



Mrs. Will's CLASSROOM March NEWSLETTER

God, Let them see You in me!

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COMING UP!

Dear Parents,

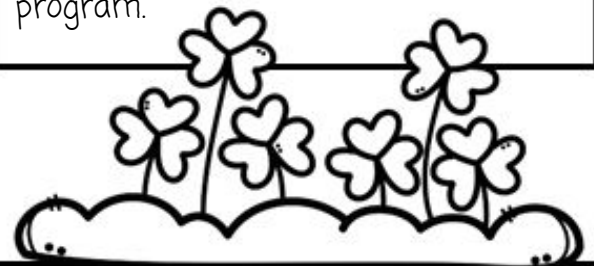
We are about to "March" into another exciting month in our classroom. With Lent, St. Patrick's Day, and Spring, we will have a very busy month in our classroom.

Reading: The children are always encouraged to choose their own books that they are interested in and can read independently. Giving students choice can be very empowering and it motivates young readers by helping them learn to enjoy reading. We have an Author Spotlight each month to shine a light on familiar and new authors. This month it's Dr. Seuss!

The **Parent Pipeline** March letter is attached. The reading strategy focus for the month of March is "**Retell the Story.**"

DOLCH Words: The children should be able to instantly recognize all the words on the Pre Primer and Primer lists this month. Please continue to work on these to build speed on word recognition. If your child does not know all of their words instantly, please spend extra time so that they are confident with them.

Home Reading: In home reading it looks like we should be able to reach our goal of **reading 100 books** by the end of the year! My hope is that the children will be the strongest readers they can be before I send them off to second grade. I tell them all the time how, just like swimming or hockey, we have to work very hard at reading practice *consistently* to build strong reading muscles! Most of the children are now working on their Platinum card (or beyond) and excitedly report how close they are to finishing the next level. I am so pleased by how motivated they've been by the program.



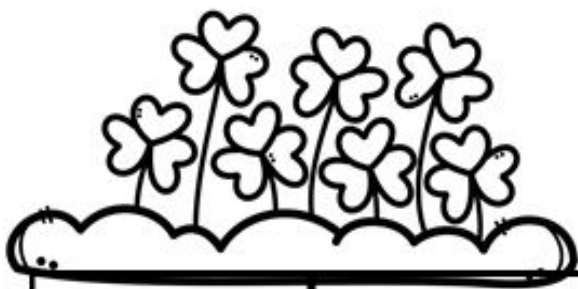
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Writing: Many of the students have been writing a Small Moment story that tells about their lives. Progress in writing this year has been great as students are so much more independent and take pride in their work as young authors. We will write about Spring and St. Patrick's Day this month. Excellent work grade one!

Math: We have been spending lots of time during Math class counting backwards by ones from 20 and forwards by 2's, 5's and 10's. Please practice counting by 2's to 20 with your child each night in order for them to be able to do this independently. If they can go higher than 20, that is great. They can also practice counting by 5's and 10's to 100. Some of the students are finding this to be challenging and would benefit from a little practice at home. The students will be orally tested for each of these counting patterns.

Religion: Lent is a time for changing our hearts in preparation for Easter. On March 6th, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. During Lent, we will be asking: **What can I learn from Jesus?** With our eyes on Jesus, we try to spend more time in prayer, more time talking to God and listening to God. Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at the school on March 6th at 10:00. All are welcome.

Student Led Conferences: On March 27th we will be having Student-Led conferences, an evening where your child has time to shine and show you what they do in grade one. On the 28th there is an evening for traditional Parent/Teacher interviews. These interviews are scheduled per teacher/parent request. Please watch for more information through the office emails about Student Led Conferences & Interviews.



March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Notes: Sharing themes: two items which are opposite (big, small; black, white; etc.), an item that brings you good luck, something green, your best work of art.</p>					1	2
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	Domino's Pizza	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch (free) Chloe, Tatum, Nate C.	Ash Wednesday 10:00 HFS Adrienne, Phaedra, Nate G.	Angela, Lauren, Logan		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Extreme Pita	Library Ivan, Blair, Lochlan	Bring 50 cents for the HFS Foster Child Wear pink for Anti-Bullying STARS Day	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> - No School - Teacher's Convention </div>		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Harvey's	Library Jack, Ethan N., Scott	Chelab, Karsen, Emmett	Ethan T., Saffi, Olivia		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	OPA'S	Library	Student-Led Conferences	Parent/Teacher Interviews (per request)	Lieu Day - No School	
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