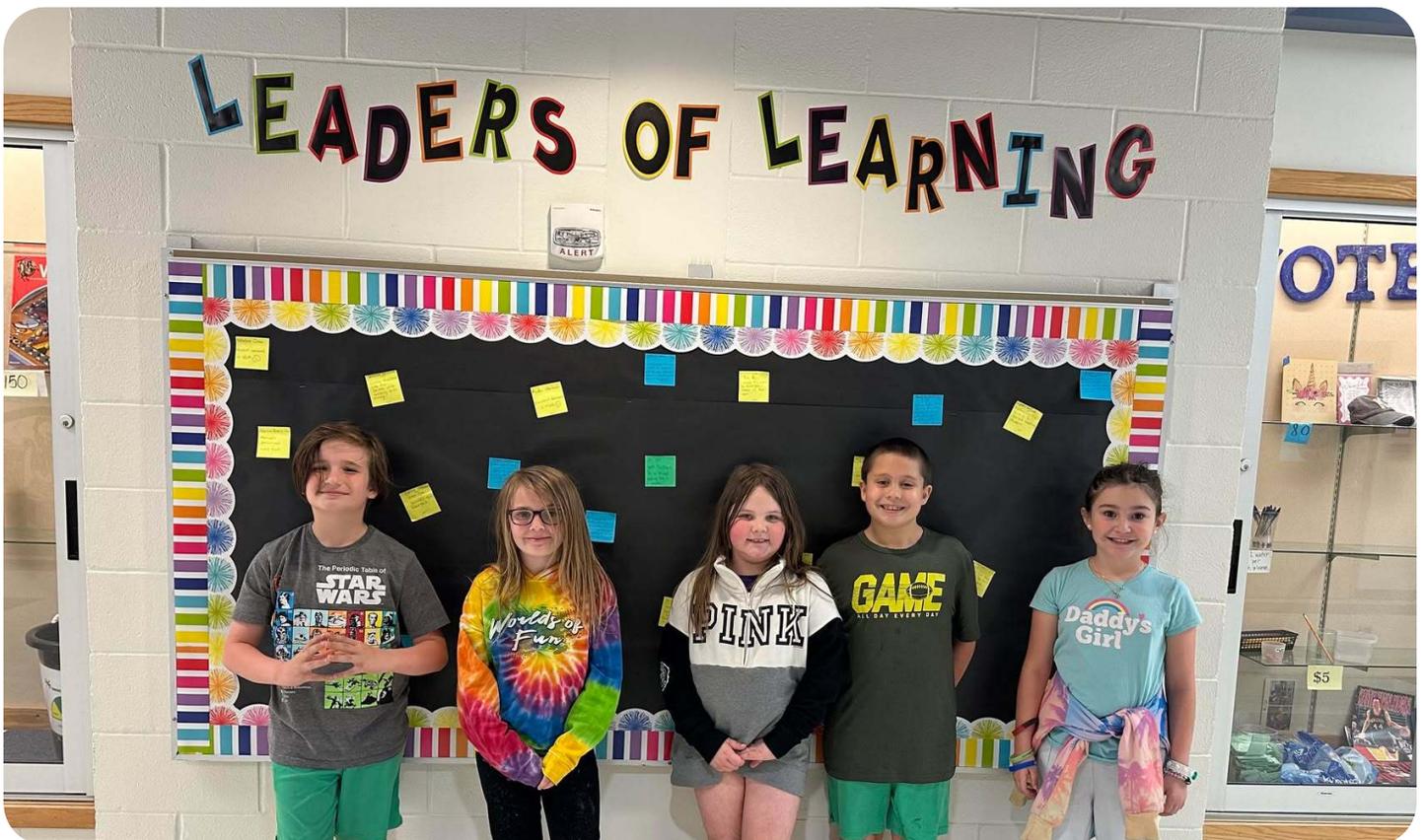
Teachers use learning intentions and success criteria as a way to communicate and help your child understand:

- What am I learning today?
- Why am I learning this?
- How will I know that I learned it?

Learning becomes more visible for students when there is a connection to what they are expected to learn (learning intentions) and what successful learning looks like (success criteria).

Celebrate learning with your child by asking what they learned this week and how they knew they learned it.

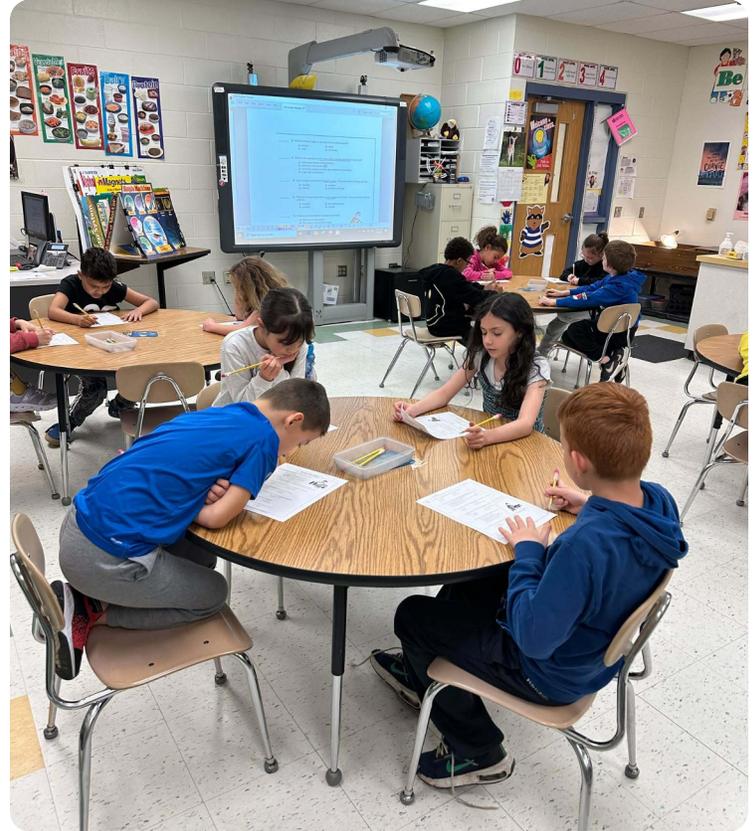
Teachers' use of learning intentions and success criteria combined with families talking about learning - helps grow stronger learners. Your conversations support Cottonwood Elementary's focus on developing our learning dispositions, by reviewing those attributes (thoughtful, co-operative, wonder, resilient) with your child.



# "Where flowers bloom so does hope." -Lady Bird Johnson

## Famous April Birthdays

- Leonardo da Vinci (April 15, 1452)
- William Shakespeare (April 23, 1564)
- Queen Elizabeth II (April 21, 1926)
- Jackie Chan (April 7, 1926)
- Robert Downey Jr. (April 4, 1965)
- Paul Rudd (April 6, 1969)
- Emma Watson (April 15, 1990)



## Notable Events in April

April 1- Fun Day

April 2- International Children's Book Day

April 6- National Pajama Day

April 11- National Pet Day

April 16- National Librarian Day

April is National Poetry Month!

April History:

- April 15, 1912- The Titanic sank.
- April 19, 1775- The American Revolution began.



# April Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

3- Family University

21- No School

14-17- Book Fair

24- Kindergarten Roundup

18- No School

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