

*April 4, 2025*

# The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter

Thank you to the parents that helped chaperone the trip on Friday. We were very lucky to end up with pretty good weather. It was a little chilly but there was no snow or rain. 😊 It was fun to visit the Planetarium again as well as visiting the Haven's Petting Farm.

---

## News from the PTO

Our K-5 PTO is gearing up for our upcoming **Fancy Pants Dance and Silent Auction on Friday, April 11th from 6-7:30 PM at the IC.** Cost is \$5 per family. We are excited for our silent auction which will feature many celebration offerings from our K-5 staff as well as tons of great items from local businesses! We hope you check it out!

## Miscellaneous

The 3rd grade music program will be on Friday, April 25 @ 2:00 pm in the HS auditorium. You may take your child home after the program. I just need to make eye contact with you before they go with you. :)

**Just a FYI:** Riser Order from Left to Right as you look at the stage: Farnsworth Messmann Lee Siebold Baumgart Fox Lawson Turner

So if you want to be able to see your child, you'll want to sit more on the right side of the auditorium.

[Explore Science Night](#) will be on Tuesday April 22 (EARTH DAY 🌍!) from 5-6:30pm.

[Sign up today](#) you can print this form, or pick one up near the front office.

Check out the library for science project inspiration.



This project would need to be done at home. Students can work with a partner or in a small group.

Hi Teachers!

### CAMP INVENTION 2025

- Camp Invention will be at the IC this summer (instead of PC).
- It will be half days for 2 weeks from June 16-June 27 from 12:30-4:15.
- Cost \$275 before discounts (early registration and sibling discounts are available- see flyer for details!)
- Extended care until 5:30pm is available for an extra fee of \$100.

#### *Payment Plans Available*

Campers will complete 4 STEM modules filled with tons of learning, lots of fun, and amazing materials they'll get to bring home!

Check out this [VIDEO of camp](#)

Campers who attend summer school will receive transportation from Summer School to Camp Invention each day!

Contact Christine Parmley [parmleychristine@mounthorebschools.org](mailto:parmleychristine@mounthorebschools.org) with any questions!

### Academics:

#### Forward testing coming up-

**Please check with your child to see if their headphones are still working.** A number of the students have broken headphones or ones that occasionally don't work for them (making crackling noises, etc.). We use headphones every day during WIN, but they will definitely need them for the upcoming testing.

Remember that we will be taking some practice tests next week and then **taking the actual test April 10, 14-17**. Try to avoid scheduling appointments on those mornings.

During testing week, I would like to give students a little snack to start their morning off right. Some ideas I was thinking about would be: mini muffins, cheese sticks, some sort of bread (banana for example) or fruit like grapes. Just a little something for each morning would be great. I will send a google sign up if you would like to help.

To help us focus while we are testing, we are also looking for suckers and/or gum. Dum Dums and sticks of gum vs. bubble gum work best.

Thanks for considering! [Link to sign up](#)

**Reading/language arts-** We are back to another science unit. Unit 5 is all about light and sound. We just finished learning about light and how it travels. Now we are beginning to learn about sounds. Did you know that light travels 850 times faster than sounds? Also, light travels much faster in the vacuum of space, but sound cannot travel in that same vacuum.

**Ask your child to tell you how fast light travels in a vacuum?** 860,000 miles per second **What medium (solid, liquid or gas) does sound travel through faster?**  
Solid-because it needs particles in order to vibrate which in turn creates the sound.

We continue to learn more suffixes. (-ous and -ly) We are also working on writing sentences with more detail adding adjectives and adverbs.

**Spelling-** Our new set of words focus on 3 of the 7 sounds we know the long a makes. The -ay- can always be found at the end of a word or syllable. The -ai- is found in the middle of a word or syllable. When they hear a consonant sound at the end of the word or syllable, they should spell it with -ai. -ea does not occur very often.

<u>ea</u>	<u>ai</u>	<u>ay</u>
breaker	explain	betray
great	daisies	yesterday
beefsteak	trainees	crayons

**Math-** Our focus on Unit 5 is the relationship between multiplication and division. We again are trying to find efficient strategies to help us solve both types of problems. We've been playing a number of games to help us practice our facts.

On days your child doesn't have homework, besides going onto Dreambox or xtramath, you could play one of the games we've been learning with your child. The games can be found in Clever. Go to "My Page" then go to "Work Places". You need to be in slideshow mode, but once there, pick Unit 5 and the game you want your child to play.

**Number Corner-** We are starting a new calendar for April. This month for the calendar grid observation. We are looking at fractions and parts of a whole.

We will also be continuing to work on multiplication facts, even taking timed tests to work on our speed. Solving problems and working with a number line will also be skills we'll continue working on.

### Important Information/Reminders:

- ☐ Practice tests for Forward April 7-9
- ☐ Fancy Pants Dance and Silent Auction- April 11 6-7:30 @ IC
- ☐ Forward testing- April 10, 14-17 from 8:45-10:30
- ☐ No School- Good Friday- April 18th
- ☐ Easter- April 20
- ☐ 3rd grade music program April 25

# Special Star

Emma Rose was our special star before Spring Break . She celebrated her birthday on March 6th. Maybe mashed potatoes, her favorite food, were part of her birthday meal. A sport Emma really likes is swimming. Something she feels she does well is math. Every day after school, you will find her petting her dogs. She helps around the house too by feeding her dogs and cat. If she's not petting her dogs, or maybe while she is, you might find Emma reading a book like her favorite, I Survived Nazi the Invasion. Or perhaps she is laughing as she watches the movie *Stitch*. Her favorite musician is Taylor Swift. She would like to visit Norway someday. When Emma Rose grows up, she would like to be a 1st grade teacher.

Finley was our special star this week. He is close to celebrating his 1/2 birthday. His actual birthday is on August 21st. His favorite sport is basketball which is also something that Finley feels he does well. Every day after school, he goes to Little Vikings. One thing he does to help around the house is do chores. A food he really likes is chicken strips. The Last Kids on Earth is his favorite book, while *Harold and the Purple Crayon* is the movie he likes best. His top music group is Imagine Dragons. He would love to visit Hawaii someday. When Finley grows up, he would like to be either an NBA player or a scientist.

