



# — SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

## COYOTE CLASSIFIED



MAY/JUNE 2022

### MAY CALENDAR

#### **A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...**

I cannot believe I am sending out the May newsletter! I guess it is true what they say "time flies when you're having fun!" We really have had a fantastic year this year. It is a joy to work with all of our SW students each day. We couldn't do our job without all of your support. Thank you for taking an active role in your child's education.

There are several opportunities for your children this summer. K-2nd grade summer school will be held at Southwest Elementary School and 3rd-4th grade will be held at Mark Denman Elementary School. Summer school will take place from June 14th- July 7th from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. Breakfast and lunch will both be included.

We will be opening the K-12 registration portal for next year on May 9th. If you prefer to come to Centralized Registration at the Danville High School Field House, it will take place on June 16 from noon -7:00 PM and June 17 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

If you have a returning **Pre-K** student, please remember to complete your packet at home and return it to school or bring it with you to centralized registration. **All Pre-K registration will be done on paper.** Please refer to our Facebook page and school website for future updates.

Parents, please save the date for our annual Ball for All night! The event will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 at Southwest Elementary. Come dressed up (or in your school clothes) and ready to dance with your family and friends!!!

5/3 DSO concert for 4th grade

5/4 4th grade Track Meet at DHS @3pm

5/4 BOE meeting at Fields Building @ 6:30pm

5/18 BOE meeting at Fields Building @ 6:30pm

5/19 Ball for All 5:30-7pm

5/30 No School

6/9 Last day for Pre-k students

6/10 Last day for K-4 students -1:15 p.m. dismissal

6/15 BOE meeting at Fields Building @ 6:30pm

6/16 Centralized Registration Noon to 7:00 p.m.

6/17 Centralized Registration 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Hometown Stars McDonalds

Illini Skate Land

Forrest Glen

## ~~~~~Pre-K~~~~~

Hello Pre-K families! Our classrooms have been hard at work engaged in a variety of studies, including music, balls, farms, and pets. Mrs. Keyser's classroom even added 3 pet hermit crabs to their roster and named them Crabby, Pinchy, and Scary. We are looking forward to many fun end of the year activities including touch a truck, week of the young child, and fun week so be on the lookout for more information soon! 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 in (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.

## KINDERGARTEN

KINDERGARTEN IS FLYING BY! WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING SKILLS THIS LAST QUARTER: READING & SPELLING CVC WORDS, KNOWING ALL 46 HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS BY SIGHT, READING SHORT STORIES, ADDING & SUBTRACTING TO 5, AND MATH WORD PROBLEMS. THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER GOAL IS TO KNOW ALL 46 HFW BY SIGHT. WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR THOSE STUDENTS THAT LEARN THEM ALL. PLEASE WORK ON ANY SKILLS YOUR CHILD HAS NOT YET MASTERED. REMEMBER THERE IS HOMEWORK EVERY NIGHT TO HELP MASTER THE SKILLS NEEDED FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL.

## FIRST GRADE

**Wow, we cannot believe it is almost the end of the year! We are sad to share that on May 6, we will be saying goodbye to our student teachers. Though they are leaving, first grade still has a LOT to learn and cover in our final 6 weeks. Our last two units in reading will be a social studies/economics unit on buying and selling goods and a science unit exploring light and sound. Our last math units will be working on time, measurement, shapes, and fractions. Please make sure your students are on time each day, ready to learn! On May 13, K-4 students will be hosting a career day! First grade would love to invite all willing parents/guardians into our classrooms to share about your careers. Please let us know by Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> if you would like to come in. Hope to see you then!**

## Second Grade

We are looking forward to Career Day coming soon. We can't wait to hear about different careers! For Benchmark, we will be in Unit 9, Buyers and Sellers. The essential question for this unit will be, "How do the goods we make, buy, and sell connect us?" In math, Miss Germersheim's Class will be moving onto Topic 9, Numbers to 1,000. Mrs. Wise's Class will be moving into Topics 10 and 11, adding and subtracting within 1,000. Please make sure you are practicing math facts and high frequency words at home and reading AR books multiple times for comprehension. We are excited to finish out the school year strong!

## AVID

Level 2: 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 2 questions. Level 2 questions require looking at two places and pulling information together. Level 2 questions are typically your How and Why Questions.

The Munez family went to Florida for Spring Break. They rented the house on the beach! The family had a blast building sandcastles and collecting seashells along the beach. At first, Timmy was scared of the ocean waves and would not go into the water. His sister, Layla had an idea! She showed him that the crashing waves at the ocean are just like the splashes they make in the pool. Timmy now loved the ocean too!



Examples of Level 2 Questions:

How did Layla help Timmy?

How does this compare to what you did on Spring Break?

## Third Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> graders are in the middle of a reading unit about weather. They are learning about different climates around the world. It has been interesting watching the weather with them each day. April was a month with a lot of changes in the weather! We will be having our last Ag Lady lesson in the first week of May. She will be teaching us about dairy farms. Our next reading unit will be all about Danville and Vermilion County. We will end that study with a trip to the Vermilion County Museum on May 26th. More information about that will be coming soon. Please continue to read and practice math facts with students through the end of the year. They will need fact fluency before next school year!

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## Fourth Grade

**4<sup>th</sup> grade had a great time at Outdoor School. We enjoyed spending the week outside and learning about nature around us. In reading we are learning about Earth changes. We are focusing on volcanoes and earthquakes. Students need to take 6 AR tests a month. There is an incentive for students who meet their goal.**

**In math we are still working on fractions. Students also need to be practicing their math facts. We take a math fact test every Friday. Some students are still on the 2's facts.**

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## Note from the Nurse

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.

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## Data Driven

Spring is here and warmer days are hopefully going to be here soon also! With this warmer weather it is easy to slack on our daily reading and math with our kids, but there are fun ways to incorporate those skills into our outdoor activities!

1. Plant a letter garden – So many of us enjoy planting vegetables or flowers, plant them in the shape of a letter with your child's help. For older students have them read the instruction on the seed packets to help plant the garden seeds correctly.
2. Bike Ride Scavenger Hunt – Make a list of street names or road signs for your child to find and read while on a family bike ride.
3. Spring Cleaning – Ugh! The dreaded spring cleaning, where we try to downsize and purge all of the unused items we have collected over the last year. This is a great way to have students work on number sense and money. If you are going to have a garage sale let them help you label the cost of items and sort them by cost on tables. You can let those older students help take money at the garage sale and practice counting back change.
4. Sidewalk Chalk – Kids love sidewalk chalk, and it is cheap and easy to clean up! Challenge students with riddles to solve, math problems to figure out, and words to unscramble or write. The possibilities are endless if you use your imagination!

I hope you take the time to enjoy the warmer weather with your students, and find new ways to make learning fun for them!



## From the Desk of Mrs. Brewer – School Social Worker...

Setting Boundaries (adapted from Krissy Pozatek, LCSW mindbodygreen.com)

It's important, as parents, teachers and caregivers, to listen to a child's feelings and validate those feelings. However, it's also important to create a secure and stable environment for our kiddos by setting boundaries and not allowing our children's feelings to "run" our environments. We need to create a place where our children can be heard, develop patience, be self-aware, become good friends and the list goes on....

Here are a few of the reasons to set boundaries with our children:

Parental / Adult boundaries allow kids to feel safe – these boundaries help to reduce anxiety, establish routines, establish rules and allow for predictability.

Children have underdeveloped prefrontal lobes – A child's brain is not fully developed and thus they should not be given decision making power over adults.

Parental limits disrupt entitlement – parental boundaries allow children to grow up and understand they cannot always get their ways, be more, patient and deal with disappointment

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!

Congratulation to our April AR Winners!	AVID Spotlight Students
<b>1st Grade:</b> Remington Ross, William Carlton, Ronin Murphy, Delaniee Dunavan, Alana Williams	<b>Pre-K:</b> Aubriella Free, Nakea Brown, Alontae Lane, Riley Rew, Harfateh Singh
<b>2nd Grade:</b> Gabriel Loden, Lilana Boyle, Jamir Smith	<b>Kindergarten:</b> Angle Scaife, Liliana Anderson, Anastasia Bryant
<b>3rd Grade:</b> Aspen Bradfield, Pello Lester, David Bennett	<b>1st Grade:</b> Preslee Jones, Priscilla Rouse
<b>4th Grade:</b> Mila King, Zilah Adams	<b>2nd Grade:</b> Kaz Connor, Tristan Laws
	<b>3rd Grade:</b> Zhalina Martinez, Kendra Thompson
	<b>4th Grade:</b> Jaelyn Manning

## From Birth to Three

**Did you know that there are free home visiting services throughout Vermilion County?**

**The H.O.M.E. (Hands On Meaningful Experiences) Program at D118 provides home visiting services through the iGrow Collaboration to offer family-focused services to expectant parents and families with children up to age 3 who reside in District 118. Our Parent Educators offer information about each developmental stage, assist families to locate needed resources, provide fun family events, education, support, and free books! In addition to personal home visits and group connections, our Family Store helps supply baby items and household products for H.O.M.E. participants. If you are interested in home visiting services, or even learning more about them, please**

**call Niah at (217) 483-BABY (2229).**