

February 2026

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SUNSET NEWS



A Note from the Principal

Sunset Families,

We are excited to welcome families into our school in the coming weeks!

Parent teacher conferences are a valuable opportunity to connect, celebrate student growth and partner together in support of each child's learning.

Through our focus on visible learning, students are becoming more aware of their understanding of what they are learning.

Our students continue to work hard each day, and we are so proud of their effort and growth. We encourage them to keep giving their best, trying new strategies, and believing in themselves as learners. Their dedication and perseverance make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

We also remind students how important it is to be good listeners. Being a good listener helps everyone learn, shows respect, and strengthens our school community. Keep up the great work, and thank you for helping make our school a safe, positive, and supportive place for all!

We are also proud of the work our students are doing through character strong, as they continue to build positive relationships, develop leadership skills, and strengthen their character. These lessons help create a caring, respectful school community where every student feels supported and valued.

We look forward to welcoming families to Fam Jam! This special event is a time to come together, have fun, and celebrate our school community. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We can't wait to see you at conferences and at Fam Jam!

Best regards,
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Upcoming Dates:

March 2 - Site Council

March 5 - Spring Music Programs for grades 3 and 4.

March 27 - Fifth Grade pictures

Character Strong

This month our focus is on **honesty**, "being truthful in what you say and do."

Practicing **honesty** helps strengthen our relationships and even reduces stress.

Family challenge:

- Create a family **Honesty** pledge. Write and decorate a sign together that explains what **honesty** means in your family and have each family member sign it. Display it and refer back to it as a reminder to be truthful in words and actions.

Nurse News

The fun of the holidays is over and now we are left with cold, dreary, short days. Beat the winter "blahs" by making sure you and your family stay active! It's important to get 60 minutes of physical activity each day, even when it's cold outside. Click on the button for a great website for awesome ideas to keep kids active indoors.

 [Indoor game ideas](#)

Be sure you are still eating healthy and limiting sweets and high-calorie "comfort foods". Screen time limits are important to keep track of when you are spending less time outdoors.

Dress your family appropriately for the weather. If the wind chill creeps above freezing, recess will be outdoors. Fresh air is good for us!

Fam Jam

Sunset Elementary Fourth Annual Fam Jam

Tuesday, February 24th

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Experience a free night with your family to celebrate various cultures and traditions in the food court, theater, studio, and arena.



Library books are chosen so now it's puzzle time.

Art and Library Collaboration



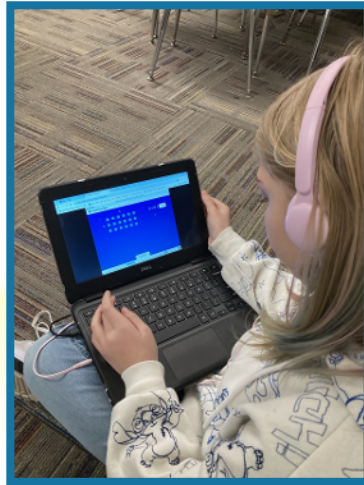
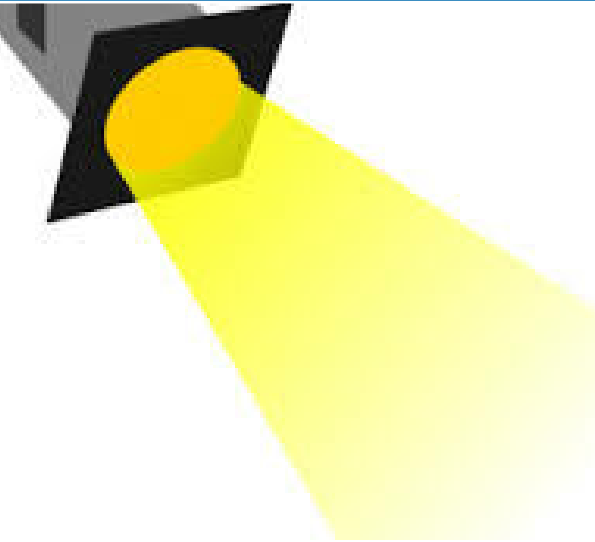
Mrs. Lidgett read the book Place Hand Here to grades 1, 3 and 5. Miss Easter had those grades put their hand print on a large red heart.

Students are encouraged to put their hand on one of the hand prints when they are missing someone. Most art should only be enjoyed with your eyes, but students are encouraged to put their hands on this piece of art.

Students and adults can also take a story walk by reading the pages of the book that are displayed in the hallway across from the heart.



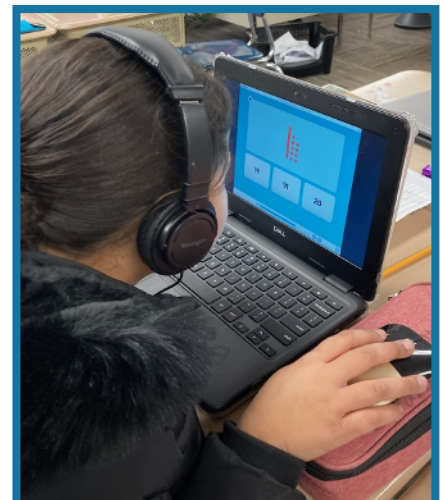
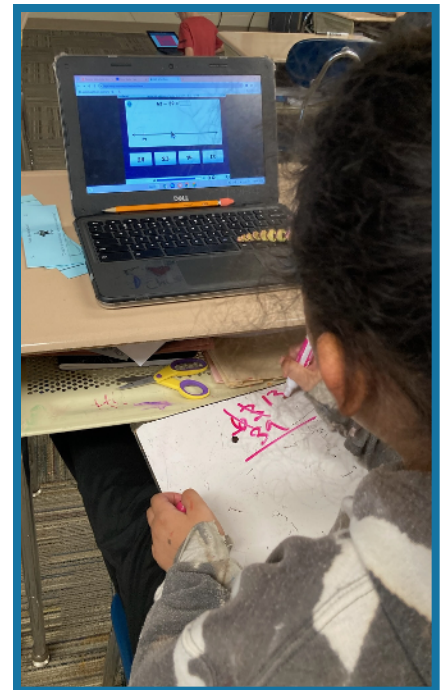
Spotlight on Third Grade



Our third graders have been working incredibly hard on mastering their multiplication and division facts. They are learning not only accuracy, but also strategies and confidence as they tackle more challenging math concepts.

Beyond academics, students continue to grow socially by practicing empathy and perseverance—both in the classroom and on the playground. They are learning how to work through problems, support one another, and keep trying even when things feel difficult.

Students have also been focusing more intentionally on their i-Ready lessons and assessments, gaining a better understanding of why these scores matter and how their effort directly impacts their growth. We are proud of the dedication and progress they are showing each day.



Painting Reward



The classrooms of Mrs. Crow, Miss Stevenson, and Mrs. Olson earned enough points during specials classes to receive the reward of painting P.E.'s Gaga Ball walls.

Thank you, Miss Easter and Mr. Hoover for allowing the students to create such a special project.



February Calendar

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

2 - Site Council

4 - Individual/Class pictures

4 - Parent/Teacher Conferences in the evening

5 - Parent/Teacher Conf.
No school for students



6 - No School

9 - No School

24 - Fam Jam

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