



WOODSIDE School News



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March 4th thru 8th - Dr. Seuss Week

March 9th – Saturday Academy at PKMS from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and the Peekskill City St. Patrick’s Day Parade at 3:00 pm (Please arrive by 2:30 pm)

March 13th - District Wide Music in Our Schools Sing Along at 7:00 pm at PKMS

March 26th - 28th – School Wide Book Fair

March 28th - Family Literacy Night from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

March 29th - PBIS Sparkle Assembly for First Grade at 10:00 am

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING THIS MONTH*

Writing: First Grade writers will begin to understand that we categorize, explain, convince and persuade people through our writing. Students will learn that writing can give students a way to make and defend important decisions. Students will learn to write judgments and to organize their reasons and supply supporting details for those reasons. All students will publish a piece of writing at the end of the unit of study. Please discuss and support your child’s writing journey daily through the following recommendations and don’t forget to ask them about their publishing celebration! ☺

At home: Discuss opinions on everyday things. For example, I love pepperoni pizza and it’s the best because.... I think walking to school is better than taking the school bus because... Encourage your child to give reasons and to rationalize their thinking with details. Have fun with it!

Reading: Students will become familiar with various fables and stories. Throughout the unit we will identify character, plot, and setting as basic story elements. Students will also learn to describe the characters, plot, and setting of a specific fable or story. Students will also learn to explain with their own words the moral of a specific fable.

At home: Discuss what a moral is. Read some favorite stories or fairytales and talk about what the story teaches us.

Math: Students will learn to solve word problems with three addends as a way for them to begin to explore ways to make ten. They will work on word problems that always include at least two numbers that make 10 when added together. Students will be able to engage in rich dialogue about the mathematical strategies and determine which are most useful.

At home: Review words found in word problems. For example, addition words: add, both, plus, together. Subtraction words: difference, fewer, less than. Find simple ways to review how to make ten with simple household items or through playing games. Example: how many pairs of socks will give you ten, 2+2+2+2+2=10.

PBIS Info

March Theme:

PERSEVERANCE

PBIS Ceremony Friday, March 29th at 10:00 am



Those students who are being honored will receive an invitation for their families to attend.

PBIS April Book:

Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell
Theme – Courage

Websites to check out:



Raz-Kids – www.raz-kids.com – a place your child can read books daily to build comprehension and stamina. Contact your child’s teacher if you don’t know your child’s login.



Scholastic Book Wizard - www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/
A great resource for finding books at your child’s reading level.

Attendance Matters - Woodside Launches its Attendance Initiative!

Throughout the remainder of the year we will be celebrating the students with perfect attendance at the end of each month. Our PBIS program will now include Attendance Bees who will be celebrated and most especially, recognized at each assembly. The students will walk the red carpet with an Attendance Super Hero Cape and receive a special photo op! These students will also be awarded a certificate of special recognition. We have also initiated a friendly competition throughout the school. Classes will compete against each other for the ultimate fun day in June! The class with the highest attendance percentage will be awarded a whole day of fun activities. Our bulletin board will **TRACK** attendance monthly by class. The classes that consistently lead will be rewarded with a menu of fun learning centered activities. Please be sure to discuss the building blocks of attendance with your child as we continue to unfold our initiative. More to follow!



Attend today. Achieve tomorrow!



The Building Blocks of perfect attendance