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“A Diverse Family of Learners that Seek to Challenge the Whole Child Through Innovation”

School Information

Our application period for the 2017-18 school year is going on through March 31. If you know anyone who would like to be entered into our lottery, please tell them applications will not be accepted after March 31.

Please remember that frequent Tardies and Early Dismissals for students are against Attendance Policy. It is important that students remain at school for the entire day.

Spring has come early this year. As a reminder, students need to wear shorts that are at least mid-thigh. No spaghetti strap shirts are allowed. Make sure that dresses are at least mid-thigh as well. Students should wear tennis shoes on PE day.



Upcoming Events

- Mar. 10** Beta Inductions 1:45 pm
- Mar. 12** Daylight Savings
- Mar. 16** End of 9 weeks
- Mar. 17** Early Release 1 pm
- Mar. 21** Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Mar. 23** Report Cards
- Mar. 28-30** Benchmarks

Beta Week

March 6-10

Baseball Schedule-

Mar. 14 @ Harrell's 4 pm

Mar. 23 @ Northeast Park 5 pm

Mar. 28 @ MGCS 4 pm

Mar. 30 @ Northeast Park 5 pm

Bowling-

Mondays- Practice

Wednesdays- Matches @
Lumberton Bowling Center
5 p.m.

Computer Lab News

Kindergartners will work in Word Processing and play educational games that enhance their reading, math, or coding skills. They are given the option to choose which games they will play from my "[Kindergarten](#)" [web page](#). This allows them to move at their own pace, and increase their knowledge in subjects *they* are interested in.

1st Graders will visit Prodigy Math to work on comparing numbers 0-50 (greatest). We will review file management and the steps to use email. They will put the finishing touches on the mini "About Me" poster they've been working on in MS word, then save and attach the file to an email and send it to the teacher for printing.

2nd Graders will visit the Prodigy Math game and create a bar graph with up to 4 categories. They will also be using their Google Apps for Education accounts (GMAIL) to communicate with their classmates and teachers.

3rd Graders, in addition to practicing their keyboarding skills, will visit the Prodigy Math game and work on "Most/ least popular from a horizontal bar graph". Later in the month, we will create graphs to represent data that they collect.

4th Graders, in addition to practicing their keyboarding skills, will learn Excel Workbook Management, then they will create their own sets of pictographs. Most of the time will be spent on formatting graphs and personalizing the displays of their data sets.

5th Graders will work on their keyboarding skills and then go to Prodigy Math, where they will add and subtract decimal word problems. Later in March, 5th graders will be electronically sharing the files they've created. Then, we will work in a Google Sheet collaboratively compiling data with which we can practice our graphing skills.

In observance of Women's History Month, **6th and 7th Graders** (in addition to keyboarding practice) will be using their information gathering and desktop publishing skills to create mini posters about famous women in history. On days when there are club meetings and other happenings during resource time, they will play Kahoot – a game-based learning platform that makes it fun to learn.

Later, **6th graders** will be creating PSAs educating their peers about bus safety on their own personal web pages, and the 7th graders will be working on the "Million Dollar Project", an activity in which they will be tasked with spending one million dollars and accounting for it via an Excel Spreadsheet with several charts, as well as a Word Document that will provide screenshots of the items they're "purchasing".

8th Graders will be working on their class' page of the yearbook as well as other pages that need last-minute touches. After we have submitted the yearbook to the publisher, we will review Accounting, Spreadsheet, and graphing skills.

If our schedule changes (as it sometimes does), I will update the [Computer Lab](#) website accordingly. Please check the "[Computer Lab News](#)" page for up-to-date happenings in the Computer Lab. Thank you so much for sharing your children with us here at SeA! Mrs. Barnes

PE News

For the month of March in physical education, we will be doing some indoor/outdoor games. Since the weather is turning pleasant, it is a great time to get out of the gym and play some outdoor games. Some of our activities and games include: kickball, capture the flag and whiffle ball.

Bowling and baseball are well under way with bowling having their first match already. The baseball team will have their first game on March 14. A schedule can be found on our website and the facebook page.

Kindergarten News

The kindergarten class has seen March come in with a big Dr. Seuss bang! We are full of *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Wacky Wednesday*, and *The Lorax*, among other Theodore Geisel favorites. We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the middle of March. We will discuss Ireland, shamrocks, and rainbows. We were blessed with some very spring like weather in February. We look forward to the official vernal equinox, which will occur Monday, March 20th. Our kindergarten class is full of lots of March birthdays, including the beloved Dr. Seuss!!

First Grade News

February was a busy month. We have learned how to care for our teeth. Students had a wonderful Valentine's Day celebration. They also started Mountain Math, which consists of several math skills. Mountain math covers place value, greater than & less than, fact families, & much more. Reading groups are going well. I am hearing strong readers. I am so proud of them. DR. Seuss week was lots of fun. We love Dr. Seuss! Spring fever has started early. First grade is loving this warm weather. We are looking forward to finishing up with Saxon Phonics soon. Students have made flashcards at home with their sight words. I can tell they have been studying. We will continue to study rocks in science. They have been observing a rock kit in their science center. Next, we will study the lifecycle of butterflies. First grade has a butterfly habitat. I anticipate lots of learning for March. It's a long month but we will get lots of work done. All the hard work will pay off in the end, which will be here before we know it.

Second Grade News

Second Grade is kicking off the month of March by celebrating Read Across America Week in honor of Dr. Seuss. We are excited to welcome our guest readers as they share their favorite Dr. Seuss books with our class. We will be working on adding 3-digit numbers in math, opinion and information writing, States of Matter in science, and honing our reading comprehension skills in preparation for third

grade. We have been eagerly working on biographies for Black History Month. They will be displayed on our bulletin board in the front hallway.

Third Grade News

Third graders have been some really busy bees over the past month or so! As the students moved through the month of February, they focused on informational text, biographies, and timelines. The students worked hard learning about famous African Americans and Women who have impacted history! The Wax Museum project was a huge endeavor for the students! Over a month's time, they used computer research, print resources, mini biographies, and lots of out of school time to help them to "become" their historical person. This was an awesome experience for each student and as their teacher, I am so very proud of them!

As Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day approached, the students were able to dig deep into certain Dr. Seuss books to learn their original meanings and themes. The students will end Dr. Seuss week and their Wax Museum week with popcorn, snacks, juices, and the movie Night at the Museum.

As March continues, we will be preparing for our final benchmarks and welcoming spring! (Even though it already feels like it is!!) It's hard to believe the year has gone by so quickly!!



Fourth/Fifth Grade ELA/Social Studies News





Fourth/Fifth Grade Math/Science News

In 4th grade math, we have been working on fractions. We will continue with fractions. We have learned about equivalent fractions and comparing fractions. We will be working on adding and subtracting fractions with common denominators, and fractions and decimals. We will also be working on area, perimeter, measurement and shapes. In 5th grade math, we are working with multiplying and dividing fractions. We will next work on multiplying and dividing decimals. We will be finishing up with volume, measurement and geometry. In science, we have finished weather. We are now working on matter and will be moving on to forces and motion. We'll finish up with body systems. We will continue practicing math facts and study vocabulary words each week.

6th, 7th, & 8th English Language Arts News

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders are making excellent progress toward their EOG's in ELA. Throughout the school year, we have been integrating studies of etymology into our ELA curriculum. Many students have reported that this has really helped them with academic language in their other classes. I see daily evidence that our students are using their knowledge to break down words into their root meanings as well as to analyze prefixes and suffixes. These skills will stand them in good stead throughout their high school and college careers.

I wish everyone a happy spring and a successful rest of the school year!! :)

6th, 7th, & 8th Science News

We have entered the short roads, yet there is so much material to cover in the remaining weeks! If possible, please talk with your child about the importance of remaining focused and following classroom rules/procedures. It is more beneficial for the students, if we spend less time correcting conduct and more time teaching content material.

The sixth grade class is preparing for a field trip to Morehead Planetarium which will take place on April 11, 2017. All money and forms are due by March 13th. Please remember that this is nonrefundable due to the nature of field trip planning. We have to meet deposit deadlines and assure that all obligated expenses are covered in a timely fashion.

Seventh grade students are currently studying the science of Genetics. This is a fun and exciting subject for middle school students as they begin to discover the science behind inheritance.

As much as I don't want to think about it, our eighth grade students are wrapping up their middle school experience. We are exactly 2 1/2 months from EOG testing. All eighth grade students are expected to take the Science EOG, in addition to the Reading and Math EOG. Please make sure that your child is taking time to study and review material as often as possible. Practice makes perfect!!!

Super Science Team

Thank you OPTS for hosting another wonderful experience for our after school science team. The members had a fun-filled afternoon with BRICKS4KIDZ. We are continually grateful for your support!

6th, 7th, & 8th Social Studies News

This month, I just want to say how proud I am of all the hard work each student is putting forth in my classroom. Their grades and test scores, especially on the Midterm, are glowing examples of their work ethic and the knowledge they are gaining. Please continue to help me to encourage them in their academic growth.

6th, 7th, & 8th Math News

Middle School students are almost finished with all objectives for this year. We should complete our studies in the next two weeks. This will leave us time to review for our final benchmark which will be cumulative. The final benchmark will begin on March 28.

Sixth graders will finish their unit on area/composite figures and begin a study with 3-D geometry. Also, we will develop an understanding of statistical questions and calculate measures of center and measures of variation.

Seventh Grade students will finish with volume and surface area of 3-D figures and begin the unit on probability.

Eighth graders will complete angle and line relationships within the geometry unit and begin studying systems of equations simultaneously.

Ms. Becca's News

