



Multi Age Memos

Upcoming Events:

Dress like a Character	March 4 (3rd & 5th)
Celebrate Literacy Day	March 16
No School	March 17 and 18
Spring Break	April 1-10
Science Fair	April 21

Team Time

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.



Week of: March 7-11

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March is Reading Month!

We are excited to be reading, reading, reading in the month of March! Many activities will be taking place to celebrate literacy. We have set a goal for South Elementary to read 1000 books in the month of March. If we reach our goal, Mr. Alexander will dress as Super Yooper! More to come on this next week!!

Academic Updates

3rd Grade

ELA: Our March 31st deadline will be here before you know it. Ask your child how many books they have read in their lexile and how close they are to achieving their 5 book goal. In writing news, we spent this week building our characters for our fiction stories. We focused on creating believable internal and external characteristics.

Social Studies: This week in social studies we were busy discussing what natural resources go into making economic goods such pencils, books and pickles.

Math: We have been working on understanding how to substitute information in a formula for mathematics. Ask your child how to solve $\text{Area} = L \times W$ in a rectangle.

Science: We've discussed the impact of wasteful packaging this week in science. We will turn our attention to landslides and earthquakes next week.

4th Grade

ELA: March is reading month and our students are doing a fabulous job with their reading. They have until the end of this month do read 5 books and I'm very encouraged with the amount of reading that most students are doing. There are a few, however, that are going to need to kick it up a notch and do some outside reading. We are working on developing essay ideas in writing right now.

Social Studies: On to the Midwest! After our short study of civics, which we will be returning to at the end of the year, we are back to our study of the nations heartland.

Math: We will finish up our study of long division next week. I hope to get to a practice/pretest before the end of the week to determine reteaching needs. After this, we are on to fractions!

Science: Next week in Science we will be taking a look at what air actually is...Does it have volume? Does it have mass?

5th Grade

ELA: It looks to be a pretty normal week in ELA again next week. Home Connection Books and spelling lists will run normally. We will be reading a selection together called *Getting Out the Vote*. In Writing, we have chosen our thesis statement for our persuasive essay and now are working on the organization of our essay. The kids have continued to impress me with their amount of reading 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 spent our social studies time this week working on our door decorating committees. We now will begin Chapter 10 next week.

Math: We continue with multiplication this week in math and will be learning how to incorporate multiplying with decimals. Please continue practicing at home.

Science: We will spend this week wrapping up our study of animal behavior. After this week we will be spending an extended period of time researching and presenting information on the human body systems.

