

The Leadership Lowdown

Third Grade Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

March 15th – LIM Assembly - 2 pm

Girls on the Run – 4-5:30 pm

March 16th – 5th Grade Concert 2:30 pm

After School Science 3:45-5 pm

March 17th – Credit Union Deposit Day

Girls on the Run – 4-5:30 pm

March 18th - Fun Fair - 5:30-8 pm

Caught in the Habit

The entire class was caught "synergizing" and "Seeking First to Understand, then to be Understood" this week during several group projects – in reading, we explored different Dr. Seuss texts and students had to work closely to discuss their book, decide on the author's message, and redesign/rename the title and cover! Students also showed their teamwork skills during a complicated Science experiment where they had to work together to collect runoff water. Thank you for showing cooperative learning skills, participation, and group effort! You were all "Sharpening the Saw!"

~Attention 3rd Grade Parents~

It is yearbook time and we need your photos!!

We are looking for any photos that you have of school events or activities such as your child's first day of school, parties, recess, classroom, or any other Silver Springs happenings.

All images should be saved in TIFF, PNG, or JPG formats and emailed to:

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We're Learning....

Reading

- I can determine the main idea of a Dr. Seuss text.
- I can find evidence in the text to support my main idea.
- I can determine the theme of a Dr. Seuss text.

Writing.

- I can publish my informational writing.
- I can write an informational essay using reasons and examples from a text to support why light is important.
- I can write an opinion essay using reasons and examples to support my opinion.

Math

- I can determine how to partition a number line from 0-1 into "n" equal parts.
- I can represent fractions on a number line.
- I can identify and find equivalent fractions using visual models (fraction circles).

Social Studies

- I can explain how specialization, trade, and interdependence help us to get the goods and services we want or need.

Science

- I can describe soil as a mixture of earth materials.
- I can identify and classify natural resources as renewable or non-renewable.
- I can explain what happens to soil when it rains and how that affects land use, farmers, and agriculture.

Word Study

- I can use context clues to determine the meaning of the following unknown words:
-passion, literal, claim, dialogue, rival
- I can generate synonyms and antonyms for each of my vocabulary words.
- I can draw pictures to represent the meanings of my words.

Week 1 Reading Stats:

School Goal: 180,000 minutes

Week 1: Our class read a total of 3,779 minutes!

Boys: 8 out of 9 boys met or exceeded their goal (140 minutes).

Girls: 10 out of 13 girls met or exceeded their goal (140 minutes).

**What will happen after Week 2?
Stay tuned! Don't forget that
Week 2 logs are due on
Tuesday! 😊**

Guest Readers

To celebrate March is Reading Month, I am inviting you to come in and read to our class. It is important for students to see us as readers and our love for literacy too! Bring in a favorite book that can be read in about 10-15 minutes to share with students! It can be an excerpt from a favorite chapter book, a picture book, a favorite author, or even poetry!

Please use this link below to see available dates/times to come in and read. Unfortunately, due to our busy schedule and other events, I can only accommodate afternoon visitors during SOAR time (12:45-1:00 p.m.) and some afternoon read-aloud time slots (2:15-2:30 p.m.) We look forward to your visit! ☺

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49a8ac2fa4f58-march1>

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run starts this Tuesday! Our first practice will be held after school from 4-5:30 p.m. We will also practice on Thursdays at the same time. Two of our head coaches are third-grade teachers, Mrs. Starosciak and Ms. Georgoff! Mrs. Schulman, Mrs. Asher, and Mrs.

Leutheuser will also be coaching this season. We are excited to start building relationships and exercising with the girls! As of right now, we still have 5 open slots on the team. If your daughter would like to join our team (3-5th grade), you may register until March 25th, but there will be a late fee of \$10, so the program will cost \$136. For more information, please contact one of our coaches! Thank you!

M-STEP Testing Dates

In the Spring, all third graders will be taking the M-STEP standardized assessment in English Language Arts and Math.

We recently found out that testing for third grade will take place between

April 26th-May 6th (please note that the date has been changed from May 4 to May 6th!)

If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments or vacations on those dates. There will be makeup test dates - however your child will have to miss a significant amount of regular instructional time to make up these assessments.