

January 19th, 2026

## Supplies: A Restock?

Mid-school year, many markers have run dry and many pencils have significantly shrunken! Please check with your kiddo to see if they need a restock of any items.

## CMAS Testing on Computers

The state of Colorado has taken away the paper-pencil testing option for CMAS. This means that 3rd – 6th grade students take the CMAS test in April on computers. If you would like to preview some sample questions, for your own information, or practice for your student at home, you can access the practice questions at this link: [Practice Tests | Colorado](#) We have begun limited computer practice sessions at school. The goal is to familiarize students with the computers they will use for the test as well as the layout of the online test. In order to protect our learning time, however, we will not be practicing typing at school in 3rd and 4th grade. Free typing practice resources are available on the TCA East Elementary website, on the computers page, linked here: [East Elementary - Computers](#)

## Curriculum

**Spelling**—This week’s spelling test will be on Friday, 1/23. It will cover List 14 and Rule 6.

**[Rule 6: The letter y, not i, is used at the end of an English word.]**

**Math**—Our chapter nine test (line graphs and line plots) will be on Wednesday, 1/21. Chapter summaries are always available on the 4<sup>th</sup> grade webpage.

**Writing**—In conjunction with our Colorado history unit, students are busy writing reports on key figures in Colorado’s past. They are currently working to convert their notes into keyword outlines.

**Grammar**—In Week 18 of Fix-It Grammar, we will practice the correct use of it’s vs. its and other contractions.

**Poetry**—January’s poem is “Paul Revere’s Ride” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Students will recite their assigned portions of this piece on Thursday, 1/29.

**Reading**—Ask your student about the “Glad Game” from our current literature book, *Pollyanna!* We are learning about life on a Colorado ranch through our latest read-aloud, *Little Britches*.

**History**—Can your fourth grader tell you about Empress Zhao? We continue to learn about China’s dynasties through our world history lessons. We are also enjoying classroom lessons on Colorado history.

**Science**—Upcoming lessons focus on components of the respiratory system and lung function.

## Important Dates

**Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**No School**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>**

Vision/Hearing Screenings

**Monday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Brunk/Rogers’ lunchtime book club

**Friday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Project TCA Parent Meeting  
8:30 am—art room

**Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Heart & Lung Day

This is an in-school activity in which students rotate through four stations. A LUNCH FROM HOME will be required on this day due to its unique schedule.

**Friday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Titan Buddy Denim Day

& Sports Team Day

Students may wear the colors of or a jersey from their favorite sports team, along with denim.

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not in fighting the old, but in building the new.” ~Socrates