



# — SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

## COYOTE CLASSIFIED



MARCH 2022

### MARCH CALENDAR

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

I can't believe we are already sending you the March newsletter! This past month has just flown by. Thank you for getting the students online during weather, adaptive pauses, and e-learning days. It is difficult for everyone and the students, parents and guardians have been amazing through these hard times.

Please be on the look-out for the Parent/Teacher conference forms closer to the end of the month. We hope to have to opportunity to sit down with you and chat about your child's education. Conferences will be held on April 5th and 7th.

We are sad that the weather did not cooperate for STEAM night. We hope to see everyone at our next family event at Illini Skate Land in April.

I am very proud of the fourth graders that participated in volleyball, basketball, problem solvers, and now scholastic bowl. They are a dedicated group of students that have fun while they learn. It is amazing to see how much growth they have made in such a short time. We hope these basic skills will carry over to fifth grade. We hope to see more fourth graders go out for track. Permission slips for track should come out around the end of March.

### Thank you for your contribution to our education:

Hometown Proud McDonalds

- 3/1 Scholastic Bowl  
Practice 2:30-4:30
- 3/3 Scholastic Bowl Meet  
4-5 PM @ Meade Park
- 3/8 Scholastic Bowl Meet  
4-5 PM @ SW  
against Parents/Staff
- 3/10 1:15pm dismissal for K-4
- 3/16 1:15pm dismissal for K-4  
Board meeting @  
6:30pm @ Fields Building
- 3/18 Birthday Celebrations
- 3/21-3/25 Spring Break  
No School for Staff/students
- 3/28 Return to school
- 3/30 1:15pm dismissal for K-4
- 4/5 1:15pm dismissal for K-4 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Pre-K is a normal day.
- 4/7 1:15pm dismissal for K-4 for Parent Teacher Conferences. No School for Pre-k
- 4/8 No School
- 4/15 No School

~~~~~**Pre-K**~~~~~

Many of the classrooms are in full swing with their Creative Curriculum studies, including boxes, clothing, pets, and roads. Some of the neat activities related to the studies include using boxes to create a "drive in movie," designing clothing with fabric, and having pet visitors (from other classrooms) to learn about real life pets and their needs. The teachers have found creative ways to make the studies meaningful and interesting since we are limited with COVID protocols. Thank you to all of the families for your flexibility with e-learning. Please make sure that we either have your most updated phone number, you are connected to Class DOJO, and/or have access to facebook in order to receive important information pertaining to District 118 or Southwest Elementary as it becomes available. If you know a child who is interested in attending a free preschool and is between the ages of three to five, please have them call 444-3537 to schedule them for a screening!

### KINDERGARTEN

KINDERGARTEN IS FLYING BY. WE ARE GETTING CLOSE TO THE END OF 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER. OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER GOAL IS TO COUNT TO 101 BY 1'S. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS SKILL AT HOME IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT YET MASTERED IT. IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO LEARN LETTERS AND SOUNDS, CONTINUE WORKING ON THESE SKILLS AS WELL. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON LEARNING HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS AND READING CVC WORDS IN CLASS. REMEMBER TO REVIEW THESE SKILLS DAILY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL OR SEND A NOTE.

### FIRST GRADE

**WE ARE VERY EXCITED FOR THE MONTH AHEAD, AS WE WILL BE CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY BY READING AND ENJOYING MANY OF HIS WACKY AND WONDERFUL BOOKS. WITH HIS WORKS, WE WILL BE STUDYING THE IMPORTANT MORALS/LESSONS HE IS TEACHING ABOUT DIVERSITY AND STAYING TRUE TO ONESELF. WE ALSO WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR FAMILIES TO KEEP READING AND ENJOYING BOOKS AT HOME!! WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE OF OUR FIRST GRADERS TAKING TESTS ON THEIR AR BOOKS EACH DAY. RIGHT NOW, MS. COFFMAN AND MRS. SPENCER HAVE VERY FEW STUDENTS TAKING TESTS. IN MATH, WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING WITH PLACE VALUE AND GRAPHING.**

### Second Grade

We can't believe it is March already! For reading, we will be moving into Unit 7 in Benchmark, Investigating the Past. For math in Mrs. Wise's class we will be continuing to practice adding and subtracting with regrouping and moving into time and money. For math in Miss Sermersheim's class we will be moving onto subtracting with regrouping and then practicing fluency with regrouping. Please make sure your student is taking and passing at least one AR test a week. Make sure you are signing and returning folders each day. We are looking forward to Spring Break!

## Third Grade

Hard to believe that March is here and Spring is on the way! 3rd graders will be busy preparing for state testing which will begin at the end of the month. We have a lot to learn in this month! Please keep checking agendas each night and encourage your student to read each night and take AR tests when they are ready. They are also still working on memorizing all their multiplication/division facts. We will have another visit from the AG Lady this month. She will be teaching us about pollinators! We are working on Fractions in Math and will be finishing up a unit about inventions in Reading. We have learned a lot of interesting facts about inventors and inventions already! Keep up the great work 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!

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## Fourth Grade

**We have moved on from long division and are now working on multi-digit multiplication. The biggest challenge for both of these concepts is that many do not know their multiplication facts. We have started fact tests on Fridays. Students have made flash cards of the facts they are working on. Once they pass that test, they move on to the next. Please help your child go over their flash cards every night. In reading we are reading the novel, *Number the Stars*. We are looking at how characters overcome obstacles when they are faced with a challenge.**

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## AVID @ Home

| Am I Being Responsible?                                                                                                                                                                                                | Am I Being Respectful?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Am I Being Safe?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did I get my planner/agenda signed today?</li> <li>• Did I do my homework?</li> <li>• Did I read at home?</li> <li>• Did I do my chores and straighten my bedroom?</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did I listen to – and follow – my parent’s directions?</li> <li>• Did I use an appropriate voice tone when speaking with my family members?</li> <li>• Did I use good manners? (Say please, thank you, excuse me)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did I eat healthy, well-balanced meals today?</li> <li>• Did I get some exercise or spend time outside today?</li> <li>• Did I take a shower and brush my teeth today?</li> <li>• Did I think about how my actions could affect others?</li> </ul> |

**A**lways prepared, **V**ery respectful, **I**ntentionally safe, **D**etermined and responsible



**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!**

| <b>Congratulation to our February AR Winners!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>AVID Spotlight Students</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b>1st Grade:</b> Delanie Dunavan, William Carlton, Remington Ross, Maddison Winland</p> <p><b>2nd Grade:</b> Jamir Smith, Erian Earles</p> <p><b>3rd Grade:</b> Kylar Sandlin, Kendra Thompson, Ayda Romo, Aspen Bradfield</p> <p><b>4th Grade:</b> Mila King, Jaelyn Manning</p> <p>Golden Ticket Winner: Lillianah Hurst</p> <p>Congratulations to all the winners!</p> <p>Keep reading!</p> | <p><b>Pre-K:</b> Sabrah Shelato, Lucas Hardman, Hunter Martin, Corie Brown, Robert DeBerry,</p> <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Da'Miyah Lucas, Aiyana Beamon</p> <p><b>1st Grade:</b> Anna Grupe, Sophia Gomez, Emery Mattix, Kensy Vasquez-Gutierrez</p> <p><b>2nd Grade:</b> Xavier Hooker, Keason Vance-Jenkins</p> <p><b>3rd Grade:</b> Emmanuel Love, Fenix Murphy</p> <p><b>4th Grade:</b> Cerron Grenshaw,</p> |

**Data Driven**

Reading with your child is so important, but deciding what to read can be a struggle. A good practice is to read every night with our children. Here are some ideas of ways to promote reading at home.

Encourage your child to read another one ~~~ Take turns reading ~~~ Make connections to your child's life ~~~ Give your child an incentive to read ~~~ Try different types of books and magazines ~~~ Turn on the closed captioning on your television