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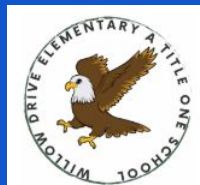
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Kindergarten News

WDE Title One



April

Classroom

Happy April! 🌸 We are excited to welcome a new month filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and growth in our kindergarten classroom. As the weather warms up, students will continue building strong foundations in reading, writing, math, and social skills through engaging spring-themed activities and collaborative learning experiences. We look forward to a wonderful month of discovery together!

ELA

Informational Text:

- Topic & details in chronological order

Fantasy:

- Make & confirm predictions and be able to sequence events

Text Features:

- Photographs, captions, titles, labels

Phonics:

- Learning the long vowel sound using the silent e pattern. Examples: cakee, likee, cutee, polee, Petee.

Math:

Topic:

- How can I describe and compare the length, height, weight, and capacity of objects.
- I can compare 2 objects using these concepts and terms like taller, shorter, longer, heavier, or lighter

Topic:

- I can identify, sort, and count coins. (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters)

Reminders

Don't forget:

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

April Dates:

3- No School

6-10- Spring Break

17- Relay for Life

22- Earth Day

24- Sweet Frog/ SCReady

Pep Rally/ PTO Ohana

Dance 5-8pm

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

GRADE 1

newsletter



APRIL

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 on time, data, and measurement

PHONICS

This month we are focusing on diphthongs such as oi and ou. We are also decoding and encoding words with inflectional endings

COMING UP

APRIL 2ND

Parent Workshop @ 8am or 12pm

APRIL 3RD-12TH

Spring Break

APRIL 17TH

Relay for Life

APRIL 22ND

Interims

APRIL 24TH

Sweet Frog/Ohana Dance @5pm-8pm

REMINDERS

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

2ND GRADE NEWSLETTER

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HOME OF THE SOARING EAGLES



Student Spotlight

All 2nd grade students have been working hard on mastering self discipline to make our school a better place.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Spring Break**
April 3rd-10th
- * **Relay for Life**
April 17th
- * **Interims**
April 22nd
- * **Ohana Dance**
April 24th



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 story elements, central idea, and going back through the text. In Phonics, we are working hard with syllable types and the Schwa Sound. In Writing, we are researching for informational writing and reviewing how to make our writing neat. In Math, we are working with shapes and graphing. 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 during this last quarter!

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!**

April 2026 Class News



Teacher: Third Grade

Date: April 2026

Learning Focus

Reading: Unit 6 Text Set 3: Students will read a drama and a myth

Math: Unit 14: Geometric Shapes

Unit 13: Describe and Analyze

2-Dimensional Shapes

Science: Unit 4: Organisms and their Environments

Social Studies: Unit 7: Economy

Mark Your Calendar

Spring Break: April 3, April 6-10

Tuesday April 21: Field Trip

Reminders

At the end of April we will begin state testing.

READ to succeed state law; students must pass SC Ready to pass third grade.

Please review homework daily, study notes, and read independently to prepare for testing.

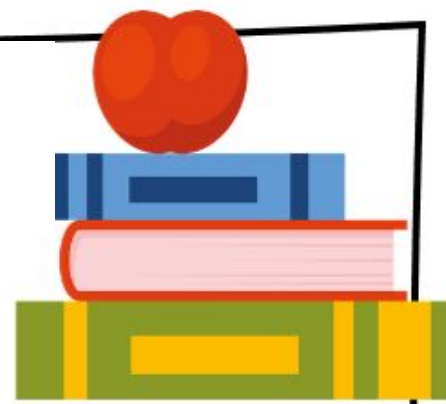
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Third Grade: Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. Bautista, and Mrs. Johnson

Please reach out to our team if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all your support!

Fourth Grade newsletter



APRIL NEWSLETTER

SUBJECTS:

ELA/Writing—Preparing and Reviewing for the SC Ready Reading and Writing Test.
Math—Preparing and Reviewing for the SC Ready Math Test
Science Preparing and Reviewing for the SC Ready Science Test

IMPORTANT DATES & ASSESSMENTS:

Month of April

- 3- No School
- 6-10- Spring Break
- 17- Relay for Life
- 22- Earth Day
- 24- Sweet Frog/ SC Ready Pep Rally/ PTO Ohana Dance 5-8pm

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:

- April 4-Amani Rhodes
- April 5- Kevin Lillios
- April 7- Jamauri Corbett
- April 13-Morgan Champagne
- April 15- Ashton Shingler
- April 27-Kymonte King and Ja'kyla Johnson



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5th Grade Newsletter



Language Arts

We're excited to begin our class novel study of *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor, a heartfelt story about Charlie, a girl navigating big changes who makes a wish every day and befriends a stray dog named Wishbone. This novel offers rich opportunities to build reading stamina, deepen comprehension, and spark meaningful conversations about hope, friendship, and belonging.

What students will practice:

- Citing text evidence to support inferences about characters and theme
- Tracking character development and internal/external conflicts
- And so much more!



Math

This month, our 5th graders are digging into fractions—the foundation for middle school math and a powerful tool for real-life problem solving. Students are strengthening number sense by representing fractions on number lines, using visual models (area models and fraction strips), and explaining their reasoning in words and drawings.

How families can support at home:

- Cook together: double or halve a simple recipe and talk through the fraction changes
- Compare: ask which is larger— $\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ —and have your child defend their choice using a benchmark or model
- Quick practice: create two fractions and challenge your child to find a common denominator and add them
- Math talk: encourage your child to explain their thinking; precision in language builds precision in math



Science and Social Studies

In Social Studies, our students are taking on the role of global citizens by diving into the complex and ever-changing landscape of current events. Rather than just reading history from a textbook, they are analyzing the history that is unfolding right now.

We are currently investigating different environments around the globe—from lush rainforests to arid deserts—and discovering the incredible ways animals have evolved to thrive in their specific habitats. Students are learning about physical adaptations, like camouflage and specialized diets, as well as behavioral adaptations, such as migration and hibernation.



Important Dates

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 - 17- Relay for Life
 - 22- Earth Day
 - 24- Sweet Frog/ SCReady Pep Rally/ PTO Ohana Dance 5-8pm
 - 27- SCReady 3rd & 5th Reading day 1
 - 28- SCReady 3rd & 5th Reading day 2
 - 29- SCReady 4th Math day 1
 - 30- SCReady 3rd Writing/4th Math day 2





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APRIL 2026

PE - Coach Jacobs

As school is coming to a close due to summer. In PE we are still going to stay physically literate by learning different playground games, and know how to stay healthy with different activities they can play at home with little to no equipment.

Reminder: Please have your student wear their tennis shoes to PE on their PE day.

Music - Mrs. Bettinger

Students will be exploring musical form and strengthening their composing skills as they create and perform their own rhythmic and melodic ideas. Our Kindergarten and 5th grade students are also working hard to prepare special songs for their end-of-the-year ceremonies. We can't wait for you to hear them! 🎵

Library - Mrs. Robinson

April is blooming with exciting opportunities to grow as readers in our school library! As the flowers begin to blossom, we are encouraging students to "grow" their love for books and explore new genres. We will also focus on poetry in honor of National Poetry Month. Students will enjoy reading, listening to, and even writing their own poems. Please make sure you read over Spring Break.

STEAM - Ms. Terry

Spring is here, and our STEAM Lab is blooming with exciting learning! April is a wonderful time for students to explore, ask questions, and use creativity to solve problems. This month, students will continue working together to build, test, improve, and try again - because that's exactly what real engineers and scientists do. Plant a tree or flower this month in honor of Earth Day!

Art - Mrs. Gaulke

Just think, Earth day and Arbor Day are celebrated in the Month of April. In Art class We will take the time to talk about our beautiful Earth, and how to take care of it. We will create Art that celebrates a clean environment. Arbor Day, in case you didn't know, is about celebrating, planting, and protecting trees. We will also appreciate the beautiful trees around Willow Drive Elementary School. Each class will be creating something unique about trees! See what you can learn this month about the environment, and all the beautiful trees around you!

