



Principal's Newsletter – April 2015

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents. – Emilie Buchwald

Dear Parents,

Spring has sprung! We are eagerly awaiting warmer weather, longer sunny days and spending time with family and friends. April brings about opportunities for renewal. I know we can all use some extra Vitamin D! So bring on the sunshine and outdoor recess! Our students continue to focus on their educational goals. A few of the topics that teachers and students continue to explore are: the features of an informational text, sources and uses of water, and becoming stronger readers and writers. This month our **3rd Graders** will take the State Exams in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

ELA Dates: April 14th, 15th and 16th

Mathematics: April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th

Please make sure your child sleeps well each night and has a great breakfast each day! Continue to encourage your child to do his or her best.

Please remember to take the time to visit our lost and found box at school if your child is missing any articles of clothing. Also if you have an updated address or phone number, please provide information by sending it to your child's teacher or the main office.

Spring season marks the final season for the school year. Don't forget to read to and with your child every night for 20 minutes. Thank you for being active in your child's learning and growth.

Enjoy Spring Break recess, may it be a relaxing and/or a fun-filled time.

A few book suggestions for Grades 2 & 3:

***The Paperbag Princess by Robert Munsch**

***Charlotte's Web by E.B. White**

***Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco**

***The Tale of Despereaux by Kate Di Camillo and Timothy Basil Ering**

***Harvesting Hope by Cesar Chavez**
***The Teacher from the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler**
***And Then Its Spring by Julie Fogliano**
***All the Water in the World by George Ella Lyon**



April Dates to Remember:

– PTO meeting – April 9th -7pm

– Earth Day – April 22nd

No School/Building Closed – Spring Break Recess (March 30th – April 6th)

– 3rd Quarter Ends April 24th

Save the dates! Report Card Conferences will be May 7th and 8th (These are ½ days of school)

Happy Spring,

Staci Woodley

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