



OWL-About Literacy



Mt. Healthy North Elementary School

Monthly Literacy Newsletter

{ January 2018 }

**** Seeing Stars Sight Words ****

At North we use the Seeing Stars sight word list to track new words that students are learning. Sight words are those words that students need to know in order to read quickly and accurately. The Seeing Stars sight word list includes 1,000 common words that students should know by the end of 3rd grade!

How many words should my student know?

By the end of the year students should know at least...

40 words for kindergarten

200 words for 1st grade

600 words for 2nd grade

1,000 words for 3rd grade

1,000+ words for 4th-6th grade

You can access the Seeing Stars sight word list online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/northsightwords>

December/January AR class winners will be announced in our February newsletter. Keep encouraging your student to read and take AR quizzes.



Follow Mt. Healthy North Elementary School on Facebook

Post a picture of your child reading a book or holding this newsletter and your family will be entered to win a prize!!! The winning family will receive a \$25 Meijer gift card and the pictured student will select a prize from the prize box at school. **Make your post by February 14, 2018 to be entered!

How to practice sight words at home.

Make flashcards and play games!



Sight Word Scavenger Hunt:

Hide Seeing Star word cards around the house, give your child clues to find them, and have your child practice reading them when they find them!

Bingo:

Make bingo boards using sight words. Have your child read each word when they get bingo.

Go Fish:

Make two sets of word cards and play go fish.

I Spy a Sight Word:

Lay 3-5 word cards in front of your child and tell them "I spy a word that..." (fill in the blank). Your child will point to a word that fits the description.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Wonderland Night

When: February 1, 2018

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Where: South Elementary School

What: Reading and literacy night for all preschool and kindergarten age students and their families living in the Mt Healthy area.

Super Dads Super Bowl Breakfast

When: February 2, 2018

Time: 8:15-9:00am

Where: North Elementary School

What: Students are invited to bring their dad, grandfather, or father figure to a before school event. Donuts, drinks, and activities will be provided.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

When: February 15, 2018

Time: 12:30 to 7:30pm

Where: North Elementary School

What: Meet with your child's teacher and hear how they are doing in class. Students are encouraged to come along and show their parents what they've been learning!

Book Fair Week

When: February 26 – March 2

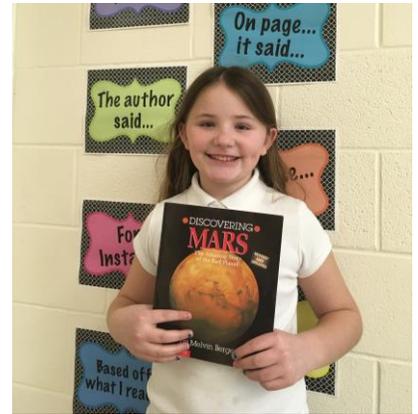
Where: North Elementary School

What: Students can purchase Scholastic books to add to their personal libraries! More details to come soon.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Each month we will showcase student literacy and writing achievements.

Congratulations to Kayle for being the first student chosen!



Informational Essay: Comparing and Contrasting Mars and Mercury
Written By: Kayle Bryson, 4th grade

Mars and Mercury can be alike and different in many ways.

Mars gets its deep reddish color from rust and soil. Mars also has two moons, Deimos Mars smaller moon and Phobos the larger moon. According to the text Mars is the roman god of war. Mars has another name for its planet called The red planet. Mars has a volcano named Mount Olympus. It is 15 miles high. Mars seems to change color while Earth changed seasons. Mariner 4 was the first successful flight to mars.

According to the text Mercury rotates on its axis once every 58 days and 14 hours. Mercury is the closest planet to the sun. Mercury is only a little bigger than Earth's moon. Crafters on Mercury are named after famous composers, authors and artists. Mercury orbits the sun in just 88 days, compared with Earth's 365.2 days. Mercury also has tall mountains, steep cliffs and broad flat plains. Inside Mercury is a large core of iron. Scientist think Mercury could have been larger.

Mars as well as Mercury is a planet and is round. Also they both are in the solar system and both have a color. Although Mars on the other hand has two moons and Mercury only has one moon. Mercury has tall mountains, steep cliffs and broad flat plains although mars has a volcano called Mount Olympus. Mars is a cold place. Mercury is hot when pointed to the sun but the other side that is not pointed to the sun is cold. Mars is about half the size of Earth. Mercury is only a little bigger than Earth's moon.

Those are some reasons that Mars and Mercury are alike and different.