

March Newsletter

South View Upper Elementary



Principal Letter



Hello SVUE Families!

Happy March! Hopefully we will see the weather warm up. Spring Break is just around the corner, beginning on March 17th. It is important that students come back on Monday, March 24, 2025, so they can be prepared and ready for state testing.

State testing will begin on Monday, March 31st . It is crucial that all students are present. It is stressful for students to have to make up tests.

Ways you can help your child do his or her personal best on the test are:

§ Get a good night's sleep.

§ Eat breakfast (We serve breakfast to every student who wants it.)

§ Arrive to school on time.

Students will be keeping the Chromebooks at school from now until after testing. State testing is all taken on the computer and we must ensure that each student has one for testing.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you,

Mrs. Fluno

PBIS

For March, students who have no referrals will earn a movie with their grade level.

Students can use their SV bucks that are earned for being safe, kind, and responsible to purchase snacks at the movie.

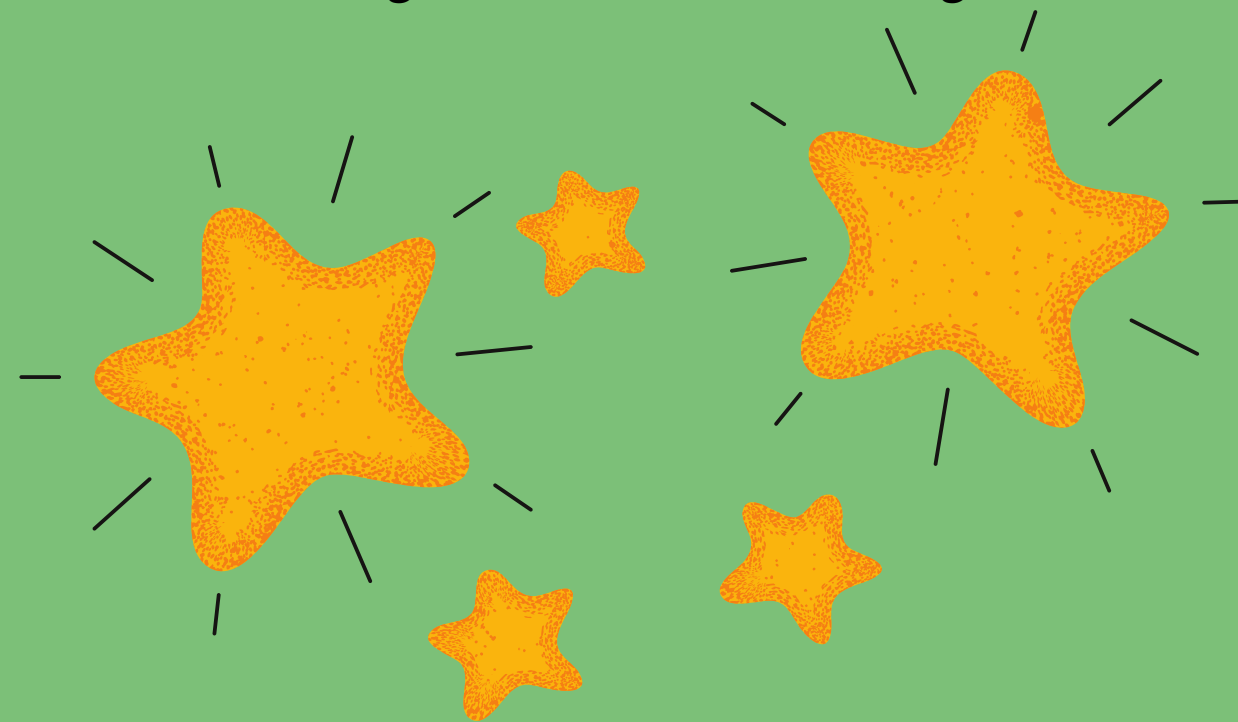
Special Education

Public schools like ours continue to face several challenges, and students with special needs and circumstances often suffer the most when administration, teachers and staff are ill-equipped to overcome them. Truancy, poor student engagement, behavioral disruptions, among other challenges can be alleviated with flexible seating. Research shows that flexible seating promotes student engagement, and any teacher, here at South View, will tell you, when students are engaged, they are more focused, with less behavioral outbursts, and greater learning outcomes.

Several common trends emerged from a recent qualitative study:

“Common themes included that students prefer a specific seating choice in the classroom, flexible seating options were selected more than traditional seating options, and some students needed teacher directed instruction on modifications needed with seating choice or reminders how to sit in a specific choice. With these findings, it promoted a more collaborative work environment in the classroom.” (Cole, Schroeder, Bataineh, and Al-Bataineh, 2021)

Mr. Cravens’ students prefer flexible seating options, especially during independent skills practice. There is a carpeted calming corner with cushioned mats and movable wall partitions. There is a doorless storage room with a desk and a chair. Some students like to create little nooks throughout the room, under tables, behind open cabinet doors or tucked behind large office desks with Mrs. Olson and Ms. Miller, two of the most kind and patient paraeducators in the district. Some traditional student desks have BouncyBands, thick rubber straps connected about 8 inches from the bottom of the desk’s legs. Students struggling with symptoms associated with ADHD, who require sensory accommodations can rest their feet on the band and bounce their legs to self-stimulate during instruction or independent practice with minimal disruptions to their peers.



5th Grade

Math & Science

Math: Students will apply and extend their understanding of multiplication and division to fractions. We will solve and create fraction word problems. Please continue to have students practicing multiplication facts.

Science: Students will understand how parts of the Earth's systems interact to create natural phenomena. They will focus on how people affect and protect Earth's resources.

Nurse

Attention South View Upper Elementary 5th grade Guardians:

ALL 5th grade students need to be medically compliant to enter the 6th grade.

Your student will not be able to begin their 6th grade year without a current physical and updated vaccines on file.

Typical compliant needs are: New State of Illinois Physical, Tdap vaccine, Meningococcal vaccine, and Hepatitis B vaccine.

To ensure a smooth start to the 2025-2026 school year, we encourage you not to delay in completing this requirement.

Our school health-based clinic, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation (SIHF), will be at South View offering onsite physicals and vaccinations!

SIHF will be at South View the week of May 12, 2025

Packets have been mailed home to all 5th grade families.

Completion and return of the packet is mandatory for your student to be seen by SIHF.

For any questions or concerns please contact the listed nurse below.



South View Upper Elementary



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South View Upper Elementary School Nurse

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Let's work together to ensure the health and well-being of our students as they embark on this exciting new chapter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

5th Grade

ELA & Social Studies

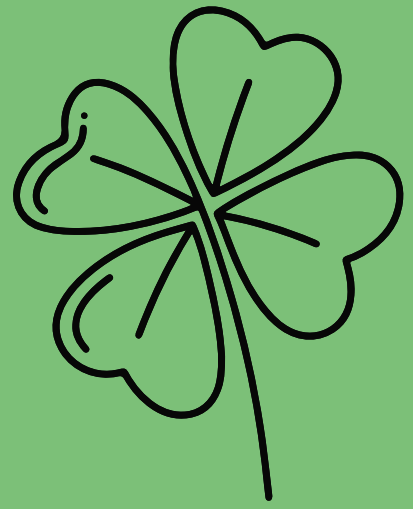
ELA: Students are reading the book Don Quixote. While reading students will be practicing the skills of identifying character traits and examining how they change throughout a story. They are also reviewing the skills of summarizing and using text evidence to support their reasoning for answers.

For writing, students are working on persuading readers by forming opinions and supporting their reasoning. One main focus of writing this month is having complete sentences and subject verb agreement.

SS: Students are learning about colonization of the Americas. Students will discuss how cultural changes, and geographical developments came to be in the continent of North America.

Last month, students were able to research influential African American's throughout history. This month, students will research influential Women in history for Women's History Month.

Students are also participating in a book study of the story, The Devil's Arithmetic. This book discusses the events of the Holocaust.



Upcoming Events



Third quarter is coming to a close, looking at March we have Early Out on March 5th Spring Break is March 17-22. School will resume on March 24 and this starts the 4th quarter. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held April 8th and 10th more information will be coming.

6th Grade Math

Math—we are completing our lessons on rational numbers, inequalities, integers and graphing in all four quadrants and starting to work on algebra. Students are practicing their lessons using ZEARN and building their knowledge through their I-Ready lessons. Some of the 6th grade classes are learning about Earth Science and are creating National Park projects that parents can view during conferences.

March Calendar

5th - One Hour Early Out

11th - Family Council Meeting 4:45pm

Spring Break - 17th - 21st

6th Grade

ELA

ELA is focusing on preparation for upcoming state testing. This includes breaking apart text, vocabulary, constructed and extended responses, multiple part questions, and narrative/informative writing.

Volleyball



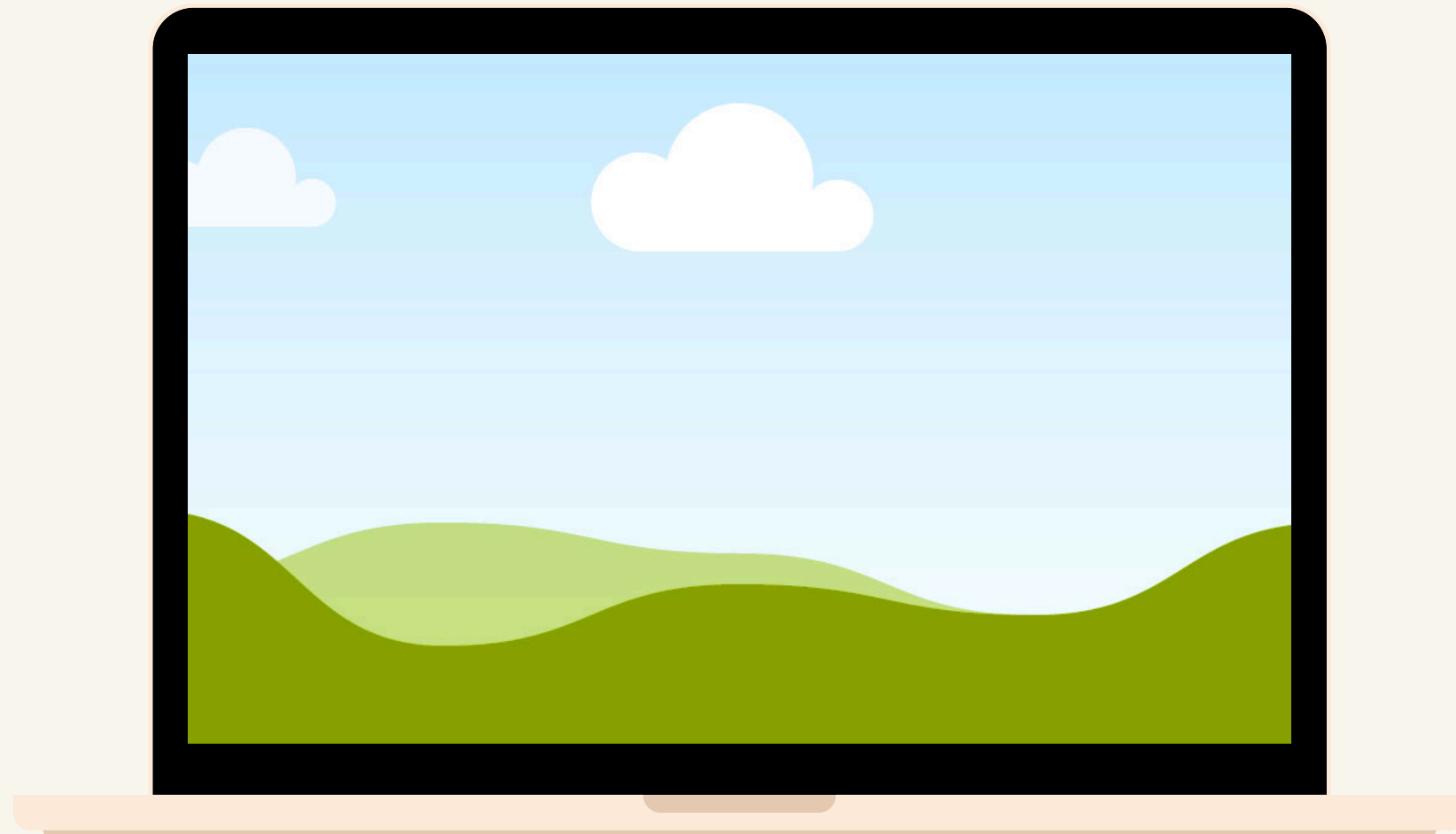
March 3,4,6, and 7th

Practice 4-5:30pm

Computer Club

3,6,10,12,13,24,26, and 27th

3:45-4:50pm



AVID

March Madness is an exciting time for college basketball. It marks the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, where teams from across the U.S. compete in a single-elimination format to claim the national championship. The tournament is widely followed and draws attention to not just the sport but also the colleges and universities themselves.

At SVUE, each homeroom will research a college during March Madness. Students can use the tournament as an opportunity to explore colleges and universities with a strong focus on colleges that are being showcased during the tournament. AVID encourages students to research college options, understand what they offer academically, and look at various aspects such as location, campus life, and sports programs.

Combining AVID with March Madness can be a fun and engaging way to get students excited about college research. Tying the process to something culturally popular like basketball can also make it more relatable.

