



Multi Age MEMOS

Upcoming Events:

4th Grade Field Trip	March 4
Book Fair	Feb 28-March 4
Dress like a Character	March 4
Spring Break	April 1-10
Science Fair	April 21

Team Time

There will be no team time this Friday. Enjoy your midwinter break!

PTA Carnival News

The PTA Carnival is March 25th, from 5:30-8:30. We will have advanced ticket sales the week prior to the carnival, please look for the envelope to come home. The PTA has many needs for helpers with some of the special projects. Please contact Diane Meinders at 616-837-1534, or dmeinders@glcomp.com, if you have some time to assist prior to carnival.

We will need "supervisors" the night of the carnival - helping with set-up, balloon inflating, and many other small needs. Please contact if you can help in anyway, even the smallest help is good! Please bring bags of small candy, starting in March. It takes a lot of candy!

We will have two non-crowded rooms for cake walk, and need a lot of cookies/cakes/cupcakes the day of carnival. We also are looking for a new person(s) to run the carnival for next year. Please think about participating in this great project.

Week of: Feb. 28– March 4

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Book Fair Next Week!!

The Scholastic Book Fair is next week!! Mrs. Heethuis' class will be going to the fair on Tuesday. Mrs. TePastte's and Mrs. Levandoski's class will be visiting on Wednesday. If you would like your child to purchase something at the fair, please send money on this day. Thanks!

4th GRADE FIELD TRIP

If you have not already done so, please send in your child's field trip permission slips. Checks for the trip can be made out to CAPS. Thank you! It would be best if these could all be in by March 1st.

Academic Updates

3rd Grade

ELA: We will be reading, reading, reading this month as March is reading month. The students continue to devour books and I look forward to seeing how many books we can read as a class during March. Our school's goal is to read 1,000 books. In writing news, we have been talking about books that we wished existed in the world and how we can become the authors of those books. Ask your child what story they have cooking.

Social Studies: We had a wonderful Michigan treat today. Thank you Mrs. Ziebarth for bringing in Michigan cookies...we never knew how good our state could taste.

Math: After our final test on beginning multiplication skills we will be doing a mini unit on area and perimeter. The difficult part about this unit will be that it introduces the concept of formulas for geometry. After this unit we'll be returning to multiplication skills.

Science: We've been working with resources this week. We spent quite a bit of time discussing the devastation of natural resources due to oil spills. Next week, we will finish this up and begin to look at the packaging and waste of products.



4th Grade

ELA: March is reading month! This is the perfect opportunity to take some time to celebrate our reading accomplishments. Furthermore, students at South have been challenged to try to read 1,000 books in the month of March as a community of readers. Please encourage your child to read, read, read! Our regular spelling and assessment cycle will be shortened a day as a result of the Lansing trip. Spelling tests will be THURSDAY this week.

Social Studies: With the upcoming trip to Lansing, we're going to be taking a few days to study how government works. This mini-unit will be supplemented with a greater study of civics later in the year.

Math: We have done much practice using all three methods of long division. The kids may now choose their preferred method to use for the rest of our study. We will practice much more next week as we become proficient in our method of choice.

Science: What is mass? How do you measure it? What is Volume? These are all questions that we have been asking in science this week. Ask your child if they know the answers to these burning questions.

5th Grade

ELA: We'll be back in the swing of things next week in ELA. Home Connection Books and spelling lists will run normally. We will be reading a selection together called *Carlos and the Skunk*. We will be discussing author's purpose as we read and discuss the story together. In Writing, we will continue with our essay unit. We hope to choose a thesis statement for our persuasive essay next week. The kids have been reading up a storm and are well on their way to accomplishing their goal of 5 books this marking period. Please still encourage reading at home as well!

Social Studies: We wrapped up our study of Williamsburg this week with an assessment. Our next chapter discusses the growing tensions between the Colonies and Britain. We are on our way to war!!

Math: We continue with multiplication this week as we practice the partial products and expanded form methods of multiplication. Your child may choose the method that works best for them to complete multiplication problems.

Science: This week we will be studying the learned behaviors of animals, including people. We will shortly be moving on to body systems research.