

1st and 2nd Grade News March

Reminders

With the winter season in full affect, please make sure your child is dressed for the weather to be able to play outside at recess. It is important to wash winter gear often to avoid the "stinky wet snow pants" smell. ☺

Learning at Home

Please continue to read with your child 20 minutes per night. Feel free to read favorites from home, library books (school or public library), book bag books (these are great because they are a good-fit reading level), and have your child complete their reading group assignments. Since we rarely send math homework home—we encourage families to find ways to explore math concepts through real-life experiences. Ideas: cooking, building, math flash cards/equations, story problems, counting forward and backward, etc. Ask your child's teacher if you'd like more ideas!

Dates to Note

3/1: End of trimester 2

3/5: PM student led conferences

3/8: No school (students),
afternoon student led conferences

3/14: Publishing party in your child's
classroom- 8:15 am

3/18-3/22: SPRING BREAK- No
School!

A Peek Into Learning

Reading: Students have been practicing "stopping and jotting" in their "My Thinking" notebooks as their teacher reads aloud chapter books. This is a skill that is used widely in 3rd grade and beyond, so we start practicing early! We are cruising right along in our reading levels and feeling proud!

Writing: Students are working hard during our opinion/persuasive writing unit and using reasons to support their opinions. They are working hard to complete their persuasive letters to YOU for our publishing party on March 14th. Be ready to be convinced!!

Phonics: We have been focusing on short vowels and long vowel teams (ee, ea, ai, oa, etc.)

Content: We finished up our solids and liquids science unit and the students loved hands-on learning opportunities. We are now moving into a Geography unit for social studies. Ask your child about what they learn in content on Thursdays and Fridays!

Math: In first grade we began our new geometry unit on shapes. The Kiddos are loving learning about what shapes make up or fit into other shapes. Second grade is working hard on adding and subtracting money, and working with place value of three digit numbers and deciding which is greater or less.