

March 7, 2025

The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter

Last Friday, we celebrated Roman Day. We had fun simulating chariot races. Congratulations to our chariot race champions- Preston and Everly. We also designed our own Roman coins, completed an escape room solving various activities about gods/goddesses, Romulus and Remus, plebeians and patricians, Julius Caesar and ancient Rome. Lastly, we were treated to a honey stick because honey was used like money during ancient Roman times.

News from the PTO

***BINGO! We are hosting a Bingo night at the Red Mouse on Friday, March 14th. Please see the flyer in your child's folder today! You will find a newsletter on the back of that flyer! We are NOT able to provide bus transportation due to low numbers. We apologize for the inconvenience.**

***Our K-5 PTO is excited to offer childcare during conferences on Thursday, March 13 from 11:00- AM to 7:30 PM. You can drop your child(ren) off at the PC cafeteria or the IC cafeteria. We will have volunteers ready to engage with your little ones so you are able to focus on your child's conference. We are looking for volunteers to help provide this care as well as volunteers to provide food for the staff working that day. (PTO is supplying Milio's, but we are looking for some other goodies to be added to the mix!) If you can help with either, please sign up [here](#)!**

Academics:

Upcoming Parent/Student/Teacher conferences: Your child is working hard to prepare a slideshow for their upcoming student-led conference next Thursday. Please click on the following [Link](#) if you do not remember your time. Your child is looking forward to sharing their successes and goals with you.

Reading/language arts- We started Unit 5- Light and Sound this week. This is another science related topic. During this unit we will again be reading non-fiction while listening to a fictional story connecting to light and sound.

Ask your child how fast light travels in a vacuum? 186,000 miles per second **Ask your child what we mean by the word "vacuum"?** The emptiness of space

Look for your child's ME book at conferences to see other things we've been up to since the start of school. We've been working on writing complete sentences and remembering our non-negotiables (correct capitalization, punctuation and spelling along with writing neatly).

You will also see two writing samples we completed at the end of Unit 4. When writing opinion pieces, we focus on stating our opinion, providing reasons why we have that opinion along with having evidence to support our reasons. Finally we make sure we wrap it up by having a concluding sentence.

Spelling- We are reviewing all of the ways to make the /ee/ sound. Most of these words your child has already seen this year. **The new list of words came home Thursday. Please keep them in a safe place to practice.**

These are the review patterns:

<u>ea</u>	<u>ie</u>	i	ey	e_e	e	y
eager	rookie	stadium	money	athlete	believe	enemy
leader	believe	chariot		centipede		secret
teacher	chief	experience				

Math- We will share Unit 4 tests at conferences. We are working on multiplication and division again in Unit 5. This time our focus is on the connection between the two, writing story problems for both multiplication

and division and finally connecting them to finding the area of various shapes.

Number Corner- March's number corner focuses on 3 areas. First, for our calendar, we are collecting different "time concepts": pictographs, tally charts, digital clocks, analog clocks and clocks using Roman numerals.

We are also learning more about finding the area of shapes. Each child created a 1 foot square decorating it with anything they've learned in 3rd grade so far. We will be taking those squares and making new shapes every day, finding the area and perimeter.

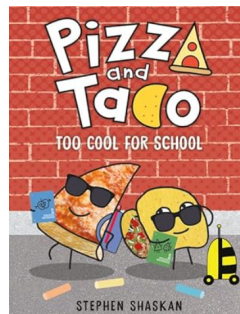
Finally, we will be continuing to focus on both fractions and multiplication strategies.

Miscellaneous:

Please see the flyers from Mr. McGivern for American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart. If you didn't see the flyer and want to participate, please click on [The Kids Heart Challenge website](#) to do so.

Also, from the library:

Author Visit!



On April 23, 2025, author and illustrator Stephen Shaskan will be visiting our 3-5 grade students. Stephen is the author and illustrator of several picture books including: Big Choo, Toad on the Road, Max Speed, The Three Triceratops Tuff, A Dog Is a Dog, and the graphic novel series Pizza and Taco. He also illustrated the picture book Punk Skunks and the graphic novel series Q and Ray, both written by his wife Trisha Speed Shaskan.

You have the opportunity to purchase signed books from Stephen Shaskan. If interested, visit <https://stephen-shaskan-book-order-copy-62510.cheddarup.com>.

BOOK SALES WILL RUN THROUGH MARCH 27, 2025. AFTER THIS DATE, THE SALE WILL BE CLOSED, AND NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

PLEASE USE CODE VIP10 WHEN CHECKING OUT TO RECEIVE 10% OFF YOUR ENTIRE ORDER.

Important Information/Reminders:

- ☐ Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences- March 13
- ☐ Spring Break- March 24-28
- ☐ Field Trip- Planetarium & Haven's Petting Farm-April 4 *See permission slip in the Friday folder
- ☐ Forward testing (practice) April 7-9
- ☐ Forward testing- April 10th 8:45-10:30
- ☐ Forward testing- April 14-17 8:45-10:30
 - ☐ Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during testing times if possible.

Special Star

Madysen was our special star two weeks ago. She will celebrate her next birthday on August 15th. Maybe she can find a great place to have tacos - her top choice for food. Soccer is her favorite sport, while math is something she feels she does well. Every day after school, Madysen normally does gymnastics. The *Babysitter Club* books are her favorite, while, according to Madysen, *The Kicks* is the best movie. She likes country music, especially Morgan Wallen and Luke Combs. One thing she does to help around the house is to do the dishes. She would like to visit England someday. When Madysen grows up, she would like to either be a veterinarian or a hairstylist.

Santiago was our special star this week. He celebrated his birthday on September 20th. Perhaps he had chicken, his top food, for dinner. His favorite sport is soccer. One thing that Santi feels he does well is know his geography. I can attest to that. He's always ready with an answer when it comes to maps. Every day after school, Santi tells his parents what he did in school that day. One thing he does to help around the house is shovel snow. Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief is his favorite book while *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* is his top movie. He really likes the music group 21 pilots. Someday Santi would love to visit Uruguay, maybe to visit family. When Santi grows up, he thinks he might want to be a professional soccer player.

