Dear Families,

March 2 – 5, 2020

Can you believe it? After a gorgeous February, March is upon us. It’s coming in like a lamb, so let’s hope it doesn’t go out like a lion. As we head into a busy schedule, unpredictable weather, clock changes, sports tournaments, and conferences, I’d like to reiterate that keeping up a regular routine with children makes them feel secure and can lead to greater independence. A nightly routine of checking the planner, cleaning out the backpack and putting a name on each and every paper will help to solidify those good habits as your student gets older. Thank you.

Along with nightly habits of getting school items ready – brushing teeth is also important for health. Have you ever wondered how animals have dental health taken care of? Scholastic News has some answers!

We have a week filled with science. Monday evening, you are invited to attend the annual St. Anthony Park Science Fair at 6:30 PM. Grades 4&5 are required to conduct an experiment or investigation, analyze data, write up their process and be ready to discuss results. 3rd graders have the option, but many of our SAP students are excited to show their learning. Maybe your 2nd grader can get an idea or two for next year!

On Wednesday we’re going to the Bell Museum, thanks to a grant provided through the St. Paul Public Schools, and focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning with students. As always, coordination with Mr. Schrankler and Ms. Walsh has ensured our students has studied the topic of pollinators, and engineered individual hand-pollinators in the past. We will extend and enrich that learning at the Bell with a class plus time to explore the new museum. We will be eating lunch there, so PLEASE SEND A LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD ON WEDNESDAY. Otherwise, they will get a school provided lunch bag.

We continue learning about fractions in math and will be making some fun cards and a flip book to begin visualizing equivalencies. These are fun tools to keep in the car or anywhere you can talk about math.

**General Information:**

- Specialist classes: AI, PE, S, M
- 3/2 Science Fair Public Welcome 6:30 – 7:45
- 3/4 Bell Museum Field Trip 10:00 AM – will need a lunch
- 3/5 Scholastic Book Orders due GZR7Z
- **3/6 No School – Conference Preparation**
- 3/8 Daylight Savings Spring clocks forward one hour
- 3/11 Public Library 12:20
- 3/18 & 3/19 Evening Conferences
- 3/20 Daytime Conferences
- 3/27 Spirit Day! Cultural Heritage Day
- 2nd grade website: https://www.spps.org/domain/237

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