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Save the Date:

Mar 15-19th — No School/Spring Break



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.



Harry Chapin Food Bank
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Media Center News:

Each year, schools across the country celebrate *Read Across America* during the month of March. This date was chosen because beloved children's author Dr. Seuss was born March 2nd.

Our school is going to have fun celebrating Dr. Seuss through reading the week of March 1st through March 5th. Each day, we will have a theme to correspond to a Dr. Seuss book title. Students may dress according to each day's theme. Be creative and have fun! 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 March, why not take time each night to snuggle up with a good book (a blanket as necessary) and read together.

Did you know?

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.



Technology News:

Science and Technology anyone?!? Step into the future and discover technology for kids with this website! They have a cool range of experiments, free games, science fair projects, fun quizzes, interesting facts, amazing videos, and more! Learn about robots, computers, cell phones, engineering and all kinds of interesting technology topics. <https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>



Math News:

RVP teachers have been learning about ways to build number sense in their students. Did you know that you can help at home as well? One activity that you could do with your child, regardless of age, is to ask them to count a collection of items such as pennies, shells, toys, blocks, books, etc. Children will learn to group the objects in ways that make it easier to count, thus building their knowledge of numbers. Your student can also work on Imagine Math, Freckle, and/or Khan Academy at home for extra math practice.

For your monthly math problem: using only addition, how do you add 8's and get the number 1000?



Mental Health News:

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?



64%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st (missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 9 days both years)



41%

of kids chronically absent in K or 1st (missed 18 or more days one year)



17%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st (missed 18 or more days both years)

PTO News:

We are now preparing for our Spring Silent Auction and we need your help! Please reach out to any local businesses that you may have a contact at and ask them if they are willing to donate (an item, a gift card, passes/memberships, etc.) to our Silent Auction. If you are able to donate, please email Ms. Smith at christinaasm@leeschools.net and thank you for supporting our PTO!



Kindergarten News:

Third Quarter of Kindergarten is a magical time. Typically at this point in the year, students have learned all of their letters and letter sounds and are just starting to put them together to make words. If your child is still working on the alphabet – please continue working with them on their letters and letter sounds through reading books! Whether your child already knows their letter sounds or not, you can work with your child through reading simple books.

You can help them to sound out words as needed (for example, you can say the sounds in the word sat - /s/ /a/ /t/ what's the word?) Have them then repeat the sounds to you and see if they can say the word. If not, you say the sounds again, quicker together until they say the word. If it is a sight word, you can tell it to them. For learning sight words – you can say it, spell it, “you – y o u - you”. Repeated readings help to build your child’s fluency in sounding out words and reading sight words ☺ As your child advances with their reading skills, you can continue to support them with asking them questions about what they are reading, what types of stories they like the most, and even have them draw pictures about their favorite parts of the story! In math, continue to count everything and anything around you! You can have them pull out a handful of toys - and ask them, for example, "How many LOL dolls do you have?" Then, you can have them pull out another handful of toys, "How many toy cars do you have?" To then further the questioning and comparing the groups - what do you have more of? LOL dolls or toy cars? What do you have fewer of? How do you know? You can have them talk through their math reasoning for which has more or less and how they know. The world is full of math magic!

Second Grade News:

Hello Second Grade Families!

We are continuing to add and subtract three-digit numbers. Have your student show you the different strategies we have learned in class! In our upcoming Math module, we will be using addition to find the total number of objects in arrays. In Reading, we are learning about text features and how they help us understand the non-fiction texts we are reading. Additionally, we are learning about how illustrations help us as readers understand the topic more in depth. In Social Studies, we are learning about Colonial America. We are comparing life for students at home and at school to life of students today. Lastly, in Science we are learning about the rock cycle and the different types of rocks. Please continue to read with your student each night and let your student's teacher know if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Fourth Grade News:

Happy March! We are fast approaching FSA testing time of year - this is your students' chance to show how much they have learned! We will be reviewing all our Math and ELA skills, as well as working on using evidence found in the text while writing a multi-paragraph essay. In Science we are learning about rocks & minerals, as well as plant life. We are very proud of how hard our kiddos are working and would love for you to keep practicing multiplication facts and reading for AR tests at home. Please help support your child's learning by having them in school on time every day. Extended day instruction for students who have signed up is on 3/2, 3/4, 3/9, 3/11, 3/23, 3/25, and 3/30 (be here at 5:30 to pick up your child)- Thank you so much for all your support!

Joke of the Month

Q: What do you call a mushroom who is the life of the party?



A: A fun-gi.



First Grade News:

“Oh, the places you’ll go when you read”
First grade is diving deep into Quarter three! We are excited for the month of March and can’t wait for all the fun events and learning opportunities! During March, first grade will be focusing on long vowel phoneme words and quarterly sight words. We will also be working on reading stamina. We will do this by reading leveled passages fluently and answering comprehension questions about the text. In ELA, we will take a look at analyzing illustrations to determine if they support key details and identify reasons that support the author’s point. In math we will start focusing on counting collections and understating place value in two-digit numbers.

Continue to read every night with your child. We appreciate all the support you are doing at home!

Third Grade News:

As we have started Third Quarter, we are preparing our Third Graders for FSA. We will be taking a Mock FSA in March to familiarize all Face to Face students and Home Connect students with an ideal testing environment for day of testing. In ELA, we have been reviewing some of our standards that we previously learned in the beginning of the year. In Math, we have started Fraction February. The month is designated to learning all about Fractions as this is a big standard on FSA. In Social Studies we learned about economics, and in Science we studying the Sun and Earth! As always, please continue to read 20 minutes each night, take AR tests, and try to meet your 3rd quarter AR goal.

Fifth Grade News:

Hello 5th Grade Families. It is hard to believe we are already in the month of March. We only have your babies for another 2 and a half months before they are off to Middle School. We have so much to do before June! Those students that are signed up for the extended day instruction will meet on the following dates in March: 3/2, 3/4, 3/9, 3/11, 3/23, 3/25, and 3/30. Please make sure to be on time to pick your child up. Pick up time is 5:30. On March 9th and 10th the fifth grade will be taking Mock FSA tests. They will be take ELA on Tues., March 9th and Math on Weds, March 10th. In March, the students will be continuing to learn about fractions and then move into Algebraic Thinking in Math. In Science, they will be learning about the water cycle, weather, and climate. In ELA, they will be reading informational text and comparing and contrasting two or more passages on the same subject. Please make sure your child is at school everyday and arrives on time. Attendance is so important.



TODAY
A READER
TOMORROW
A LEADER

