



April News

Mrs. Palumbo



Grade 3 students will take ELA MCAS on April 11th and 13th. Please make sure that your child:

- Goes to bed early for a good sleep
- Eats breakfast
- Try their best!

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! I am so proud of all the work and growth that the students have shown throughout the year. I have no doubt that if they try their best and take their time they will do wonderful!

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.

Phonics – In Phonics we will work on words that end with a consonant and a letter -le. For example, puzzle, apple, little. We will also review vowel teams that make up long vowel sounds.

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 review telling time to the hour, half hour, and minute. We will also work on elapsed time, telling how much time has past from one activity to the next. Students will work with digital clocks and analog clocks to tell time.

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 10— Contessa
April 16— Isaiah
April 29— Victoria



Important Dates:

April 6— Book Order Due
April 7— No School – Good Friday
April 14— Field Trip to OSV
April 11 & 13— ELA MCAS
April 17–21— No School— Spring Vacation