



Morse Newsletter

March 20, 2023

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

Happy Spring!! I hope everyone is excited for spring and the warmer weather and bright colors that come with it!

As a reminder, one of the ways we are focusing on student safety is through the use of a children's book about a little ant who's teacher is teaching the class about the many ways they can be safe at school. The title of this book is **I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared.** (here is a youtube overview of this book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4vmSsgkhHc>).

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be visiting classrooms to play a review game regarding the important messages taught in this book. Additionally, as I shared last week, we will continue to emphasize the See Something, Say Something message in all schools.

I would also like to share the following resource, provided by a district school counselor: [Talking To Children About Violence: Tips For Parents and Educators](#)

Don't forget about Bikes For Books. The more students read, the more chances they will have to win a bike and even more importantly, the stronger they will become as readers!



- If possible, please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle to cut down on both the number of times a child needs to leave the classroom to get a drink, as well as the use of paper cups.
- Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather with jackets, hats, mittens, snow pants, boots, etc, hopefully for just a little longer!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or need support for your child or your family. Have a great week!

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Notes from the Office:

Please remember to contact Maria in the office if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason.

For a child's absences to be excused when on a family trip, a planned absence form must be completed prior to the trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please see the flier below about our upcoming Fun Fluency Fair on April 13.

Important Upcoming Dates.....

Week of 3/20 - Report Cards go home

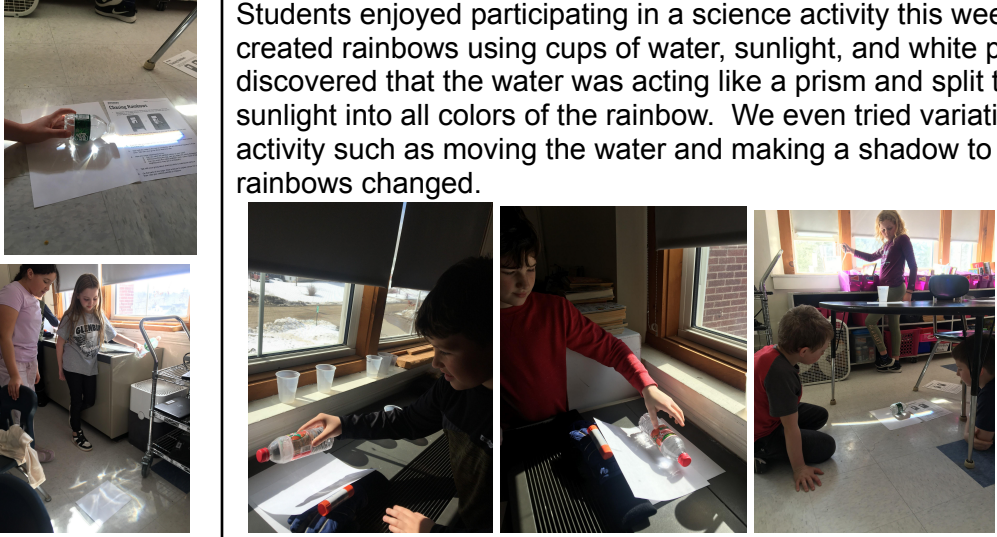
April 10 - School Board Meeting @ Mt. View

April 14 - Early Release Day For Students

April 17 - 21 - April Vacation



Check Out What's Happening at Morse School: **Week of 3/13**

1	<p>We learned some new strategies to help with subtraction this week. We used addition and make a 10 strategy, as well as, break the number we are subtracting into two parts. We played a game of "Around the World" with subtraction flash cards that a student donated to the class. Thank You! We also played Kahoot with some day/night vocabulary we have been learning about. We have been writing our opinions about some collections that we brought from home and acting as judges to select the winner of our collection and give reasons why. We are finishing that part of the unit up and now will be writing about places and book reviews. I will be returning the collections for students to bring home. Thank You.</p>
2	<p>Learning is happening all around second grade. In math we are continuing to master our addition facts to 20. Students have been working on remembering their facts using multiple strategies. We are also using what we know about place value to add two digit numbers. Last weeks poem was "Baby Animals" and their fluency practice on Seesaw sounds amazing! Check it out if you haven't lately.</p>
3	<p>This past week we applied our math rules to multiples of 7 and 8. This week it's onto 9's. We also learned how to use a multiplication table. In writing we are selecting topics to research for our informational writing unit. On a side note please be sure to remind your child to bring a water bottle to school. Learning is thirsty work and we don't have may plastic cups remaining.</p>
4	<p>Students enjoyed participating in a science activity this week where they created rainbows using cups of water, sunlight, and white paper. We discovered that the water was acting like a prism and split the white sunlight into all colors of the rainbow. We even tried variations to the activity such as moving the water and making a shadow to see how the rainbows changed.</p> 
5	<p>This was a very short, but exciting week for 5th grade. We attended the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, in Portland, on Thursday. Students collected and graphed data on live lobsters as well as other sea life.</p>
Garden	<p>Do you know about the Three Ds? The fourth and fifth graders do! We used the Three Ds (dead, dying, and diseased) to help us determine which branches to prune from our fruit trees. We also pruned branches that were <u>crossing</u>, had <u>acute</u> angles, or branches that were <u>clustering</u> (CAC). The time to prune is now, while trees are still dormant.</p>

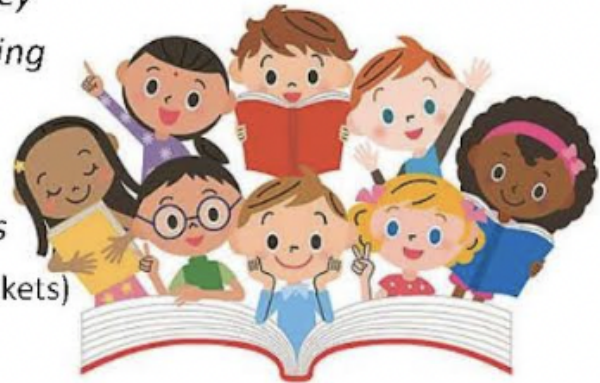
Morse Memorial's

F L U E N C Y FUN FAIR

Thursday, April 13th at 1:00pm in the Gym

Watch and listen to your child perform **"Fluent Reading!"**

Fluency is the ability to read at an appropriate rate, read accurately, and use proper expression. In order to understand what they read, children must be able to read fluently whether they are reading aloud or silently. When reading aloud, fluent readers notice all the punctuation, read in phrases and add intonation appropriately. Their reading is smooth and has expression. (Reading Rockets)



Group Reading Acts:

Reader's Theatre Skits • Whole Group Choral Poetry Reading

2 Part Reading Acts: 2 Reader Short Skits

Individual Reading Acts:

Individual Poetry Reading • Song Lyric Reading/singing

Jokes and Riddles Reading • Alliteration or Tongue Twister Reading

The "Betty Botter" Reading Challenge

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student's physical and
mental health.

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