



March is already here and that means spring break is just around the corner. The days will get longer and warmer, the trees and bushes will grow new leaves, the animals will start to procreate, and the flowers will bloom. Also, some of our students will be staying up later due to spring ball. With all the changes taking place around us, we can't forget that learning is still our number one focus. As we move towards the end of the school year, students and teachers will continue to work diligently and take learning serious. So, I ask that you continue to keep the main thing the main thing – STUDENT LEARNING. Just continue to push your child towards EXCELLENCE

Reading is so important at Benjamin Davis. We love to read and we want our students to love reading as well. So if you have a couple of minutes, all you have to do is call the office to schedule a time to read to your child's class. Because of our love for reading, we're always looking for new ways to motivate our students to read and promote student success. Last month, 2nd grade met in the gym to celebrate their reading and math accomplishments and some of our first grade students went to the movie for meeting their AR goal.

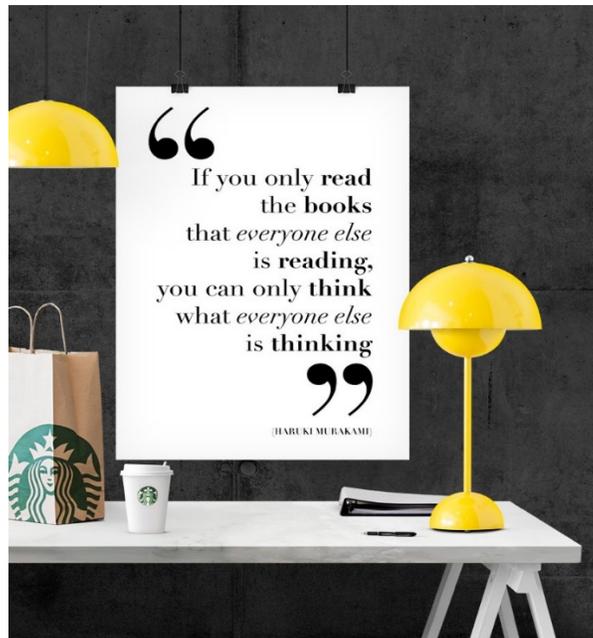
“Read Across America Week” was a huge success. Many of our community leaders came by to share their favorite Dr. Seuss book with us. A special “Thank You” to Mrs. Patterson for an awesome “Seuss” week filled with fun activities. Can't wait until next year because..... **We truly love him in a house. We truly love him with a mouse. We truly love him here or there. We truly love him anywhere. We truly love the silly goose. We truly love old Dr. Seuss!**

Parents, during this time of the year, I ask that you encourage your child to read more Non-Fiction than Fiction text. “How To” and “All About Me Books” are important because it helps students develop their background knowledge, which itself accounts for as much as 33 percent of the variance in student achievement (Marzano, 2000). Below are a few of my favorite reading tips.

Reading Tips
• Being a reader means you're more likely to learn something new every day.
• Reading enhances your memory.
• If you read more, you will do better in school.
• Reading expands your vocabulary, so you'll sound like a genius.
• On average across the world, people spend 6.5 hours a week reading.

Important Dates:

February 26-March 2 Read Across America	March 13 GEMS Club Meeting
March 2 Annie Show	March 12 2 nd Grade Field Trip to the Princess
March 6 Oscar Day (Dress to Impress)	March 14 Delano Mile Run/Kona Ice
March 6 GEMS Fieldtrip to Space and Rocket Center	March 19-23 Spring Break
March 7 Spring Pictures	March 27 Spirit Night at Milos
March 7, 14, 28 First Priority @ 7:15	March 28 Wonderful Wednesday
March 9-13 Jump Rope for Heart	March 30 Student of the Month Assembly



Have a Wonderful Spring Break!

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