

Mrs. Will's CLASSROOM March NEWSLETTER

Lord light the path and I will lead others

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COMING UP!

Dear Parents,

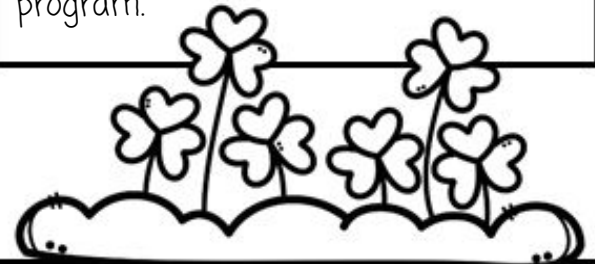
We are about to "March" into another exciting month in our classroom. With Lent, St. Patrick's Day, and Spring, we will have a very busy month in our classroom.

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. You can count your child's own books for the home reading program. Please use your discretion to keep things fair.

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.



OUR CLASSROOM

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. 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. Thank you for all of your generous Food Bank donations.

Student Led Conferences: On March 18th 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 19th 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 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1	2 Hot Lunch: Domino's Pizza Early Dismissal 2pm	3	4 Logan, Averie, Austin	5 Spirit Day: Dr Seuss Dress Up Day for World Book Day Library Beckham, Sophia	6	 7 Rebels' Family Hockey Night: ATB Team Poster & Autograph Night
 8	9 Book Orders Due HL: Subway Early Dismissal 2pm	10 Matthew, Khy, Taylor	11 Face2Face Ministries Ellie, Audry, Jaxon M.	12 Library Lily, Max, Jaxon C	13	 14
 15	16 Bring your Leprechaun traps HL: OPA Early Dismissal 2pm	 17 Peyton, Alexa, Arya Wear GREEN!	18 Judah, Jenna, Aubree Student-Led Conferences 4-7 pm	19 Spirit Day: Crazy Sock Day STARS day (Kindness) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm	20 No School (in Lieu of Conferences)	 21
 22	23	24	25	26	27	 28
Spring Break No School						
 29	30 HL: Booster Juice Early Dismissal 2pm	31	Sharing ideas: two items which are opposite (big, small; black, white), an empty box of your favorite cereal, an item that brings you good luck or something green, your best work of art.			