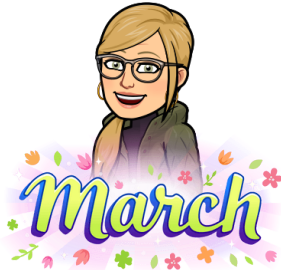


March 1, 2024

The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



We have a lot going on in the month of March. Today we got to watch the dress rehearsal for 4th grade's music program. In **two weeks**, we have **student/parent/teacher conferences** and the book fair. We end our 3rd quarter of school on March 19th. Two days later we will get to enjoy a presentation from a local meteorologist. Finally, we'll end the month with Spring Break and Easter. Whew! 😊

News from PTO:

PTO has been providing emergency snacks for students that forget to bring one on occasion. If your child forgets for a few days, I have them write a note to bring more snacks from home.

Academics:

Reading- This week we read our first play called, The Bear Cubs. It was based on a story told by the Miwok tribe. As with other myths and legends, there is a lesson to be learned. *Ask your child: Which character taught us a lesson? (measuring worm) What lesson did he teach? (Even though he was small, and others didn't believe in him, he believed in himself and did great things.)*

We have also been reading books connecting to China. While they read, they are writing about questions they have, things they're inferring and what they are visualizing (seeing, tasting, smelling, hearing, seeing).

Language arts- We can't wait for you to see all of our animal reports when you come for conferences. Now we are onto "How To" writing.

Together we did the steps for making a PB & J sandwich and a pizza. Next week, they will pick their own topic to write about.

For DLR, we have been talking about how some words can be "stronger" or "weaker" than others. For instance, the following words are listed in order from weakest to strongest: tiptoed, walked and clomped. Contractions have some up again, and we are encountering lots of homophones in our sentences. Lastly, we're using more adjectives.

Math- Our Unit 5 focus is all about multiplication and division. We are learning that multiplication is to division as addition is to subtraction (an analogy connection to some of our Lexia lessons 😊) Our most challenging task right now is writing multiplication and division story problems. Any time you can review x's facts with your child, please do. It will help them gain confidence.

March starts a new calendar for Number Corners. We will be creating a very large wall of areas and perimeters. On our calendar, we are looking at pictographs, tally charts, clocks with elapsed time and more. *Ask your child to find the area and perimeter of an array that is 6cm x 4cm? (A= 24 sq. cm P= 20 cm.) What is 8 x 4, and how can you figure it out? (Take 8x2=16 then double that to get 32)*

Social Studies- Students have a test on China next Thursday. Study guides went home yesterday, please help them study.

Science- We are going to problem solve ways we can help a community that has too many mosquitoes.

Important Information/Reminders:

- Early release- March 11
- Parent/student/teacher conferences- March 14 from 11am-7pm and book fair
- End of third quarter- March 19
- Weather presentation- March 21
- Spring Break- March 25-March 31

Special Star

Macy was our special star this week. She celebrated her birthday on August 9th. Cheeseburgers are her favorite food. She doesn't have a particular singer or group but likes to listen to LIFE 102.5. She likes the sport of basketball the best, recently competing in a tournament. Writing is something Macy feels she does well. Every day after school she watches a show. Elf is her favorite movie while *The Babysitter's Club* is her top reading series. One thing Macy does to help around the house is feed her kittens. Someday, she would like to visit Hawaii. When she grows up, she would like to be a veterinarian.

