



PLAINVIEW PRIMARY



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The joy of reading has been our focus this week as we celebrated Read Across America! This nationwide reading celebration takes place each year on the birthday of beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss, who epitomizes a love of learning. Dr. Seuss’s use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. This is why his birthday was designated as national Read Across America day.

The famous character from one of Dr. Seuss’s book , the Cat in the Hat, was on the prowl Monday, reading the book The Cat in the Hat to all of the students at the Primary Elementary. The cafeteria put everyone in the spirit by serving green eggs and ham! Teachers and guest readers read several different books written by Dr. Seuss to the Primary Elementary. The library coordinated this effort and provided stories and displays for everyone to catch the spirit of reading as a life long pleasure!

Reading is such an important life skill. One of the best things that you can do is read to your child. Even after children are able to read for themselves, it is still enjoyable to be read to. Seeing parents reading their own books as well as reading together serves as a powerful and positive model. Research indicates that the amount reading that students do at school and home is positively related to overall achievement.

We hope this week has sparked a desire in our students to read, read, and read!

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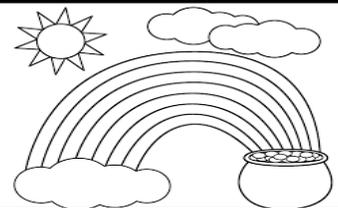
Music

“March is Music in Our Schools Month! We will be celebrating this with Primary Family Folk Dancing Night on Thursday, March 23, 2017 in the Elementary Cafeteria. This is a fundraiser for our Music Room. All money raised at the event will go to buy new instruments for our music classroom. Admission is \$3.00 for adults 18 and over. Students under age 18 are free! 1st Grade will teach us how to dance at 6:30 p.m. and 2nd Grade will teach us how to dance at 7:00 p.m. Even if you don’t have a student in 1st or 2nd Grade you are more than welcome to attend! Have a great month and a great Spring Break!”

Library

Things have been hopping in the library as PreK students have been listening to stories about frogs. The Wide Mouthed Frog by Keith Faulkner was a big hit! Kindergarten students found out what a mess the wind can make in The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins. First graders learned a lot about elephants and the topic this week for second graders was rhinos.

Please keep in mind that it is not a good idea to pack library books in the same pocket of a backpack as a water bottle. Sometimes even the best water bottles leak. Keep reading!



UPCOMING DATES TO

REMEMBER:

- March 10: End of 3rd Quarter
- March 13—17: Spring Break
- March 20: 4th Quarter begins
- March 22: Report Card Distribution
- March 23: Spring Pictures



NEWS FROM OUR SPECIAL CLASSES

PRE-K

Well, we've had hints of spring all winter, so now it is soon upon us. We'll have Spring Break Mar. 13 – 17 and we'll be focusing on the changes of spring. We'll discuss changing weather patterns and the growth of plants. We'll also celebrate the birthday of the great author, Dr. Seuss, in conjunction with Read Across America week. We are heading toward the home stretch, so we really need to keep practicing those concepts we have presented in class. We all want to be prepared for the new challenges we face ahead. Thank you, parents and grandparents, for all you do to help us have a super successful year.



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is a busy place this month! We want to thank all the parents that helped with the Valentine's parties, the kids had fun with games and opening their Valentines. Another thank you goes out to the Pediatric Dental Associates for coming out and presenting to our students on how to keep their teeth healthy! We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss this month with a lot of fun activities and a lot of reading. Keep reading at home and turning in your monthly reading logs. Our report card screenings will also be happening this month. Please make sure your kids are at school on time and well rested so they can be successful during their time at school!

1ST GRADE

Wow! How time flies. We are almost to the last nine weeks of school. By now you may see your first grader has improved tremendously since the beginning of our school year. They grow so much in all areas. Accelerated Reading is going very strong in each of the first grade classrooms and we have third grade reading buddies that have been a great help to each of our students. We thank each of them for their patience and hard work to help our little ones with understanding the comprehension of stories and taking tests on them. Parents please continue to listen to your child nightly and to study on the weekly spelling unit words and dictation sentences. This will help your child to finish strong in the last nine weeks of school. This year is going by so fast and we are accomplishing so much. Spring Break is just around the corner. First grade will be traveling to the Oklahoma City Science Museum on Thursday, March 9th. Notes will be coming home with all the details. If you would be interested in going with us and helping sponsor, please let your child's teacher know ASAP. Please mark your calendars for this field trip.

2ND GRADE

Your children are working diligently in strengthening their academic skills. Consistency and organization help develop building blocks for future learning. Continue to support your child with daily attendance and work completion as they venture into the 4th quarter of the academic school year. Please take time to review ALL graded papers with your child. Praise your child for their achievements.

Proficient readers ask questions before, during and after they read, using these questions to clarify and focus their reading. Questions may be categorized as those answered in the text, those answered from background knowledge, questions that must be inferred from the text and those that need further discussion. While reading with your child at home, ask questions to ensure they understand what they read. Students that have good comprehension, also enjoy reading more.

March Book-It is the last month for this reading incentive program. Don't forget to record and send your forms by the end of the month.

Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better. – Pat Riley