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PRE-K 3

We hope that everyone had a safe winter break and enjoyed time with their families. Please remember as students come back from this long break it might take them some time to get back into the routines of school. Students may get upset to come to school because they are used to staying at home. This is completely normal, just continue to encourage them as you did at the beginning of the year.

For the month of January, our theme will be "Safe and Healthy Me," as well as incorporating winter activities. We will be working on recognizing the letters in our names, numbers 1-5, shapes and colors. We will start to work on syllables and rhymes as well. We look forward to starting the new year off on the right foot and continue to see growth in your child.

PRE-K 4

In January, Pre-K 4 will begin their third unit of study called How Structures Are Built. This unit focuses on how structures and tools work and how to make or do things. Children explore the form and function of objects through observations, simple experiments, games, and activities. They spend time reading and writing procedural texts that tell someone how to make or do something that they want to know how to make or do.

Students will play games and do chants with fingerplays to support their understanding of counting and plus-one patterns. They subitize, duplicate and extend patterns, add, and subtract. Children investigate how 2-D shapes can become 3-D shapes and compare the shapes' attributes.

The children explore emotions and recognize feelings and their causes, both in themselves and in others. They talk about anger and learn ways to calm down when they have strong emotions.

Reminders:

- Return Raising a Reader bags and books every Thursday.
- Check yellow folders daily.
- Pick up your child's Bedtime in a Box if you have not done so already.
- Bring bedding to school on Mondays.

KINDERGARTEN

Dear Kindergarten Families,

- This month in ELA we will study and compare a variety of fiction and nonfiction books. We will continue to practice short vowel sounds and writing during our show and tell unit.
- As mathematicians we will explore teen numbers, continue addition within 10, and master counting by 10s.
- For Social Studies we will continue with our civics units as we explore the need for rules & laws in a community.

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

-The Kindergarten Team

FIRST GRADE

Dear First Grade Families,

In math, students will learn to understand and apply properties of operations and the relationship between addition and subtraction. Students will continue to fluently add and subtract within 20. Students will also work with representing and interpreting data.

In social studies, students will continue to understand the historical development and current status of the fundamental concepts and processes of authority, power, and influence by reviewing rules and laws as well as why it is important to be civically engaged.

SECOND GRADE

During January, the second graders will explore the natural world of birds through nonfiction texts. They will learn how to use text features to understand information. The students will interact with trickster tales and express their opinions about books. The boys and girls will continue to study vowel teams and write nonfiction, informational passages.

Students will explore measurement in math. We will use rulers to measure in inches and centimeters. We will also measure in feet. We will also continue to practice counting coins and solving number stories.

In social studies, students will learn about the structure of government, which includes the three equal branches- executive branch, legislative branch, and the judicial branch.

SPECIAL AREAS

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year PreK3 and PreK4 Musicians and Families! In the coming months, PreK musicians will continue learning about and experiencing many music concepts. They will begin building steady beat skills and begin experiencing rhythms using everyday items, such as book and puppy. They will also be hearing and identifying tempos (fast and slow) and dynamics (loud and quiet).

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year Kindergarten Musicians and Families! In the Spring, kindergarten musicians will be practicing their steady beat skills using their bodies, voice, and instruments. Maintaining a steady beat is a crucial skill for musicians that is built over time and practice. Kindergarten Musicians will also start learning about rhythms using rhythm language, such as "du du du-de du".

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year First Grade Musicians and Families! Coming up, first grade musicians will be practicing and experiencing music concepts such as dynamics and tempo using their bodies, voices, and instruments. First Grade Musicians will also focus on solfege singing, hand signs, and staff notation using sol and mi.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year Second Grade Musicians and Families! Second Grade Musicians will be refining their rhythm performance skills using rhythm language, notation, and instruments this Spring. They will also be learning to play ostinatos, which are musical repeating patterns. Performing an ostinato is a challenging concept because it requires each person to be an independent musician, performing one part while someone else performs something different at the same time.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10 F Day	11 A Day	12 B Day	13 C Day	14 D Day Early Dismissal
17 No School MLK Day	18 E Day	19 F Day	20 A Day Fruitland Schools Sweet Frog Night	21 B Day
24 C Day	25 D Day	26 E Day PreK Music Therapy (Martino, Eskridge, Gilmore)	27 F Day	28 A Day End of Marking Term2
31 No School Professional 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.