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Save the Date:

Jan 4 — No School/
Hurricane Makeup Day



Jan 18— No School/Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 29— Early Dismissal/End of Q2

Transportation Changes:

The safety and security of our students is our priority. Please remember to send a note in with your students with any transportation changes for dismissal the morning of the change. We cannot accept any changes over the phone. You may also fax a note to the school with a copy of your driver's license **before 1:00 P.M.** Any changes made after 1:00 P.M. will NOT be made. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

Early Sign-Outs

If you're planning on picking your student up early from school, please send a note with your student so that both the teacher and front office are aware and can be prepared. No students are allowed to be signed out after 3:15pm.



Harry Chapin Food Pantry

We are now in partnership with the Harry Chapin Food Pantry and have a food pantry on-site. Please reach out to Mrs. Otero or Ms. Gonzalez (274-3932) if you are in need of visiting our pantry. It can be accessed by appointment and at all major school events.



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Media Center News:

Happy New Year!!! As the end of Second Quarter approaches, please help your student read, read, read. Becoming a good reader takes practice. Kids are happy to practice when they get the books they want. Our book cart, Book Dash, and Destiny Discover are the perfect way for them to find and choose the books they want to read. For this month of January, why not take time each night to snuggle up with a good book (a blanket as necessary) and read together? Using "Book Dash" is like ordering food for pick up. When you place an order, you have to give us time to find your book, process it, and put it in the Book Dash Closet out front. You will not get it the day you order it. Ms. Engvalson is teaching classes all day and will prepare your book that evening or during her planning time the next day. In most cases, your Home Connect teacher will let you know your books are in the Book Dash closet.



ELA News:

All students will take their STAR reading and math assessments during the district window set for January 19 to February 4th. This will be the third time students complete this assessment this year. Teachers will be able to start seeing trends in student reading mastery. This data is used to help teachers guide their reading instruction by identifying areas to remediate and fill in gaps as well as, enrich on grade level instruction. Please look for these assessment reports with your child's report card.

Math News:

Quarter 2 continues to be filled with wonderful math learning opportunities for students and teachers! Many of our teachers have been taking a course in Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) for Math. This helps every student grow in their understanding of rigorous math content. Many of our teachers also participate in a bi-monthly math professional development here at school - our teachers love learning about math and how to best teach our students math content! Students will take their quarter 2 STAR math assessment at the end of January. This is a great time for students to show how much they have learned, so please encourage your student to do their best! ****Math Challenge**** You have four numbers: 2, 5, 8, and 10. Which one doesn't belong and why?



Science News:

Students have learned all about different forms of ENERGY these last months of 2020! Fourth and Fifth grade have explored energy and motion, and energy causing change. They've assembled circuits with lightbulbs, and some with motors and fans! Third and fourth grades continued began exploring concepts about the movement of the Earth, Sun and Moon. Making models with globes, flashlights, and other craft materials help us better understand how Earth moves. Fifth grade will welcome 2021 with investigations based on force and motion. Welcome, 2021!



PTO News:

Please be sure to like and follow RVP PTO's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RVPPTO to stay informed of PTO events and contests. We will also be doing a Spring Silent Auction to benefit the PTO so please email christinaasm@leeschools.net if you are willing to donate an item for the auction.



Joke of the Month

Q: Teacher: If I had 8 oranges in one hand and 6 apples in the other, what would I have?



A: Student: Big hands!



Kindergarten News:

Welcome to 2021! We hope you all had a relaxing break with your family! This month, we will be having our next "window" of DIBELS where students will have 1 minute to name letters (presented in lowercase letters), give sounds within words (the word part can be broken into /p/ /ar/ /t/), nonsense word fluency (giving sounds of silly words such as dif /d/ /i/ /f/ to then say the "word" dif) and word reading fluency (sight word reading). As you are reading with your child, have them count how many of a certain letter there are on one page, or the entire story. You can also write a sight word down ("said" as an example) and have them find it in the story they are reading. The end of this month will be the end of the Quarter! We will be checking your child's knowledge on providing letter sounds, breaking words into their sounds, matching words that start with the same sounds, and writing/drawing on a given topic from a story. In Math in January, we will be working on objectives with measurement of length, height, weight, and capacity.

We are still problem solving with math stories. In Math, verbalizing what they did to solve a problem is important. For example, if I present the story, "I had 4 apples and I got 1 more. How many apples do I have?" It is important for them to be able to directly model the problem (draw 4 circles and then 1 more circle) and then explain what each circle represents from the problem. Please work with your child on verbalizing their thinking after they problem solve!

We are all very proud of all the growth we have seen in our students since they started with us— and we can't wait to see how much more they grow this month!

Third Grade News:

What an exciting time of the year! Holiday time and the end of the year, and a new year beginning as we start 2021! In December we worked on point of view in ELA, and division in Math. In Social Studies we learned about culture, and in Science we studied forms of energy! Third grade continued our tradition of building and decorating (and displaying!) Gingerbread Houses! What fun! In January we look forward to completing our second quarter learning objectives and goals and having more learning adventures!

Mental Health News:

Help Your Child Stay Healthy and Engaged

- Monitor your child's attendance and participation; and contact the teacher to address any concerns.
- Find out if your child feels safe at school. Make sure to maintain open communication with your student's teacher. Your child's school is there to support you and your student through any concerns and will help find a solution when needed.
- If your child seems bored or anxious about school, talk to teachers, school counselor and social worker, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Ask for help when you need it. School staff, after-school program providers, and other parents or community agencies are available to help families access online learning, obtain food or housing and address other experiences that make it difficult to attend and participate.

Second Grade News:

Welcome to the long awaited for 2021! We are excited to welcome back more students from home connect. Your child is venturing towards becoming a Third Grader. Please help them begin the new year out right by encouraging them to read for 30 minutes each night. Their reading fluency and vocabulary will improve as they practice the skills learned in class.

In math we will be learning to solve word problems by adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers. In science we will be learning about the human body and how to take of it. We will learn about Native Americans in Social Studies. You may also hear them talk about the program Smarter Safer Students. This is designed to teach students how to keep safe in today's World.

As always, feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Fourth Grade News:

Happy New Year! Welcome back to our students that are returning face-to-face and we are so excited to see everyone back in 2021 ready to learn! We are continuing to study fractions in Math and love hearing the real-life stories from the students about how they use fractions at home (like splitting a pizza). Reading and writing from text will be keeping us busy in ELA this upcoming semester as we prepare for FSA Writes - you can help your child by asking them about their AR book and having them tell you a summary of what they read. Don't forget to look at the night sky and observe the changes in the moon during the month of January as we study Earth, moon & stars in Science. Thanks for your continued support from home!

Fifth Grade News:

Now that we're back from break, it's time to get back to work! In ELA, we'll be focusing on how to gather and use information from multiple sources when we speak or write about a subject. This makes us more knowledgeable! We'll also be learning about how a narrator's point of view influences the way they tell a story and how to compare and contrast different stories from the same genre! Fancy learning! In MATH, it's all about fractions and algebraic thinking - multiplying, dividing, converting. Fractions, fractions, and MORE fractions! In SCIENCE, we're learning to use the FORCE thanks to Mr. Rose. OK, not really, but we are learning about how forces and motion and how forces can cause change! Exciting stuff!

No act of Kindness
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop

