



April Newsletter

March 29, 2018

Dear Parents,

Where did March go?!?!?!? Where has this *school year* gone??

Our student teacher, Mrs. Jimenez (or “Mrs. J”) is here and we’re all excited to have her begin teaching! She’ll be here through May 17th, and then she graduates from SUNY Fredonia two days later!



Report cards for the third quarter will be coming home Friday, April 20th, which means that Friday, April 13th, grades will close for the third quarter, and then we begin the last quarter of third grade! All work will be written in cursive for the last 10 weeks. (Spelling tests will be optional; I don’t want to mark a word wrong because a child still has trouble making a certain letter.)

NYS TESTING :



The NYS ELA test is Wednesday and Thursday, April 11th and 12th. Please make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep and has a healthy breakfast each morning. I am not one to get worked up, stressed, and anxious over these tests, nor do I want the children to worry; all I ask is that they **do their best**. The children have heard that from me all year. I know that’s what we *all* want from them- to do their best in everything in life.

In **Social Studies**, we just finished learning about the Oregon Trail. If you played The Oregon Trail computer game when you were a child, you probably remember how much fun it was. FYI: It’s still available, only *so much better*! The graphics and music are amazing, and overall it’s much improved and more interactive- the cost is about \$19.99 on Amazon. I think your child would love it. (You would too!) Upcoming topics in Social Studies will be immigration, the Great Migration, and the end of slavery in the United States.

In **Math**, we’ll be preparing for the state exams by reviewing topics such as place value and subtraction, division, equations, area, and measurement. We begin fractions next, then bar graphs, frequency tables, tally charts and geometry. We’ve just begun a health unit on body systems, beginning with the circulatory system. The children are all looking forward to the digestive system! Just imagine.... ☺ The NYS Math test is May 1st and 2nd.

Spring Picture Day will be Wednesday, April 18th and flyers will be sent home soon. There is no payment upfront. All of the children’s pictures will be taken, then proofs will be sent home. If you wish to order, you can do so at that time.

I’m sending home two **book orders** today, and they’ll be due back to me with payment by Tuesday, April 10th if you wish to order. These book orders are Lucky and Extreme Science and Math.

One more thing: In case your child hasn’t told you, I am retiring at the end of this year. Your child’s class is my last class ever! It was just accepted at the March School Board Meeting, and the word is getting around, so I told the children, rather than wait for them to hear it from someone else. I *will* be here through the end of this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Faxlanger