

April News 2017

Conferences: Thank you for signing up for your Student Involved Conference on 4/13 or 4/14.

Please remember to bring your child. Together we will celebrate learning and set goals. I look forward to our time together.

Agenda for conference:

- * Sharing of work samples in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Math.
- * Review of Guiding Principles and Student Reflection
- * Celebrations and Goal Setting for the remainder of the year.

If you haven't signed up the link is:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4caaa62aa31-student2>

Science: We are completing our unit on Light and Sound. On Thursday we will be making instruments in the Maker Space. Thank you to Mrs. Keating for her instruction for many of the sound lessons.

Math: We will be finishing up Unit 7 this week and practicing math facts the next two weeks. We will start Unit 8 when we return from April vacation.

Social Studies: We will be learning about taking care of our Earth when we return from April Vacation.

Literacy

We have been enjoying our Fairy Tale Unit of Study. Students have been learning through various activities during our Literacy Block. Listed are some of the skills covered during this unit.

- * Sequencing events
- * Character traits
- * Comparing and Contrasting different versions
- * Fluency practice through Readers' Theater
- * Letter Writing
- * Writing or Rewriting Fairy Tales, Including learning about setting, characters, and plot.

One of my personal favorite writing assignments is when the children write letters to a Fairy Tale Character. Their letters are sent to a York High School English class. The letters are answered and they magically arrive in our classroom. It is a wonderful

connection to the High School. Last year the teacher shared with me how her students viewed their assignment. "I have to tell you that I have never seen students as excited to write those letters as my seniors were the other day! LR actually told me that writing her letter made her day. So thank you for giving my stressed seniors an opportunity to do something fun! MW agreed that we needed to take a picture of the class with the letters so I've attached that to this email." It was heartwarming to see the picture and recognize some of my former first graders. I hope your child has shared some of their Fairy Tale favorites with you. The letters will arrive the day after the ball - so SHH!

Important Dates:

April 12 - Fairy Tale Ball 6-7. Please arrive in the classroom at 5:50 for a class picture.

April 13 - School in Session (some conferences scheduled after school).

April 14 - School is not in Session. Students attend scheduled conferences.

April 17 - Begins the week of April vacation

