

February Super Kids

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Kindergarten

We are almost through all of our letters; Ww and Qq are all that's left, and have been working on building sentences. We are reviewing the short vowel sounds and are going to begin talking about the long vowel sound.

We practice using clues to find covered words in our big books. We find different ways to use our word wall and morning message. In Math, we have studied addition and subtraction and are getting ready to learn more about shapes in our new chapter. We are continuing our Science concepts and our handwriting skills as well, writing a morning message every morning. We are looking forward to spring break!

First Grade

Wow! Third quarter is almost over!! We are so ready for spring to come. However, our first graders have been *blooming* now for a long time. We are continuing to learn more and more phonics skills which are really helping to increase our reading levels. Spelling and writing will continue to be a focus this quarter. Math skills will include more addition and subtraction, money, geometry, and fractions. We are still learning about the United States and other countries of the world. We will be celebrating the special birthday of Dr. Seuss on

March 2nd. March is another full month of fun and learning.

Second Grade

Third quarter is almost over with spring just around the corner! Second grade will be kicking off this month with two-digit subtraction with regrouping. Towards the end of the month we will be moving into geometry. We have started a new literature set, Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, by William Steig. This book is about a donkey that loves to collect rocks and finds a magic pebble. We will be having a collection show this month to show off anything that we collect. In social studies we will be finishing up maps and move on to Native Americans. In science we will be starting a new unit about the earth. Have a great spring break!

Third Grade

Third grade students are breezing into March. Students have much to do this month in preparation for MAP testing. The first week of MAP testing will be April 8, 9th, & 10th. The focus of this test will be Communication Arts. The second week of testing will be April 14th, & 15th. The focus of this one will be Math. The students have been reading several non-fiction literature books to help better prepare them for the tests. The first book was about the famous dog, Balto. They are also reading about other famous people, such as Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Ruby Bridges, and Harriet Tubman. The teachers will also be emphasizing poetry over the next few weeks. The students have already learned about Acrostic and Haiku poems and The 5 W's. There is much to be completed during this month.

Fourth Grade

It's hard to believe that third quarter is about to come to an end! The year is flying by. Fourth

graders have been reading biographies and are using their artistic talents to construct biography bottles of their famous person. Fractions and decimals are our current focus in math. We have recently begun a poetry unit in English. Students will be learning poetry basics while reading selected poems and writing their own poetry. They will also be working on a poetry project. In Social Studies we will be studying life after the Civil War and government. After we complete our unit on electricity and magnetism, we will begin studying the make up of the earth. Fourth graders will also be reviewing for the MAP test coming up in April. This is certainly a busy time of year in fourth grade!

Computer Lab

March is the kickoff of National Nutrition Month! This is a wonderful time in the computer lab. All classes will be learning about the importance of health, fitness, and nutrition in their daily life. The breadth of resources available is almost overwhelming. One of my favorites from last year is Learn to be Healthy (www.learntoBeHealthy.org). They have remodeled the site this year and it is really cool. This website offers health science activities for children and an enormous amount of information for educators. These interactive activities are sure to help the children pave the way to a healthier spring. This month's focus within the Microsoft Office Suite will be PowerPoint. We will use our knowledge of the products used thus far to prepare for our final nutrition project using PowerPoint. Please feel free to visit our links on the School Website located in the Computer Lab <http://www.elsberryschools.com>.

Library

RIF ALERT!! President Bush has not included the Reading Is Fundamental program in his budget for next year. If the budget is approved,

our students will no longer receive 3 free books per year, as they have for the past 32 years. Please contact our Senators and our Representative by going to www.rif.org and clicking on **Contact Congress Now**. No Congressman from Missouri has signed a request to reinstate funding, but with your urging, they might. Please help save this wonderful program for our children, and teach them about citizen responsibility as well. The last time this happened, in President Bush's first budget, the funding was restored by the grassroots effort of families throughout the United States.

Important Dates

- 3-4 1:00 Dismissal for Teacher Training
- 3-6 & 3-7 No Preschool
- 3-7 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3-8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3-14 Spring Pictures
- 3-14 Grade Cards
- 3-20 thru 3-25 SPRING BREAK
- 3-26 Classes Resume
- 4-8 1:00 Dismissal for Teacher Training

SAVE USED CELL PHONES AND INK CARTRIDGES FOR MR. CLEVELAND!

WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION AND CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS.

