



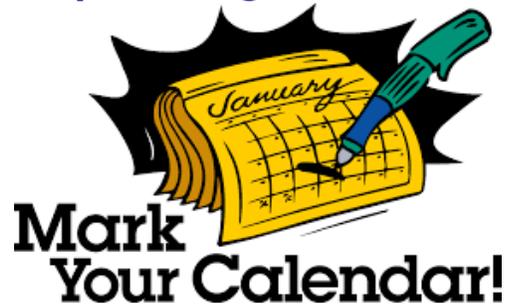
Crooked River Elementary School Parent Newsletter

"Positive Attitudes create Positive Outcomes"

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March/April 2016

Important Upcoming Dates



- March 25th – 9:30 AM – Kindergarten Musical – E-I-E-I-Ooops
- March 28th – April 1st – Spring Break – No School
- April 6th & 7th – 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM – Pre-K Registration
- April 14th – 5:00-8:00 PM - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- April 27th – Progress Reports Go Home
- April 18th – 22nd – GA Milestones Testing for 3rd – 5th grade
- April 29th – Career Day
- May 2nd – May 6th – Spring Book Fair
- May 6th – Mother’s Day Tea for Pre-K & Kindergarten
- May 19th – Field Day for Pre-K – 2nd grade
- May 20th – Field Day for 3rd – 5th grade
- May 20th – Last day of school for students

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Accelerated Reader

It’s that time of year again! **Two** lucky girls and **two** lucky boys will be going home with new bikes this May! And many students will be going home with gift cards! Beginning the day we return from Spring Break, Monday, April 4th, every time a student passes an AR test they fill out an “I passed an AR test” ticket, and drop the ticket into a box in the media center. On **Thursday, May 19th**, the lucky winners will be pulled and announced on the morning new show. The more AR tests a student takes, the greater his/her chance of winning,

so happy reading and good luck!



Pre-K News



There has been a lot of learning going on during March in our Pre-K classroom. The children learned about rhyming during Dr. Seuss week and Read Across America Day. To finish up our unit about wind, the children brought kites to school to fly one Friday afternoon behind the school. During St. Patrick's Day week, Louie the Leprechaun visited playing fun tricks on us in the classroom. That was okay because he left us a pot of gold and treats before he left to go back to Ireland. Before spring break, the children will be learning about what can be found in an egg and where bunnies live. During April, we will continue to learn about spring including bugs and seeds. We will watch caterpillars to observe them as they change into butterflies!

What's Happening in Kindergarten?



Kindergarten is very busy this time of year. We are trying to catch leprechauns and preparing for our annual musical. Our musical, titled E-I-E-I-Ooops will be performed March 25th at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. On March 24th Kindergarteners took a trip to Crooked River State Park where they attended classes about the park, and learned about animals that live in the area and the marsh. In class we are working on adding and subtracting while we continue to improve our reading skills. We have learned about American Symbols and are looking forward to units on animals, living and non-living, plants and Spring

Fabulous First Graders



It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. The fabulous first graders have been very busy and working hard. We have been working on a wide variety of skills in preparation for second grade. During the month of March we read several books by Dr. Seuss. Then the students had to choose their favorite book and complete an opinion-writing lesson. Several of the students wrote that it was in their opinion that “The Cat In The Hat” was the best story ever with given reasons to support their thinking.

In math we have completed Unit 5 on how to use place value understanding and properties of operation to add and subtract. We are now working on Unit 6, understanding shapes and fractions. In this unit the students will compare, contrast, and classify geometric shapes using position, shape, size, number of sides, and number of angles.

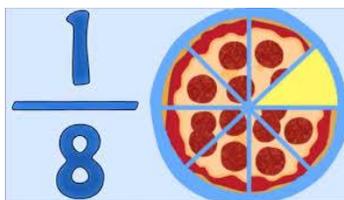
As we move into April we will begin preparing for the end of the year assessments. We will continue learning new skills as well as reviewing previous skills. Parents, you can help at home by reinforcing skills taught at school. Start by having your child read to you daily and ask lots of questions to check for comprehension. As always, if you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher.

2nd Grade Happenings

We had a SEUSS-tastic time in in 2nd grade celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday! Each class had the opportunity to read many stories written by this famous author. We made edible treats which in included, Cat in the Hat hats, green deviled eggs and ham, and green grits and spam. The students enjoyed creating and trying these tasty (or to some students, not so tasty) treats. The students also composed several writing pieces to go along with the books we read each day. They wrote about what they want to be when they grow up and what the Cat in the Hat would do if he visited their school, along with many other fun writing topics. Have your child share some of the fun activities they did in class to celebrate Dr. Seuss. The students had a great time and looked forward to each day.



Terrific Third Graders Campers



Our third grade campers have had a busy year! We cannot believe that spring is around the corner! Where did the time go? The campers have grown so much, not only physically, but mentally!

In science, the students have been studying the Georgia habitats. We have “traveled” through all 5 regions of Georgia and are now learning about plant and animal adaptations. We have learned about camouflage and mimicry. The campers are so excited to learn how plants and animals adapt to their surroundings!

In Reading/English Language Arts, students have been learning about central message/theme/moral of the story. What better way to kick off our 2nd unit of central message, than with Read Across America Week. We had parents come in to read their favorite Dr. Seuss book to the students and it was indeed a treat! Our campers will continue to read fiction and non-fiction texts, with comprehension and writing tasks.

Our third grade students have also learned about several historical figures in the past month; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, Thurgood Marshall, Lyndon B. Johnson. We will continue our study next week with Cesar Chavez. Our campers are learning how each character shows diligence, tolerance, and liberty. We are also writing about and comparing characters, such as FDR and LBJ, and how they were alike and different. We are also learning about where each character lived and worked. In the next month, we will review Branches of Government, Economics, and each character in preparation for the Georgia Milestones.

In marvelous math, we are deep into FRACTIONS! We are learning how to recognize fractions of a whole and a set and how to partition a shape into fractional parts. Students have learned that when a fraction has a BIG number on the bottom (denominator), the pieces are SMALL. We relate it to sharing a candy bar- the more people you have to share it with the smaller your piece will be! Our next steps are how to recognize fractions on a number line and all about equivalent fractions. Fractions and the NBT standards (rounding, addition/subtraction within 1000 and multiples of 10 x one digit) make up 35% of the Milestones test! We are working on becoming confident and consistent when answering these types of questions!

Thankful for Fourth Grade!





Fourth grade students have been using their creativity to create and analyze poems in ELA. Students are exploring how to use similes and metaphors to make their writing come to life. Science class is shining bright with a new unit on light and sound! Students are having a great time using labs to learn about how light works. Geometry has taken over our math class. Everyone is designing and planning out their own town using what they have learned about geometry

5th Grade News



We are beginning to wind down the year, how quickly it has gone! In Social Studies, students have been studying World Wars I and II along with the Great Depression. These are also being covered in part in ELA class. Volume, volume, volume is the word for math. Remember, everything is in the students' math journals. Please review fractions and decimals. ELA is covering the proper use of commas and when to underline and when to use quotation marks when it comes to book titles, song titles, and articles. We will begin reading Number the Stars soon which covers WWII. Please continue to encourage your student to focus when they are answering writing prompts.



What's Happening in P.E.?

Hello,

Let me begin by saying, "WOW!" Parents and students at CRES are awesome!

As most of you are aware, students have been participating in a jump rope unit which we always tie in the Jump rope for Heart, a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Each year, I set a monetary goal for our school, and this year I set the bar pretty high at \$6,000.00. I encourage each student to try to raise a minimum of \$5.00, which would easily give us \$3,000+ if all 600 students did just that. However, we usually only have about a quarter of the students participate, which is what happened again this year. So, we had about 137 students actually raise money for the AHA. However, these students not only met the \$6,000 goal, they exceeded it! At last count we raised \$6, 241.00! And remember, every penny goes to the AHA to help fund research, develop medicines and hopefully, one day, find a cure for heart disease and stroke. So, again, on behalf of the American Heart Association let me tell all of you, students and parents, what a wonderful job you did and thank you very much.

As we move forward toward the end of the year, we will continue to focus on some fitness skills and will hopefully move into some volleyball and baseball skills. Additionally, fourth and fifth grade students will be practicing and partaking in the annual FITNESSGRAM testing where they will be tested in the five areas of fitness: Muscular strength (push-ups), muscular endurance (curl ups), flexibility (sit and reach), aerobic capacity (PACER test), and Body composition (height and weight). These test results will be printed and parents will receive a copy along with the final report card.

Younger students (K – 3) do not participate in the FITNESSGRAM test, but the state does require us to take and document height and weight measurements for them. These results do not go home to the parents, but are recording in the FITNESSGRAM data base.

Also, don't forget - Field day will be held the last 2 days of school – May 19th for Pre-K – 2nd grade and May 20th from 3rd – 5th grade. It should be a blast!

In Health,

Coach English

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COUNSELOR TIPS

Crooked River Elementary School



As the end of the year approaches, Mrs. Walsh, the school counselor has been involved in planning some exciting events. Our Career Day is currently scheduled for April 29th. On this special day we will have local professionals come and speak to our students. We are so excited to hear about these careers and how what our students learn now can help them in the future. Mrs. Walsh has also been leading guidance lessons on careers with students. During these lessons, students have been participating in things like origami, crafts, writing activities and drawings related to the world of work.

Another exciting happening is our 5th grade tour of Saint Marys Middle School. This is a time that our 5th graders get to meet the administration of the school and get to hear all about the school from the middle school's very own students. It is a fun morning, and a time for them to become more comfortable with their future school and to ask questions. Parents will receive a letter with more information, and they will need to return it signed in order for their child to participate.

These are just a couple of the exciting things we have going on here at CRES. Please remember to look at the school's calendar and continue to check your child's folder to see other fun happenings.

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