


LAKE MICHIGAN NEWS

Mrs. Schwalm and Ms. Silva

March, 2017

Important Dates

March

3/14—Jeans for \$1
P.T.T. Meeting
6:00 p.m. 

3/16—Birthday Bash
Open House 8-4 & 6-8

3/17—**Book Report DUE**

3/22—Occupational Reader Day

3/23—End of 3rd Quarter
“Penny in a Box” due

3/24—**NO SCHOOL** –Record’s Day

3/27—Guest Reader:
Representative Jason Sheppard

3/28—Jeans for Cards

3/29, 3/30, 3/31—1/2 days of school
for conferences

3/31—Principal’s Breakfast

April

4/4—Science Field Trip to Toledo
Botanical Gardens 8:15-11:30 a.m.

4/6—Spirit Day

4/7—Spring Fling, K-4: 8:15-9:30a

4/10—Board Meeting 7:45 a.m.

4/11—P.T.T. Meeting 6:00 p.m.

4/14-4/21—**NO SCHOOL**
SPRING BREAK

4/24—Classes Resume

4/25—Jeans for Cards

4/27—Birthday Bash

4/28—4th Midquarter
Recycling Drive 7:15—8:00 a.m.

PARENT CORNER

The last book report for the year will be due on Friday, May 12th.

What's Happening?

MARCH IS READING MONTH

We had a very exciting Right to Read Week. Don't forget to keep reading the rest of the month!



WRITER'S WORKSHOP

This month, the students are finishing their ‘Young Author’s’ books. Each student in the class wrote their very own short story and illustrated it. They followed the writing process and are ending with a final, published copy. All of the N.B.A. families will be able to view the school-wide collection during conferences from March 29th - 31st. This gives the young writers a chance to receive some well-deserved feedback on their books.

F.Y.I—Your child is able to practice their typing at home just as they do in class. They have their own username and password through typing.com/tutor.



Don't forget they may practice their Spanish through the Rosetta Stone website!

Reading Fluency?

Once a child learns to put letters together into words, the next step is putting the words together into sentences and stories. This is when they develop reading fluency. What's that? The ability to read text accurately and quickly. Fluent readers read aloud effortlessly and with expression. Non-fluent readers stumble on words, and may sound choppy. One way to help improve your child's fluency is to READ A LOT! The more they read and are read to, the smoother they will become. It is especially good to re-read books they've already heard. They might think the stories are “too easy” or “babyish”, but having them focus on their expression and smoothness helps. This will improve their confidence and achievement in all academic areas.

Read to Me

By: Jane Yolen

Read to me riddles, read to me rhymes
Read to me stories of magical times
Read to me tales about castles and kings
Read to me stories of fabulous things.
Read to me pirates, read to me knights,
Read to me dragons and dragon back flights
Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then
When you are finished, please read them again.

Questions or Concerns?

Please feel free to stop in before/after school, call us at (734) 854-5437,

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What is Our Focus?




Below is a list of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) that are the focus for March.

MATH

3rd Grade:

-  Multi-digit multiplication
-  Division
-  Fractions
-  Measuring with halves and fourths
-  Partition shapes into parts with equal areas

4th Grade:

-  Line Plots
-  Angles
-  Long-Division






SOCIAL STUDIES

3rd Grade: How the government helps citizens, goods & services provided by the government, & taxes

4th Grade: -Our state government

LANGUAGE ARTS

We will be engaging in these activities monthly:

-  Writing narrative, informational, and opinion pieces
-  Phonics
-  Grammar
-  sight words
-  speaking (book reports and other projects that they present)

SCIENCE

3rd Grade: Forces and Interactions

4th Grade: Matter, Motion, & Machines