

Mrs. Jasiczek's Newsletter

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March Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 - Drama/Dance	3 - Drama/Dance	4 - Drama/Dance	5 - Drama/Dance Family Fun Night @5:30	6 – No School Conference Prep Day
9 – Music	10 – Music	11 – Art	12 – Art	13 – Art
16 – Art	17 – Art	18 – Music	19 – Music *Conferences 4:45 – 7:30	20 No School *Conferences 8 – 12 12:30 - 3
23 - Drama/Dance	24 - Drama/Dance	25 - Drama/Dance	26 – Drama/Dance	27 – Drama/Dance
30	31	1	2	3
No School – Spring Break				

Upcoming Important dates:

Friday, April 10th – No School – Professional Development Day

April 13th – 17th – MCA Reading

April 20th – 24th – MCA Math

Hello!

What an exciting and busy February. We got to pitch our Apps to the Shark Tank judges (Principal Jones, Mr. Levin, Mr. Wa and Ms. Alyssa). Students practiced and practiced their pitches. It was a really tough decision but one team won the prize. Parker and Yessica created a bilingual journaling app; they included recordings in both English and Spanish for their users. It was pretty amazing to see all the hard work go into these App designs. Everyone did such an awesome job. The pitches will be upload to SeeSaw for families to see.

Conferences are coming up this month. There were conference papers that came home a few weeks ago. Conferences will be held arena style again so classroom teachers in grades 1-4, Specialists, Multilingual teachers and Special Education teachers will be in the Gym. I am out of town the first day of conferences on Thursday, March 12th. If this is the only day you can meet and feel comfortable doing conferences over the phone, I will be doing phone conferences on Friday of conferences after 12:30. Please let me know what you prefer. Just a reminder that we will have Student Led Conferences. What this means is that your child will be sharing with you their Hopes and Dreams for the rest of the school year. This will include their Goals for Reading, Writing, Math, and Social and Personal skills. Please bring your child because they have been practicing what to say to you during their conference. (Phone conference will not be student led). I look forward to meeting with you.

MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) are coming up in April. Some students get a little text anxiety when they hear about MCAs. We have been working on Growth Mindset activities to hopefully help alleviate some of our feelings. We will be taking MCA Reading and Math on our iPads in our classrooms. If you have questions about the tests, please feel free to ask me.

If you have any other questions or comments, please feel free to email or call me.

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Math: We are finishing up our Quarter 3 math stuff. We will be taking our Quarter 3 Assessment on Fractions and Decimals soon. We will move into Quarter 4 math working on some more Geometry, and refreshing multi-digit multiplication and division.

Reading: We are finishing our literary essays on characters from a book. We have also started working on reading short articles and focusing in on details such as: inferring, finding textual evidence to support, synthesizing, writing quick summaries and comparing texts. We will be moving into analyzing poetry next.

Writing/Social Studies: We have started our Independent Research Projects. We are researching and learning about the Regions of the US. We have been working really hard on learning how to take notes (bullets, lists, summarizing, paraphrasing, abbreviations, etc.). This will help us when we get to the writing part of the research paper. Students will be creating green screens with their research projects. Stay tuned for this.