



April News

Mrs. Palumbo



Grade 3 students will take ELA MCAS on April 12th and 13th. Please make sure that your child:

- Goes to bed early for a good sleep
- Eats breakfast
- **Charges their chromebook**

These are no different than our daily expectations for school but just a gentle reminder as students will need a good sleep and a fully belly so that way they can focus and do their best work. We have worked so much this year on building stamina and staying focussed, so without other distractions, they can do it! A charged chromebook is essential because students will take their MCAS test on their chromebook. Please make sure that your child puts their chromebook on the charger when they get home from school and leaves it on throughout the night.

ELA - Reading, Writing, Phonics

This month our focus will be poetry and also figurative language. Students will explore the use of idioms, similes, and metaphors. Students will read poetry and look for examples of figurative language. We will explore how figurative language adds to the meaning and enjoyment of poetry. Students will also have opportunities to write their own poetry, including figurative language.

Writing-While exploring poetry students will write some of their own poetry. Students will use poems that we explore as a starter and organizer for their own poem. We will use our knowledge of figurative language to include some figurative language in our poetry.

Grammar- We will work on homophones- words that sound the same but have different meanings and also homographs- words that are spelled in the same way but have a different meaning.

Math

Throughout the month we will continue our exploration of fractions. We have worked on partitioning number lines and shapes into equal parts. We are also working on equivalent fractions and solving problems that involve finding a fractional unit.

Later in the month we will explore collecting data, creating a graph using data, and analyzing data by asking and answering questions about a graph. Some of the key vocabulary that we will focus on is, scale, bar graph, survey, data, scaled graph, line plot.

Science/Social Studies

Science- Students will participate in explorations to understand animal selection- both encouraged by people and by environment and habitat.

Social Studies- Students will read and learn about the Puritans. They will be able to compare and contrast the Pilgrims and the Puritans.

Happy Birthday!!

April 27- Kaylie



Important Dates:

April 7- Book Order Due

April 8- Field Trip to OSV

April 8- Quarter 3 Ends

April 12 & 13- ELA MCAS

April 15-22- No School- Spring Vacation