



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

COYOTE CLASSIFIED



APRIL 2022

APRIL CALENDAR

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

We hope to see everyone at parent teacher conferences on the 5th and 7th. If you cannot make conferences and have any questions please contact your child's teacher to discuss their current progress. Our students have been working hard all quarter to improve their skills and I am sure our staff has lots of great information to update you with.

Track will be starting for 4th grade students on 4/12/2022. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for four weeks. The track meet will be held on 5/4/2022. More information will be sent home about the track meet when we get closer to the date.

IAR Testing

Each year our 3rd and 4th grade students take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness test. We are spreading the testing out over six days (one sections per day) to keep the students fresh. There are three sections of ELA and three sections of Math. Your students should be keeping their Chromebooks at school during this time since all the testing is computer based. Please do your best to get students to school on time during the testing days. Some things to help students prepare: Reassure them they are going to do a good job. Get enough sleep the night before the test. Listen closely to instructions. Read the questions before the passage. Lastly relax and try your best.

Thank you for your contribution to our education:

Hometown Proud McDonalds

4/5 1:15 dismissal for K-4th grade students; Normal day for Pre-K
4/5 Parent Teacher conferences
4/5 Pre-K Spring Photos

4/6 K-4 Spring Photos

4/7 1:15 dismissal for K-4th grade students; No School for Pre-K
4/7 Parent Teacher conferences

4/8 No School

4/12 Track practice begins for 4th grade

4/15 No School

4/18 No School

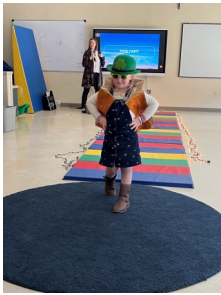
4/21 Family Council at Illini Skateland from 5-7pm

4/25-4/29 Outdoor School for 4th grade

4/27 10:45 dismissal for K-4th grade. No School for Pre-K

4/29 Progress Reports

Happy Spring preschool families! Prior to spring break, our classrooms were hard at work learning about many different topics. Some of the classrooms finished up their clothing study, while other classrooms learned about balls, spring, pets, and exercise. The teachers are looking forward to sharing your child's hard work at parent-teacher conferences. Please reach out if you do not have a conference time set up yet (444-3266). The weather is getting warmer and we will be able to go outside more frequently. Please make sure that your child wears weather appropriate clothing and shoes that are appropriate for running and climbing (no sandals without backs). If you know a child who has turned 3 or is turning 3 soon and would like to get on the wait list for next year's pre-k, the first step is to get them signed up for a screening by calling 444-3537.



Left Picture: Alaina Donnelly

Right Picture: McMahon's AM class

Students learned about clothing and made their own vests. Then modeled the vests down the runway.



KINDERGARTEN

KINDERGARTEN IS FLYING BY! WE ARE ALREADY IN 4TH QUARTER! WE HAVE FINISHED THE CONTEST OF COUNTING TO 101. IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT YET REACHED THEIR GOAL, PLEASE WORK ON THIS SKILL DAILY. OUR LAST CONTEST FOR THE YEAR WILL BE TO KNOW ALL THE KINDERGARTEN SIGHT WORDS.

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE THIS MONTH. PLEASE USE THE LETTER THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE WITH THE REPORT CARD FROM YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER TO WORK ON ANY SKILLS THEY HAVE NOT YET MASTERED. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

FIRST GRADE

We hope you all had a great Spring Break! Conferences are coming up soon!! We look forward to seeing you all again on April 5 and April 7. This month, our student teachers will be in full takeover. In reading this month, we will be studying weather and space and in math we will be learning about measurement, two-digit addition and subtraction, and continuing place value. Please continue to practice sight words and reading as much as possible to build oral reading fluency.



Dr. Brown's class enjoying some St. Patrick's Day activities.



Second Grade

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Third Grade

Welcome back to school! I hope you all enjoyed Spring Break break. Third graders will continue practicing our multiplication and division facts and learning some new skills in Math. It is important to practice those facts each day! Your 4th grade teachers will expect you to know them. In reading we will be learning more about communities and strategies to help you understand non-fiction texts. It will be an exciting month as we prepare for 4th grade.

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade has been learning about how our nation developed in reading. The students have enjoyed learning about The Dust Bowl, Route 66, and the transcontinental railroad. We are also finishing up the novel, *Number the Stars*. The students have enjoyed the book so far. Students should be reading for 15 minutes every night at home. There is an incentive for students who pass 6 tests with an 80% or above each month. We have moved into fractions in math. We are still practicing division and multiplication daily. Students still need to study their math facts. At the end of April (25th-29th) we will be going to Forrest Glen for outdoor school.

Kindergarten Registration

The following will need to be in your student’s file before they can start Kindergarten on 8/11/2022:

Current Physical (dated 8/11/2021 or after)-this must include blood lead screening and diabetes risk assessment

Current, up to date immunization record

Eye Examination by an Optometrist or Waiver (Due by 10/15/2022)

Dental Exam (Due by 5/15/2023)

The sooner you get these completed and turned into the nurse’s office, the better. Doctors' offices get very busy over the summer with school physicals and immunizations, which can make it difficult to get an appointment. Getting everything completed as soon as possible will make your Kindergarten registration process easier. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse.

AR Winners	AVID Spotlight Students
<p>March 2022 AR winners:</p> <p>Dr. Brown Delaniee Dunavan, Donovan Wheeler</p> <p>Ms. Coffman William Carlton, Kadence Edwards</p> <p>Mrs. Spencer Maddison Winland, Haven Fisher</p> <p>Ms. Sermersheim Avree Long</p> <p>Mrs. Wise Gaberiel Loden, Kori Sandlin</p> <p>Mrs. Lehman Kylar Sandlin, Kurt Jones</p> <p>Mrs. Roach Aspen Bradfield</p> <p>Mrs. Ridge Mila King, Zilah Adams</p> <p>Congratulation to all the AR winners! Keep up the good work!</p>	<p>Pre-K: Josie Dozier, Jasper Nord, Riley Rew, Alontae Lane, Tommy Kirts, Royalty Robinson, Trestin Kelley, Janiya O’Dell</p> <p>Kindergarten: Travis Allen, Asher Cleveland</p> <p>1st Grade: Brileigh Carrizal, Priscilla Rouse, Presley Rouse</p> <p>2nd Grade: Aylin Ramos, Gabe Loden</p> <p>3rd Grade: Aspen Bradfield, Kurt Jones</p> <p>4th Grade: Kennedy Lucas</p>

AVID Strategy of the Month

An AVID Strategy we work on at school is Costa’s Levels of Questioning. This helps deepen students' understanding. There are three levels, 1, 2, and 3. This month we are going to focus on Level 1 questions. Level 1 questions are basic recall questions that can be found on the page or in the book. See the picture for examples!

Who is sitting in the blue car? Sam-I-Am, Guy Am I, and 2 other animals

What color is the train? Red

What are they riding on? A train

Where are they going? Into a tunnel

