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PRE-K 3

Our Pre-K 3 students are making lots of growth this time of year. We are so proud of all the hard work they put in each day. Students are becoming more independent, and the classroom expectations are greater. We are looking forward to Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school.

Our two February themes are "Favorite Tales and Rhymes," and "Creative Me." We have been reading lots of old tales such as, "Three Little Pigs" and, "The Sky is Falling," so feel free to ask your child questions about these stories and share some old tales that maybe you read as a child.

As always, students are progressing in learning the letters in their name and beginning to learn some letter sounds. It is so exciting to be able to watch them grow and develop a true love for learning. Thank you for everything you do support us at home.

PRE-K 4

PreK 4 is continuing Unit 3, How Structures Are Built, through the next three weeks of February. We will end our unit with an in class culminating activity. Our culminating activity will include a STEAM project to design and build a ship. As long as we don't have any more snow days, we will celebrate the 100th day of school 2-2-22. We will have a fun filled day of activities related to the number 100.

Reminders:

Return Raising a Reader bags and books at the end of each week that they are sent home.

CHECK YELLOW TAKE HOME FOLDERS DAILY.

KINDERGARTEN

Dear Kindergarten Families,

- This month in phonics we are continuing to write and read short vowel CVC words, short phrases, and sentences using sight words and sounds we know.
- As mathematicians we will celebrate the 100th day by counting to 100 by 1's and 10s and continue to explore addition and subtraction using math manipulatives.
- For Term 3 we will continue science to explore plant and animal needs and how energy from the sun warms the Earth.

Please continue to encourage your student to be respectful, responsible, ready to learn, and kind with adults and peers at school.

-The Kindergarten Team

P.S.

For Valentines day (February 14th) we will have a Friendship Party if you would like to send a snack & cards.

Laptops should be going to and from school everyday.

FIRST GRADE

Dear First Grade Families,

In math, students will investigate place-value concepts for tens and ones. Students will practice comparing and adding 2 digit numbers. Students will continue to fluently add and subtract within 20.

In social studies, students will examine specific ideas, beliefs, and themes; organize patterns and events; and analyze how individuals and societies have changed over time in Maryland, the United States, and around the world.

In ELA we have been studying the different characteristics of fiction and nonfiction text using our Interactive Read Alouds and Shared Readings. We will finish our How-To writing unit as we close out Term 2. We have started studying blends in phonics and will continue building our reading skills during small group time.

SECOND GRADE

The second grade students have read and responded to books about birds, trickster tales and stories about the pleasures of giving. They have shared their opinions about authors and learned about text features and predictable vowel teams. The boys and girls have written informative / how to articles and shared nonfiction books in their readers' notebooks.

Second graders have focused on telling time, counting money, solving place value and word problems. Students have been finding coin combinations and making change. They are telling time to the nearest 5 minute on an analog clock and using a variety of strategies to solve word problems. Please continue to work on fact fluency at home.

Second Grades focus on Social Studies has been on learning about how our government was established and how it continues to work today. Students learned how the Constitution and Bill of Rights was created and how we still use it to govern our laws today. They focused on how the three branches of government work together through a checks and balance system. Finally, the focused on how the federal, state, and local laws makers use taxes to support our communities.

SPECIAL AREAS

Music: In the New Year, PreK3 and PreK4 Musicians will be working on their steady beat and rhythm skills using everyday items, such as book and puppy. They will be performing the steady beat and rhythms using body percussion, movement, and classroom instruments.

In the New Year, Kindergarten Musicians will be practicing their steady beat skills using body percussion, movement, and classroom instruments. They will also be using a new to them instrument, called the xylophone! I am also looking forward to students working with our student intern, Ms. Morris!

In the New Year, First Grade Musicians have been focused on building and using their solfege singing skills with sol, la, and mi using hand signs, staff notation, and classroom instruments. I am looking forward to seeing them to continue to work with our student intern, Ms. Morris!

In the New Year, Second Grade Musicians will be focused on learning to perform ostinatos, or musical repeating patterns using body percussion and classroom instruments. Musicians will also be focused on building and refining their rhythm performance and composing skills using quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests.

Media: This month we will be concentrating on books related to Black History Month.

As the new semester begins, please check at home for any overdue books that need to be turned in.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 B Day	2 C Day Early Dismissal PreK Music Therapy (Martino, Eskridge, Gilmore)	3 D Day	4 E Day
7 F Day Report Card Distribution	8 A Day	9 B Day PreK Music Therapy (Martino, Eskridge, Gilmore)	10 C Day	11 D Day
14 E Day Book Fair	15 F Day Book Fair	16 A Day Book Fair PreK Music Therapy (Martino, Eskridge, Gilmore)	17 B Day Book Fair Fruitland Schools Sweet Frog Night	18 C Day Book Fair Early Dismissal
21 No School	22 D Day	23 E Day PreK Music Therapy (Martino, Eskridge, Gilmore)	24 F Day	25 A Day
28 B Day				

General Reminders:

**Daily COVID Screening Procedures- please be sure to screen your child for COVID symptoms prior to attending each in-person school day. The screening procedure can be found [here](#).

**PARENTS!! You may want to consider Voluntary Student Accident Insurance (SAI) coverage for your child. There are many options available including 24-hour insurance coverage, school-time coverage, summer coverage and more. To learn about the coverages available and to enroll online, go to this Wicomico County Public Schools approved insurance agency: [Flyer](#)

**We are inviting parents to be involved in our PBIS (Positive Behavior Program). As a parent member you will only be asked to attend 1 meeting. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested. We are excited to create a sense of community, not only among our staff and students, but our families as well.