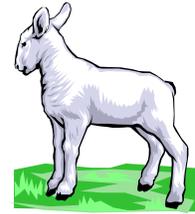


# ~ March News ~

## Mrs. Driscoll 2019



### OUR LEARNING FOCUS

#### Every Student's Job

I think when I read, listen and look.  
I track my thinking to help me understand.

I can explain and justify my thinking using what I've read, heard and seen.

### Important Dates

- 1 Read Across America Day
- 5 Spring Photos
- 11 WAMS Library  
PTG Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12 WPL Bookmobile LILLY visits
- 13 Governance Council Meeting 7:30am
- 18 Progress Reports go home
- 21 Scholastic Book Order due



### FACT MASTERY

is very important!  
Please continue to work with your child to reinforce addition and subtraction facts!

Questions?  
Comments?  
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### EARBUDS/HEADPHONES

Thank you to those that have been able to send in ear buds/headphones for your child to use in school. They enable you child to use chromebooks in the classroom as we do not have a class set of working headphones. Each child's keeps his/her earbuds/headphones in his/her desk for safekeeping when not in use.

### REMEMBER:

*Students are marked tardy at 8:25am,*  
**BUT WE START OUR CLASSWORK AT 8:15AM!**



Have you tried **Tumblebooks** online library?

You can log in through the Worcester Public Library website: [www.mywpl.org](http://www.mywpl.org) Try it - You can instantly have access to hundreds of animated talking e-books. You can read along or listen as books are read to you. There are games and other activities as well. It's worth a look—try it today! You need your library card to log in.



# Curriculum Notes

## READING/ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Now that our testing is done, we will resume guided group lessons. Please remember to sign the reading homework sheet each night Monday through Thursday. Please read the story with your child so you can participate in meaningful conversation with him/her. We often say in school, "If you're not thinking about what you're reading, then you're not reading!" As the children read, they should be questioning, clarifying, predicting, making connections etc. Your support with this at home is greatly appreciated and will help your child become a stronger reader!

In whole group lessons, we will continue to implement SRSD as we respond to various writing prompts. We continue to use "close reading" as we analyze texts before responding to an open response question. We have begun exploring narrative writing as well.

We will continue daily word work and add new word wall words to our wall each week as well. The March words are attached. Students should be practicing word wall words **daily**. IWe continue to have Word Writes on Fridays and **the students are expected to write all words correctly in daily writing.**

Thanks for your support with the cursive writing. So far we have learned the "magic c" letters: c, a, d and g. We have also learned t, h, l, e, p and f. I'm sure students would enjoy practicing some of these. You can try words like: dad, add, heat, heal, the, let, heel, deal, chat, hat, peel, flat, flap, catch... and any others you can think of!

## MATHEMATICS

Although we have finished Topic 8—Time and Money, you can reinforce these ideas at home by working on coin identification and coin counting. Telling time on an analog clock would be helpful too! We have begun Topic 9—Place Value Through 1,000 and we will likely begin Topic 10 by the end of the month—Adding within 1,000 Using Models and Strategies.

Daily fact practice is also a MUST! We are using Xtramath several times per week, but it would be helpful to work at home as well. **Your child must know all addition and subtraction facts to sums of 20 by heart by June.** There are also lots of fun online games to help with this. Please let me know if you'd like some suggestions.

## SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

March is Women's History Month, and we will use this as a vehicle to continue to learn about the characteristics of good role models and leaders. We will learn about how weathering and erosion can alter landforms as we participate in many hands on explorations.



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