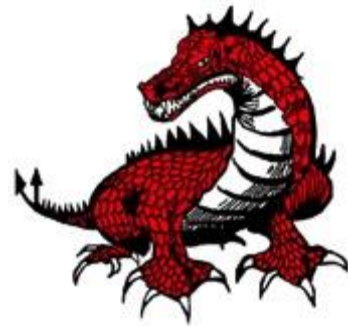


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March 11, 2022

READ-ALOUD BOOKS

I am sharing a few book titles listed in
The New Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease.

SHORT NOVELS

- **THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER** by Barbara Robinson – Gr. 2-6. 80 pages.
- **A BLUE-EYED DAISY** by Cynthia Rylant – Gr. 4-8. 99 pages.
- **CALL IT COURAGE** by Armstrong Perry – Gr. 2-6. 94 pages.
- **CHOCOLATE FEVER** by Robert K. Smith – Gr. 1-5. 94 pages.
- **THE COURAGE OF SARAH NOBLE** by Alice Dalgliesh – Gr. K-3. 54 pages.
- **FANTASTIC MR. FOX** by Roald Dahl – Gr. K-4. 62 pages.
- **HELP! I'M A PRISONER IN THE LIBRARY** by Eth Clifford – Gr. 1-4. 106 pages.
- **LAFCADIO, THE LION WHO SHOT BACK** by Shel Silverstein – Gr. 2-6. 90 pages.
- **THE LITTLES** by John Peterson– Gr. 1-4. 80 pages.
- **MY FATHER'S DRAGON** by Ruth S. Gannett– Gr. K-2. 78 pages.
- **STONE FOX** by John R. Gardiner – Gr. 1-7. 96 pages.
- **TWENTY AND TEN** by Claire H. Bishop – Gr. 3-6. 76 pages.
- **THE VELVETEEN RABBIT** by Margery Williams – Gr. 2-7. 48 pages.
- **THE WHIPPING BOY** by Sid Fleischman – Gr. 3-6. 90 pages.
- **WOLF STORY** by William McCleery – Gr. K-3. 82 pages.



Thank-you for taking your time to read this information!
Mrs. Miller

PreK Classroom News

Week of: March 7th-11th

A Note From the Teacher

With the weather getting warmer, please send a light jacket with your student in the mornings.

Upcoming Events

March 11: No School
March 9, 16, 23, 30:
2:30pm Dismissal

What We Learned This Week

- This week we learned all about the letter Mm.
Next week we will be learning about the letter Vv.

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Our Kindergarten Grade Classroom News

The Week of March 7-10

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Upcoming Events

Dismiss at 2:30- March 16, 23,
30, April 6, 13, 20, 27

Spring Break- April 15-18

Reminders

New Sight Words:

he
away
must
no
by
there

Our Learning

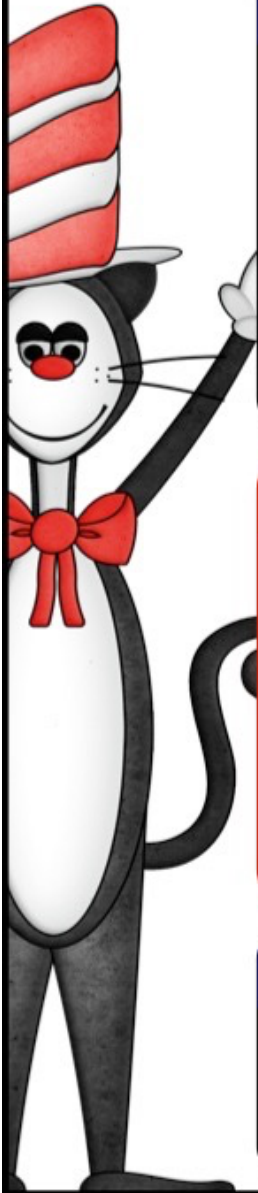
Language Arts- r controlled vowels
(ar, or), blending and segmenting
sounds, author's purpose, fictional
writing

Math- solving word problems,
comparing numbers, patterns, base
ten blocks

RED folders will
continue to come
home every
Monday, Tuesday,
and Thursday.

At-Home Practice

We had a lot of fun learning all about Dr. Seuss the past two
weeks. Help your child practice rhyming with riddles!
Example: It rhymes with moon and you use it to eat.....Spoon!



1st Grade Newsletter

Week of March 7-11

A Peek at the Week

Reading: Conclusions, Informational, Fantasy, Using a dictionary, Accuracy

Spelling: ir, er, ur

Grammar: I and me

Writing: Personal narrative

Math: fractions, adding 10 to a number, problem solving, counting by 10s from a single digit

Spelling Words

1. look
2. book
3. good
4. hook
5. brook
6. took
7. foot
8. shook
9. wood
10. hood

Upcoming Dates

March

Reminders

- Check your child's folders and send them back each day

Second Grade - 3-10-2022

Classroom News

Mrs. Sheila Dahlman, Mr. Mitchell Mailloux & Miss Kaya Stark

Notes

Spelling 3-18

List A

1. helpful
2. sadly
3. hopeful
4. thankful
5. slowly
6. wishful
7. kindly
8. useful
9. safely
10. painful
11. mouthful
12. weakly
13. jumped
14. saying
15. quickly
16. wonderful

List B

1. careful
2. delightful
3. peaceful
4. thankful
5. wisely
6. fearful
7. forgetful
8. strangely
9. normally
10. beautiful
11. mouthful
12. smoothly
13. jumped
14. saying
15. quickly
16. wonderful

What We Are Learning

Language Arts

- + realistic fiction
- + Vocabulary, fluency
- + spelling homophones
- + understanding characters
- + -er, -est endings
- + figurative language- idioms
- + Writing processes –poetry

Social Studies

- + Citizenship and Rights

Math

- + Geometric solids
- + Measuring length
- + Multiplication

Science

- + Living things and Habitats

Upcoming Events

Mar 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 – 2:30 Dismissal

Mar 18, 25, April 8, 14, 22, 29 - SPELLING TEST

Mar 11, Apr 15, 18 – No School





Mrs. Gaer

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Hoffman

**Lesson 23 Spelling Words**

singer, loudly, joyful, teacher,
fighter, closely, powerful, farmer,
quickly, careful, friendly, speaker,
wonderful, truly

**Important Reminders**

- Sign your child's planner nightly
- Please check for Math homework, look over, and sign on back
- Keep track of reading for Welsh's Battle of the Books!

**Reading**

Students resumed their normal routines this week. We read about two migration stories: locusts and grey whales. We compared and contrasted the journeys the grey whales make. Ask your child about how long the grey whale's journey is. We also discussed why grasshoppers must turn into locusts. Ask your child about why grasshoppers turn into locusts.

**Math**

Skills learned this week: Capacity, Equal Groups Stories, Symmetry, NSCAS Prep

Skills coming up: Multiplying Three Numbers, Parentheses, Using Compatible Numbers, Estimating Products, NSCAS Prep

**Social Studies**

Students began their fourth unit which is about government. The focus this week was on why we have rules and laws. Ask what the three reasons for rules and laws are.

**Science**

Third graders will begin their unit on Observing Weather. Lessons to cover include: Weather Patterns, Weather & Seasons, Natural Hazards and the Environment, and Preparing for Natural Hazards.

**Writing**

- Mrs. Gaer's class wrote their body paragraphs for their informational pieces.
- Mrs. Hoffman's class continues poetry by drafting and editing quatrains this week.

March 9, 2022

Weekly News Edition

Life and Times of 4th Grade & Writing Class

Pender P.R.I.D.E. ~ Preparation ~ Respect ~ Integrity ~ Determination ~ Excellence

Writing Class

4th Grade: In 4th grade writing, we are writing about Famous Nebraskans. They have spent the last couple weeks researching Nebraskans that have made an impact and will present projects for S.S. and write an expository essay for me.

Argumentative	Expository
Chooses a position for or against something	Explores many angles of a topic in a neutral way
May be written in first person	Is usually written in third person
Thesis statement presents the writer's argument	Thesis statement presents the writer's topic
Is subjective	Is objective

5th Grade: The 5th graders continue on with poetry.

This week, our poetic forms include limericks, senryu, and free verse.

6th Grade: We are on to evidence mode in 6th grade.

As we form our opinions in an argumentative format, it is important to find evidence, not emotions to support our claims. That has been our focus this week as we defend our positions.

*Graphics courtesy of Google

Quote of the Week



Dream Big
★ READ! ★

Battle of the Books- Mrs. Miller has a 4th Quarter reading challenge coming your way! Stay tuned to how the kids will "travel the world" through books this quarter.

CLASSROOM NEWS

week of: March 7-11

Mrs. Schrunk

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Important Dates

- March 16, 23, 30 -
2:30 dismissals
- March 13- Daylight saving
time begins
- April 4- Music Concert
- April 15 & 18 – No
School – Spring Break



What We're Learning

4th Grade

-We continued to work on Famous Nebraskans. We began our posters, found pictures and made sure we had everything on the poster that is on the checklist for our grade on this project.

5th Grade

- We did a quick review of the constitution and our economy. I did introduce our next project about the major civil war battles. We will be taking some time to research and create a poster on the battle chosen.

6th Grade

- We began our next unit, ancient Greece. We put the vocabulary words into our notebooks, watched some videos and looked on the internet to learn more about what ancient Greece looked like and how it has influenced our lives today.

Reminders

- Please check planners
nightly for homework and
initial/sign
- Chromebooks need to be
charged at home nightly
- Check SeeSaw for important
updates, pictures and
information

Try this at Home

Name Nebraska symbols.





Mrs. English

4-6 Science

March 14, 2022

Science

If it's green or orange,
it's biology.

If it sticks,
it's chemistry.

If it doesn't work,
it's physics.

If you see stars,
it's astronomy.

If it has fossils,
it's geology.

If it's incomprehensible,
it's mathematics.

If it doesn't make sense,
it's either economics
or psychology.

Adapted from: www.ck12.org

Upcoming Events

- 4/4- Elem. Spring Concert 6:30 p.m.
- 4/15- NO SCHOOL (spring break)
- 4/18- NO SCHOOL (spring break)

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Concepts in Science

4th Grade- Students will construct an argument to explain how animals use their structures to survive, grow, and reproduce. Students will compare the structures of two different animals.

5th Grade- Students will use models to show the scale and organization of particles in matter. Students will investigate how the arrangement of particles affect the properties of matter.

6th Grade- Students will research, present, and listen to presentations to learn that plants, algae, and some microorganisms use energy from the Sun to make food.

PENDER PENDRAGONS

Mr. Hoffman's 5th Grade 4th-6th Math

Kids can bring money to The Pendragoon Branch Bank and save on Wednesday mornings starting at 7:30AM.

It's that time of year to start talking about our state tests at the end of April! 5th grade will take tests in the area of Reading, Science, and Math.

Students do not have to do their assignment on the box paper that I hand out. They can use lined or graph paper if they would like. Saxon test results are posted on SeeSaw and will continue to be. If you would like your son/daughter to retake any test or quiz, they may do that at any time.

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 4TH GRADE

- Write Fractions and Decimals to the Thousandths Place
- Multiply by 10, 100, & 1000
- Multiply by Multiples of 10
- Multiply Two 2 Digit Numbers
- Solve Equal Group Remainder Word Problems

Next Test: Wednesday, March 16th

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 5TH GRADE

- Convert Capacity in the Customary Metric Systems
- Multiply Fractions and Whole Numbers
- Divide Fractions
- Identify Transformations (Translation, Rotations, Reflection)

Next Test: Monday, March 14th

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 6TH GRADE

- Use Cross Products to Compare Fractions
- Test
- Find the Area of a Circle
- Use Proportions to Solve Word Problems

Next Test: Tuesday, March 15th

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Mrs. Miller's News

March 11, 2022

Road Trip Reading Challenge!

We are going on a Reading "Road" Trip around the earth!
It is 24,901 miles around our planet at the equator! I've set a goal for our 4-5-6 students to read that many pages by the end of the school year with some positive competition along the way.

-First homeroom class to reach 6225 miles (1/4 of the way) will get a class prize/ treat!

-Whole group prize/ treat when the total of ALL six classes reaches 24,901 miles
*The students have been given instructions on how to get credit for their miles (pages). I will provide updates via Seesaw or the weekly newsletter.

- GRAND PRIZE

The homeroom class that reads the MOST miles will get to give Mrs. Miller a Gatorade bath on the last day of school and choose the flavor!

***The goal of this challenge is for students to read for enjoyment on their own, start a book and finish it, and try to find different types of books they will LOVE to read in the future!



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Mrs. T's Guided Reading

This week in Guided Reading, many groups finished their novels, and all groups have passed the half way point! The groups who finished get to pick new books! We have also continued with our Literature Circle Jobs, and practiced our spelling words in class each day. Spelling words are posted on Seesaw each week, and so are the students' test scores. Practicing spelling and reading for fun at home are always encouraged!

These are the novels each group is reading:

4N Flamingos: City Tales
4N Snakes: A Dog's Life
4N Baboons: Tangerine
4S Gorillas: Mr. Popper's Penguins
4S Seagulls: A Dog's Life
4S Dolphins: Tangerine
5H Rhinos: Dragon of Lonely Island
5H Crabs: The Sisters Grimm
5H Dinos: The Wanderer
5H Coons: Red Kayak
5E Lions: The Sisters Grimm
5E Moose: Triple Rotten Day
5E Humans: Wanderer
5E Blobfish: The Boy Who Dared
6T Monkeys: Music of the Dolphins
6T Fish: Tentacles
6T Snails: Catching Fire
6M Serpents: The Wanderer
6M Iguanas: Tentacles
6M Shellfish: Chains

Spelling Lists

4th Grade

hundred
supply
single
middle
explain
surprise
pilgrim
sandwich
instead
complete
monster
settle
address
farther
sample
although
turtle
athlete
orchard
kingdom

Challenge:

fortress
instant
exclaim
mattress
sculptor

5th Grade

mislead
dismiss
insincere
unable
indirect
mistreat
disaster
dishonest
insecure
unknown
incomplete
unequal
unstable
misspell
disagree
informal
discover
unwise
misaid
disgrace

Challenge:

invisible
mishap
unfortunate
discourage
unnecessary

6th Grade

transform
deject
destruct
detour
transmit
default
describe
defend
transplant
descend
derail
defrost
transcript
deploy
deodorize
dethrone
transatlantic
decompose
decrease
transaction

Challenge:

degenerate
transition
dehydrate
transfusion
translucent

Special Education

Newsletter



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Kira Swinton-K-3 Special Education Teacher

Payton Blanke-Special Education Teacher

Andrea Hinrichs-7-12 Special Education Teacher

Kayla Brewer- Autism Program Teacher

Brianna Hansen- Speech-Language Pathologist

Leah Clark- School Psychologist

Blythe Reinert- Occupational Therapist



FAPE-Free and Appropriate Education

Students with disabilities have a legal right to a free appropriate public education (called FAPE). The right is guaranteed by the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** and **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.**

10 FREE LEARNING WEBSITES {FOR KIDS}

Here's a list of some fun, educational, and safe websites for your child to visit and explore on those hot summer days!

Switcheroo Zoo www.switcheroozoo.com Watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals!	Fun Brain www.funbrain.com Play games while practicing math and reading skills.
Nat Geo for Kids www.kids.nationalgeographic.com Learn all about geography and fascinating animals.	PBS Kids www.pbskids.org Hang out with your favorite characters all while learning!
Into The Book www.reading.ecb.org Go "into the book" to play games that practice reading strategies.	Star Fall www.starfall.com Practice your phonics skills with these read-along stories.
Seussville www.seussville.com Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends.	Storyline Online www.storylineonline.net Have some of your favorite stories read to you by movie stars!
ABC YA www.abcya.com Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games!	Highlights Kids www.highlightskids.com Read, play games, and conduct cool science experiments!



As always, if you need anything, send us an email and we'll be happy to help!

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Weekly NEWS

Mrs. Welch's Pendragon Academy

Support For Parents

Developmental Disabilities Services
DD Services can help your child gain employment, increase independence, and access their community after graduating high school. It is very important to get signed up for this services BEFORE your child graduates.

Services

The specific type of ABA used may depend on your child's age, challenges, and other factors.
Early intensive behavioral intervention
This is often recommended for children younger than 5. It involves an intensive, individualized curriculum designed to teach communication, social interaction, and functional and adaptive skills.

Autism Diagnosis

Autism Speaks Tool Kits

Autism Speaks has developed nearly 50 tool kits for parents and caregivers of children and adults with autism on topics ranging from toilet training and challenging behaviors to housing and employment for adults. All tool kits are available free of charge.

AutismSpeaks.org/Family-Services/Tool-Kit