

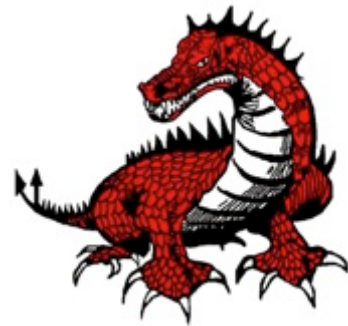
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Pender
Elementary
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April 25, 2022

Prior Knowledge:

The knowledge that stems from previous experience.

Why is this important?

What students already know affects their learning.

American Psychology Association Principle

How can I help build prior knowledge for my children?

1. Start with things they know and help build on that.
2. Go on nature walks.
3. Visit new places.
4. Have conversations with your kids about current events. – RESOURCE: <https://www.cnn.com/cnn10>
5. Read great books. Informational books and biographies are good choices.



LINK TO ARTICLE WITH SOME GOOD INFORMATION:

http://www.creativitypost.com/education/what_is_the_connection_between_prior_knowledge_and_learning1

PreK Classroom News

Week of: April 18th-22nd

A Note From the Teacher

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

Upcoming Events

April 27: 2:30pm
Dismissal
May 2: No School
May 4, 11: 2:30pm
Dismissal
May 12: Prek Graduation
May 13: Last Day for Prek

What We Learned This Week

- This week we reviewed our letters, sounds, shapes and numbers and we planted some grass. Next week we will be learning about the letter Yy.

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Our Kindergarten Classroom News

The Week of April 20-22

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Upcoming Events

- Dismiss at 2:30-** April 27
- NO SCHOOL-** May 2
- Elementary Filed Day-** May 16
- Last Day of School-** May 19- Noon dismissal

Our Learning

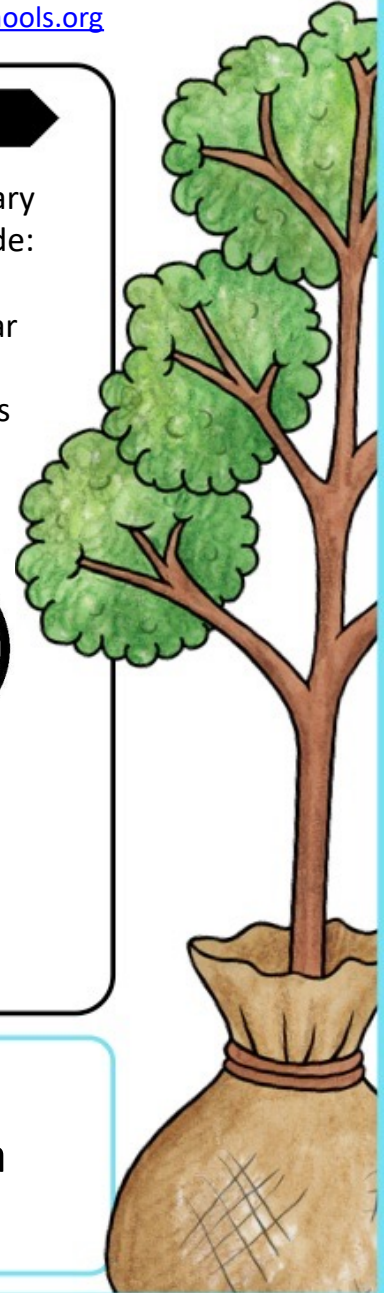
- Language Arts-reading and writing sight words, synonyms, writing a complete sentence
- Math-adding and subtracting within 10, numbers to 100, 3-D shapes

At-Home Practice

Ask your child to count to 120. (That's a first grade skill 😊)

Reminders

Pender Elementary School Dress Code: Tennis shoes are the best footwear for elementary students. Sandals and flip-flops are not recommended.



1st Grade Newsletter

Week of April 18-22

A Peek at the Week

Reading: Story structure, pausing, informational, fantasy

Spelling: -igh, y, ie

Grammar: Adjectives

Writing: Story Writing

Math: odd ball facts, 3D shapes

Spelling Words

1. my
2. try
3. sky
4. fly
5. by
6. dry
7. pie
8. cried
9. night
10. light

Upcoming Dates

May
3-No school elementary
14-Field Day
20-Field Trip
21-Last Day!!

Reminders

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

Second Grade - 4-21-2022

Classroom News

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

Notes

Spelling 4-29

List A

1. cow
2. house
3. town
4. shout
5. down
6. mouse
7. found
8. loud
9. brown
10. ground
11. flower
12. flower
13. out
14. now
15. towel
16. pounce

List B

1. scowling
2. pouches
3. gown
4. around
5. crown
6. bounced
7. found
8. growling
9. howling
10. underground
11. pound
12. flower
13. route
14. sound
15. towel
16. pounce

What We Are Learning

Language Arts

- + Fantasy
- + Vocabulary, fluency
- + words with oo, ew, ue, ou
- + conclusions
- + story features
- + multiple meaning words
- + using context clues
- + Writing-Descriptive paragraphs

Social Studies

- + Neighborhoods & Current events

Math

- + Rounding and Estimating
- + Finding Area of shapes
- + Subtraction facts

Science

- + Plants & Animals

Upcoming Events

April 20, 27, May 4, 11 – 2:30 Dismissal

April 29, May 6, 13 - SPELLING TEST

Apr 15, 18, 19 – No School

May 2 – No School- Pender Elementary Honor Band

May 12 – Field Trip

May 16 – Elementary Field Day

May 19 – Last day of School



**WEEK
OF:**

April 18th – 22nd



Mrs. Gaer

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Hoffman



Lesson -- Spelling Words

NO SPELLING NEXT WEEK!



Important Reminders

- Sign your child's planner nightly
- NSCAS Testing is here! Please make sure your child goes to bed early and eats a good breakfast!
- Monday, May 2nd --> No School!
- May 2nd -13th → MAPS Testing



Reading

Students spent their short week practicing test taking skills needed to help them take the NSCAS test. We talked about previewing the text before reading. Students should make predictions before reading to help deepen their understanding of the text. Students will take their NSCAS test next week!



Math

Skills learned this week:
Estimating Area, NSCAS Item Sampler/Practice Assessment

Skills coming up: NSCAS Testing!



Social Studies

Students finished up their third lesson in government with a focus on how citizens solve problems at the local level.



Science

Third graders continue their unit on Observing Weather. We just moved into our final lesson: Preparing for Natural Hazards. Module Assessment will be next week.



Writing

- Mrs. Gaer's class continued poetry.
- Mrs. Hoffman's class continues to research natural disasters.

April 21, 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-6th Grade :

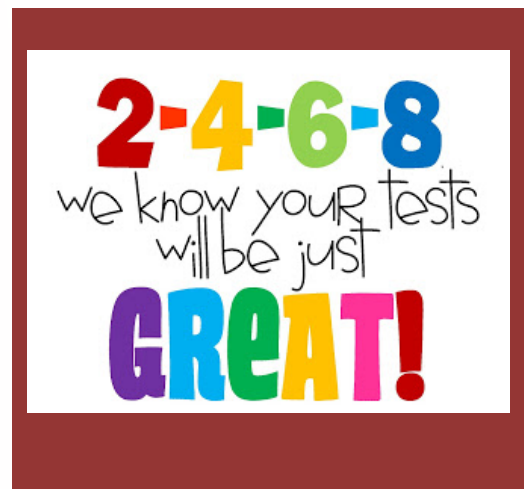
The NSCAS test is here! Students in 4-6th grade have tested their Reading/Language skills this week. We have enjoyed our learning celebrations with tunnel walks, fresh air, delicious breakfasts and snacks, and rockstar testing skills! It may seem like a lot to tackle, but these kids enjoy the excitement testing time brings. Giving it your best effort is our focus and having fun while we do that is all that we ask for!

Next week:

4th grade- Continuing on with poetry
5th grade- Autobiography unit gets underway
6th grade- More poetry to write

* Graphics courtesy of Google

Quote of the Week



*Dream Big
★ READ! ★*

Battle of the Books- Mrs. Miller has a 4th Quarter reading challenge under way! The kids will "travel the world" through books this quarter.

Notes:

Field Trip forms will come home this Thursday.
Pay attention to details☺

CLASSROOM NEWS

week of: April 18-22

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Important Dates

- April 27, May 4 & 11 - 2:30 dismissals
- April 26, 27
NSCAS Testing
- May 2 – No School – Honor Band Day
- May 16- Track Meet
- May 17- Field trip
- May 19- Last Day School



What We're Learning

4th Grade

-We learned about industry in Nebraska in the weekly reader. We also learned about how Nebraska was built. We learned about choosing our first capital and the first capital building. We will talk more about how Nebraska grows and the capital.

5th Grade

- We learned about new states, territories and World War I in unit 4. We talked about how WWI began, during the war and making peace. We will move onto the roaring twenties and the hard times after WWI.

6th Grade

- We are moving onto learn more about Ancient Rome. We took notes and read passages about daily life, the Roman Republic and the social hierarchy of Ancient Rome. We will continue to learn more about the Roman Empire.

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





Mrs. English

4-6 Science

April 25, 2022

Science

If it's green or wriggles,
It's Biology.

If it sinks,
It's Chemistry.

If it doesn't work,
It's Physics.

If you see stars,
It's Astronomy.

If it has faith,
It's Religion.

If it's incomprehensible,
It's Mathematics.

If it doesn't make sense,
It's either Economics
or Psychology.

Publication: Science, Middle Teacher, October 2002
www.mrseng.com

Upcoming Events

- 4/26-27-NSCAS Math
- 4/28-29-NSCAS Science
- 5/2-Elem. Honor Band-No School
- 5/16-Elem. Field Day

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Concepts in Science

4th Grade- Students will investigate how animals process and interpret information. They will construct an explanation about how patterns are used to transmit information.

5th Grade- Students will plan and carry out investigations to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment. Review for NSCAS Science

6th Grade- Students will explore how organisms transfer genetic information to their offspring. They will describe genetic differences from each parent results in variations in inherited traits between parent and offspring.

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.

We will be learning new topics and reviewing others as we prepare for the state NSCAS test. The state math test is Tuesday and Wednesday of this week followed by the state Science test of Thursday & Friday. Students can work on the list of iXL's that I sent home a month ago. If you need another copy, please let me know. 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
-Review Math Concepts
-Practice NSCAS Test
-SCOOT

Next Test: NSCAS Test - April 26th

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 5TH GRADE
-Review Math Concepts
-Practice NSCAS Test
-SCOOT

Next Test: NSCAS Test - April 26th

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 6TH GRADE

- Review Math Concepts
- Practice NSCAS Test
- SCOOT

Next Test: NSCAS Test - April 26th

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Mrs. Miller's News

April 22, 2022

4th Grade Reading

Story: Lesson 26 Magazine Articles

Skills:

We will spend the last few weeks of school reviewing our vocabulary words, comprehension skills, and reading for enjoyment.

5th Grade Reading

Story: Lesson 26 Magazine Articles

Skills:

We will spend the last few weeks of school reviewing our vocabulary words, comprehension skills, and reading for enjoyment.

6th Grade Reading

Story: Lesson 26 Magazine Articles

Skills:

We will spend the last few weeks of school reviewing our vocabulary words, comprehension skills, and reading for enjoyment.

• For Your Calendar

- April 26-27: Math NSCAS testing for 4-5-6 students
- April 27: 2:30 Early Dismissal
- May 2: Elem. Honor Band
- May 13: 6th Grade Field Trip
- May 16: Elem. Field Day

Standings to date:

5E: 6383mi 6M: 10,124mi 4N: 3216mi
4S: 6279mi 5H: 13,890mi 6T: 1927mi

**Reading Takes You On The
GREATEST ADVENTURES!**

Tara Miller

4-5-6 Reading

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Mrs. T's Guided Reading

Many groups have been wrapping up their novels! Since there are not enough days left of school to start new novels, groups that finish will begin reading smaller non-fiction texts. We will continue with our Literature Circle Jobs! We are down to just two weeks left for 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: *Choosing New Book*

4N Snakes: Wright 3

4N Baboons: Tangerine

4S Gorillas: *Choosing New Book*

4S Seagulls: Word Eater

4S Dolphins: Tangerine

5H Rhinos: Million Dollar Shot

5H Crabs: The Sisters Grimm

5H Dinos: The Wanderer

5H Coons: Chains

5E Lions: The Sisters Grimm

5E Moose: *Choosing New Book*

5E Humans: Titanic

5E Blobfish: Chains

6T Monkeys: Hugo Cabret

6T Fish: Tentacles

6T Snails: Catching Fire

6M Serpents: Storm Thief

6M Iguanas: Tentacles

6M Shellfish: Historical Mysteries

NSCAS Math will take
place next Tuesday and
Wednesday! Please make
sure students come to
school well-rested and
ready to do their best!

Spelling Lists

4th Grade

half
comb
mortgage
honor
fasten
kneel
wreath
calm
answer
handsome
wrinkle
listen
fetch
yolk
climb
honest
knuckle
plumber
limb
folktale

Challenge:

tomb
glisten
design
hasten
wrestle

5th Grade

inspect
export
erupt
predict
respect
bankrupt
dictate
porter
report
spectacle
deport
interrupt
dictator
import
disrupt
portable
transport
spectator
verdict
dictionary

Challenge:

spectacular
contradict
corrupt
retrospect
rupture

6th Grade

pedal
peddler
pedestrian
pedestal
centipede
dental
dentist
dentures
vocalize
vocalist
vocation
memoir
memorial
tripod
podium
memorable
manager
manifest
mortal
mortified

Challenge:

impede
pediatrician
pedometer
mannequin
memorabilia

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



IDEA- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children.

IDEA INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES
EDUCATION ACT



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

ABA In a Nutshell

Understanding (and modifying) behavior in the context of the environment is the basis for ABA therapies.

"Behavior" refers to all kinds of actions and skills

"Environment" includes all sorts of physical and social events that might change or be changed by one's behavior.

Pendragon Academy

Northeast Nebraska Track and Field Day
2022 Spring Sprints

Friday, May 6, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M

Kern Track in Wayne, NE