

Newsletters March 2026



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Kindergarten News

WDE Title One



March

Classroom

March is full of exciting learning in Kindergarten! This month, students will continue building strong reading and math skills while exploring signs of spring through hands-on activities and creative projects. We are so proud of the growth they are showing and look forward to a wonderful month ahead!

ELA:

- Parts of a book
- Identify & explain quotation marks
- Identify & explain punctuation mark (.?!)
- Make predictions
- Identify problems & solutions
- Sequence of events

Sight Words:

- here, me, this, what, help, too, has, play

Math:

- Write, identify & represent numbers 11-20
- Make groups of objects for numbers 11-20
- Decompose groups of 11-20
- Count to 100 by 10's
- Count to 100 starting from any number
- Identify patterns when counting to 100

Reminders

Don't forget:

- Send labeled water bottles.
- Wear sneakers to PE.
- Turn in homework according to your child's teacher.

March Dates:

2-8 National School Breakfast Week/ Read Across America

11th End of 3rd quarter

12th Quarter 4 begins

13th 1/2 day Teacher/Parent Conference Day

17th St. Patrick's Day/Wear Green for the cafeteria

20th Spring Picture Day

24th Report Cards go home

26th Kona Ice Day

27th Career Fair

31st Awards Day

“You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.” Dr. Seuss

GRADE 1

newsletter



MARCH

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

LITERACY

We are reading and learning about fantasy as well as fables and poetry. We will also work on opinion and expository writing

NUMERACY

In math we are focusing comparing numbers using addition and subtraction

PHONICS

This month we are focusing on r-controlled vowels like ar and ir. We are also decoding and encoding words with inflectional endings

COMING UP

MARCH 2ND-6TH

Read Across America Week

MARCH 13TH

Half Day: Dismiss @ 11am

MARCH 20TH

Spring Picture Day

MARCH 24TH

Report Cards

MARCH 26TH

Kona Ice

REMINDERS

Please make sure that your student brings their folders and a backpack to school every day :)

2ND GRADE NEWSLETTER

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HOME OF THE SOARING EAGLES



Student Spotlight

All 2nd grade students have been working hard on earning Eagle Talons and Eagle Bucks for their behavior and academics!



Academic Spotlight

Learning Together, Growing Stronger

In 2nd grade, we are working hard on mastering new skills and reviewing, reviewing, reviewing! In Reading, we are reviewing text features, character perspectives, and finding text evidence. In Phonics, we are working hard with reviewing our long vowel patterns. In Writing, we expressing our opinions and reviewing how to make our writing neat. In Math, we are reviewing place value. The 2nd grade teachers are very proud of all the growth and progress we have seen so far. We know our Eagles will continue to SOAR this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Quarter 3 Ends**
March 11th
- * **Quarter 4 Begins**
March 12th
- * **Half Day/Conferences**
March 13th
- * **Report Cards**
March 24th



Important Reminders

- Make sure you are checking Homework Folders daily
- Sign and return any paperwork your student's teacher has sent home
- Sign up for SchoolStatus Connect
- Bring a non-leaking water bottle daily
- Turn in all homework assignments on their due date

DON'T FORGET!

March 2026 Class News



Teacher: Third Grade Team

Date: March 2026

Learning Focus

Reading: Biography, Drama and Myth
Math: Perimeter, Measurement and Data
Science: Organisms and their Environments
Social Studies: Global Economy

MAP TESTING will also be in our schedule for MARCH. Please encourage students to study for this assessment.

Mark Your Calendar

March 12: 4th Quarter Begins

March 13th: 1/2 DAY for students

March 24th: Report Cards Issued

March 25th: Field Trip

Reminders

Students should be completing homework assignments daily. Encourage students to read independently for 20 minutes each day.

Sneakers are to be worn on days students attend PE.

Please send jackets for students to wear on colder days so we can have outside recess.

Thank you for all your support!

Third Grade

Mrs. Scott
Mrs. Hodge
Mrs. Bautista
Mrs. Johnson

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Congratulations to Mrs. Bautista for winning 2026-207 Teacher of the Year!

March

NEWSLETTER

OUR LEARNING:

The fourth grade students are learning the following items:

- **English/Language Arts and Writing:** How to write a personal narrative and reviewing for The SC Ready Assessments in Reading, Grammar, and Writing
- **Math:** Decimal Fractions, Unit of Measurement and Data, and Geometric Figures
- **Science:** Earth Features and Resources
- **Social Studies:** Civil Rights and Famous African Americans.



IMPORTANT INFO:

- March 9-20 MAP Testing in Reading and Math
- March 23-27 Common Assessment in Reading, Math, and Science
- March 23-Black History Program

UPCOMING DATES:

The following students are celebrating Birthdays in March:

- March 1-Khayden Haynesworth
- March 6-Stella Pierre
- March 9-Jayceon Hoskins
- March 14-Leah Mack, Ty'Care Artis



5TH GRADE CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

March 2026



What We're Learning

Science/Social Studies

- **Social studies we will be studying our nation and the world today, to include current wars and other challenges. We will discuss goals we should set for our nation, and ourselves.**
- **Science we will be learning about how we can protect and save the environment.**

ELA

- **We are working on argumentative/persuasive writing. We will be defending villains and looking at social media bans.**

MATH

- **We will be finishing up multiplying & dividing fractions. Along with starting measurements, line plots, range & mode.**

Upcoming Events

- **March 12- First Day of Q4**
 - **March 13- 1/2 Day Students:
/Parent Conference Day**
 - **March 17- St. Patrick's
Day/Wear Green for the
cafeteria**
 - **March 20- Spring Picture
Day**
 - **March 24- Report Cards
Issued**
 - **March 26- Kona Ice Day**
 - **March 27- Career Fair**
 - **March 31- Awards
Day(Classroom)**
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Related Arts NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

PE - Coach Jacobs

Kids Heart Challenge was a success! Thank you to those who donated and those who registered online.

March Madness is approaching and in PE we are going to start our basketball unit. K-4th will learn the basics of basketball (Dribbling, shooting, passing and offense and defense). 5th grade will compete in a March Madness tournament!

Please wear tennis shoes on your PE day.

Library - Mrs. Robinson

Spring is just around the corner, and March brings lots of excitement to our library! Please watch for information coming home about Read Across America Week. Reading at home every day makes a difference! Here are a few simple ways you can support your child:

- Let your child choose books that interest them
- Read together when possible
- Ask questions about what they are reading
- Talk about favorite characters and stories

Every page turned builds confidence and comprehension!

Art - Mrs. Gaulke

The first day of Spring is March 20, 2026. We will be springing into Spring time this month! Trees will bloom, and flowers will blossom! In March we will be creating flowers for the "Flowers on Main" celebration in Sumter, South Carolina. Third through 5th grade will be creating pipe cleaner flowers for this event. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be creating "coffee filter" flowers. Many classes will be experimenting with painting springtime with rhythm and movement. Take a moment to observe the newness of Spring around you! Remember students to keep up the great work in Art class!!!

Music - Mrs. Bettinger

March Music Madness is in full swing with QuaverEd, and students are having a blast reviewing music concepts through fun, interactive challenges all month long. We are also excited to invite you to our **District Honor Choir** is **March 14th** & the **WDE Choir Spring Concert** on **March 23rd** as our students share the music they've been working so hard to prepare! 🎵

STEAM - Ms. Terry

Hello STEAM families! March is full of exciting opportunities to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math! As the weather begins to warm up, we will be investigating nature, experimenting with wind, exploring color, and celebrating creativity with hands-on learning.

Did you know you can create a rainbow with simple kitchen supplies? Try it!