

March News 2017



Thank you for helping with our 100th day Food Drive Collection. It was a wonderful celebration supporting our community.

Read Across America: I hope you all read the flyer about Read Across America and will join us in celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday.

In recognition of Dr. Seuss' birthday, and Maine's READ to ME challenge, Village Elementary will be having some festivities of their own. Please join us in celebrating this author by helping your child participate in the following activities.

Monday, February 27th Mrs. Audet will be reading to our class.

Tuesday, February 28th: Read What you Wear Day...wear clothing with words to share with the class.

Wednesday, March 1: Dr. Seuss was a wacky man. To celebrate, let's have Wacky Wednesday. You can wear wacky clothes or have wacky hair, be creative.

Thursday, March 2: Silly Sock day, wear you silliest socks to school today, the sillier the better.

Friday, March 3: Hat's off to Reading!!! To celebrate, wear you favorite hat to school today.

If possible send in Dr. Seuss books for Read to Self time. Please write your name in any books you bring to school.

I hope you are enjoying listening to your child read each night. Often children have books in their folders to bring home to read. Also, remember just right books are available on Raz Kids @ www.raz-kids.com.

Writing - We will be continuing with the our Writing Reviews unit and will start Nonfiction Writing in a few weeks.

The mini lessons for Review Writing will include:

- * Making Comparisons in Writing
- * Hook Your Readers: Writing Catching Introductions and Conclusions.
- * Partners Work Together to Give Writing Check-ups
- * Using all you know to Write Book Reviews

- * Don't Spill the Beans: Giving Sneak Peek Summaries
- * Not Too Long, Not Too Short: Using Conjunctions
- * : A Reading Rainbow Type Celebration

Fairy Tales: This month we will begin our unit by making a list of all the Fairy Tales students know. Next we will discuss the characteristics of a Fairy Tale and what makes a Fairy Tale. During the next two months we will read and write Fairy Tales. We will culminate the unit by holding a Fairy Tale Ball on Wednesday, April 12th. The first planning meeting will be held in Mrs. Greer's room on March 1, at 3:15. Stay tuned for information about ways to support the planning of this magical evening.

Math: We will continue to work on fact power. The first part of the month the focus will be on Addition Fact Strategies and later this month the focus will be on Subtraction Strategies. Our math program uses games as a means of generating many exercises for learning basic math facts. I am always sensitive to the issue of competition with games. There are many good things fair competition can generate: excitement independence, and challenge. Games are an enjoyable way of practicing certain number skills. They reinforce the power of mental arithmetic and are an alternative to drill fact sheets.

Science: We will be starting our unit on Sound. Mrs. Keating will also be integrating this unit into her Music Class.

Sign up: Student Involved Conferences will be held on Friday, April 14h. We will meet together with your child for about 15 -20 minutes to celebrate learning to this point and to set goals for the remainder of the year. Please sign up for a conference on Sign-Up-Genius.