



K/1 Update



Week of 3/5/1

Thank you to all of the chaperones who came with our rooms to the Morgan Park Sports Center! The gymnastics classes were wonderful. If you are interested, you can register for classes at www.morganparksportscenter.com

Language Arts



1st Grade:

- Learning about Dr. Seuss
- Working on words using vowel teams focusing on 'ie' and 'ue' words
- Understanding, identifying, and using adjectives
- Making text to self and text to text connections
- Daily journal writing
- Independent reading
- Read for understanding
- Guided Reading

Kindergarten:

- Learning about Dr. Seuss
- Blending sounds to read words
- Reading sight words
- Making text to self and text to text connections
- Daily journal writing
- Independent reading
- Read for understanding
- Guided Reading

Math



1st Grade:

- Add and subtract within 20 (practice flash cards)
- Geometry – identifying shapes
- Spatial Awareness
- Problem Solving

Kindergarten:

- Composing and recognizing shapes
- Spatial Awareness
- Problem Solving

Science & Social Studies



- Using Montessori materials to explore Life Sciences
- Geographical awareness through maps and flags
- Using Montessori materials to explore cultures and land forms
- Explore Science and Social Studies concepts through classroom magazines (Scholastic) and Interactive Board resources
- March is National Nutrition Month – we'll be learning how to keep our bodies healthy

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."

Maria Montessori

Room 401 News

March 2, 2018

Mighty Acorns: The Third Grade Mighty Acorns had a great day at the Dan The Third Grade Mighty Acorns had a great day at the Dan Ryan Woods; the weather was perfect and they really enjoyed spending the afternoon outside cutting buckthorn, hiking and playing a learning game! Thank you to Mrs. Bracken, Mr. Pettway, and Mr. Stapleton for joining us.

PARCC Testing: Our Third Graders will begin PARCC testing on Tuesday, March 6th. They will take the language arts assessments on Tuesday, 3/6, Thursday, 3/8 and Friday, 3/9 from 8:15-9:30 each day. The math assessments days have been adjusted; the students will take the math assessments on Tuesday, 3/13, Wednesday, 3/14, Thursday, 3/15 and Friday, 3/16 from 8:15-9:15. Please remember these are not "hi-stakes" assessments and will not be used for third-grade promotion; the students are just asked to do their best. Please make sure your student is well rested, fed, and on time for school.

Room 401 and 404 Second Graders will be together during PARCC testing working on grade-specific curricula.

Northerly Island Field Trip: The Second Graders will be visiting Northerly Island for their Neighborhood Naturalist experience. Permission slips were sent home on last Monday. I would like four (4) chaperones to join us.

Progress Reports: Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, March 9th. Although Progress Reports are very important, you may monitor your student's progress on the Parent Portal as well.

Third Grade

Math: Due to testing the Third Graders will be reviewing various math skills to help them prepare for the PARCC. Please continue to work with your student on telling time on an analog clock, as well as counting money and making change with real coins and dollars. We will begin Renaming Fractions Mad Minutes next week.

Reading: Due to testing, the students will be working in their guided reading groups. There will not be a new spelling list next week and homework will be lighter than usual - YIPPEE!

Second Grade:

Math: The Second Grade students will continue working on time (minutes to and past the hour). Please work with your student on counting money with real coins and dollars and telling time on an analog clock! These are important life skills. Also, please continue to practice addition and subtraction with regrouping algorithms at home. The students will continue multiplication Mad Minutes - 0-9 tables.

Reading: Due to testing the students will be work in their guided reading groups. There will not be a new spelling list next week and homework will be lighter than usual - YIPPEE!

Important Dates

March 2: Celebrating Clissold Creativity - 6:00 p.m. BAC

March 6-16: PARCC Testing

March 9: Progress Reports

March 22: Northerly Island - Second Grade
March 23: Spring Break begins at 2:46 p.m.

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March 5-9, 2018

Important Dates

March 6-20: PARCC Testing

March 22: Northerly Island – Second Grade

March 23: Spring Break begins at 2:46 p.m.

PARCC Testing: The window for PARCC testing for grades 3-8 opens the beginning of March. The Third Graders will participate in PARCC testing this year beginning Tuesday, March 6th. The Third Graders will take the Language Arts assessments on Tuesday, 3/6, Thursday, 3/8 and Friday, 3/9 at 8:15-9:30 each day. They will take the math assessments on Tuesday, 3/13 and Wednesday, 3/14 from 8:15-11:00 with a 30-minute break each day. This is not a “hi-stakes” assessment and will not be used for third-grade promotion. The students are just asked do their best. Please make sure your student is well rested, fed, and on time for school.

Room 402 and 403 Second Graders will be together during PARCC testing working on grade-specific curricula.

Northerly Island Field Trip: The Second Graders will be visiting Northerly Island for their Neighborhood Naturalist experience. Permission slips will be sent home on Tuesday. I would like four (4) chaperones to join us.

Third Grade:

Math: We will continue to learn about different types of graphs: frequency, tally, pictograph, line plot, line graph. The students will learn to analyze and create their own graphs.

Reading: We will finish “Amazing Birds” this week. We will take a test on Tuesday. We will be working in small groups focusing on a variety of skills. The students will not have a spelling list this week.

Second Grade:

Math: The Second Grade students will continue working on money (counting coins and bills) and time (minutes to and past the hour). Please work with your student on counting money with real coins and dollars and telling time on an analog clock! The students will take an assessment at the end of the week. We will also start learning about three digit subtraction.

Reading: We will be wrapping our story, “One Good Turn Deserves Another.” The reading skills we will be focusing on are compare and contrast and making inferences. We will also have a comprehension test on Tuesday. The students will also be working in small groups on a variety of Reading skills.

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Ms. O’Connor’s Newsletter
Week of March 5 – 9, 2018

Important Information:

- The 2nd grade students will be attending a field trip to Northerly Island on March 22. The permission and money (\$8.00) are due on March 9th.
- PARCC Testing: Our Third Graders will begin PARCC testing on Tuesday, March 6th. They will take the language arts assessments on Tuesday, 3/6, Thursday, 3/8 and Friday, 3/9 from 8:15-9:30 each day. The math assessments days have been adjusted; the students will take the math assessments on Tuesday, 3/13, Wednesday, 3/14, Thursday, 3/15 and Friday, 3/16 from 8:15-9:15. Please remember these are not “hi-stakes” assessments and will not be used for third-grade promotion; the students are just asked to do their best. Please make sure your student is well rested, fed, and on time for school.
- Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, March 9th. Please review your child’s progress and return the bottom portion of the form to school on Monday, March 12th.
- The students will be participating in a STEAM project in March. The students will be paired up in groups with students from K/1 (Room 102) and 4/5 (Room 208). They will be creating a Leprechaun trap. Please start discussing with your child some ideas to create the trap. More information will be sent home shortly.
- If any parent has a great idea for a cooking lesson, activity, craft, etc. for Thanksgiving and would like to volunteer in the classroom to oversee it, please let me know and we can schedule a date and time for it to happen!

March Calendar:

March 2: Clissold Cougar Hallway Dance Celebration

Celebrating Clissold Creativity at the Beverly Arts Center

March 3 – 16: PARCC testing

March 9: Progress Reports go home!

March 22: Northerly Island Field Trip – 2nd Grade only

March 26 – 30: Spring Break

403 Overview of our academic week...

2nd Grade Reading:

- The students will work in their small reading groups this week. We will focus on comprehension skills.
- We will connect to work on four square writing prompt.

3rd Grade Reading:

- The students will work in their small reading groups this week. We will focus on comprehension skills.
- We will connect to work on four square writing prompt.

2nd Grade Math:

- We will continue working on Topic 9: Numbers to 1,000. Please continue to review place value with your child.
- The students will also be introduced to subtraction with regrouping.
- We will continue working in our small group math lessons for RIT bands.
- Students should spend time on TenMarks and Khan Academy to help them achieve their NWEA goal!

3rd Grade Math:

- The students will finish their unit on Perimeter and take their unit test on Wednesday.
- We will continue working in our small group math lessons for RIT bands.
- Students should spend time on TenMarks and Khan Academy to help them achieve their NWEA goal!

Science/Social Studies:

- We will begin our unit on Plants & Animals. We will study the parts of the plant and animals, the types of animals, where animals live and get their food.
- We will continue to study South America. Students will explore the country, Argentina. We will learn interesting facts as well as observe some beautiful landmarks.
- We will also start reading and discussing about influential women.
- We will read our current event articles from Scholastic News!

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Thank you to all the parents who came out to support the 3rd Annual “Celebrating Clissold Creativity” at the Beverly Arts Center! This was my first time participating in this great event and I cannot wait until next year!

Below are some highlights of our upcoming week.

PARCC Testing:

3rd-grade students begin PARCC testing on **Tuesday, March 6th**. Testing will last two weeks. Students will take the English Language Arts (reading) Assessment on **Tuesday, March 6th, Thursday, March 8th, and Friday, March 9th**. Testing will begin at 8:15 am and will conclude at 9:30 am.

3rd-grade students will begin the Math Assessment on **Tuesday, March 13th, Wednesday, March 14th, Thursday, March 15th, and Friday, March 16th**. Testing will begin at 8:15 am and conclude at 9:15.

The PARCC assessment will not determine student promotion to 4th grade; the End Of Year (EOY) MAP Assessment determines promotion. Students will take the MAP Assessment in May.

Please ensure your child is well rested and on time for school.

During PARCC Testing, 3rd-grade students from 404 will join 401 3rd grade students and test in room 401. 2nd-grade students from room 404 and 401 will work in room 404.

Progress Reports:

3rd quarter progress reports will be sent home with your child on **Friday, March 9th**. Please continue to support your child with their nightly homework as well as monitor their weekly grades on Parent Portal. Please continue to review with your child, the work in their weekly Friday Folder.

3rd-grade students who do not satisfy the promotion criteria will be required to attend and successfully complete Summer School in order to attain promotion to the next grade. Please review the promotion criteria at <http://cps.edu/Pages/Gettingtothenextgrade.aspx>

Reading:

We continue to work on Making Inferences and Drawing Conclusions for our literacy skill for the week. www.Readingrockets.org is a great website to use to support your child with their reading comprehension.

We continue with our reading stories from the previous week. “Pearl and Wagner” and “How Do You Raise a Raisin.” Please make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes every night. Also, review the “Amazing Words” with your child on their “Read, Review, Remember” weekly sheet.

Math:

2nd grade: We continue to work on counting coins, and telling time. Please continue to support your child with telling time to the minute as well as the **quarter to** (:45), **quarter past** (:15), and **half past** (:30). We will also begin multiplication, please continue to support your child in memorizing their multiplication facts of 0 – 5. Here are two great links for reviewing money and time.

http://www.abcya.com/counting_money.htm

http://www.abcya.com/telling_time.htm

3rd grade: We continue working on our unit on representing and interpreting data. This is an engaging website your child can use to review their math skills.

http://www.abcya.com/third_grade_computers.htm

Please continue to support your child in practicing their multiplication tables every night.

Service Professionals Week:

We will be honoring all of our services professionals by allowing students to wear colored shirts with their school pants. Students may make donations going to the Behind the Vest campaign. Please send all money in an enclosed envelope/ziplock bag with your child's name on it.

Monday: Fireman- black

Tuesday: Police- blue

Wednesday: Veterans/ Military- green

Thursday: Medical (Doctors/ Nurses/ Paramedics)-white

Friday: Teachers- red

Attendance:

Daily attendance is crucial to academic success. Our attendance rate for last week was **90%** our **school goal is 97%**.

Important Dates:

3-6: PARCC Assessment: ELA 1

PTA: Fun Lunch Orders Due

3-8: PARCC Assessment: ELA 2

3-9: PARCC Assessment: ELA 3

Progress Reports sent home

Fun Lunch

4th/5th Newsletter

March 5, 2018

We had a great time at the Wolves game last Tuesday. Many students learned a lot about hockey! On Wednesday, the IB students put on a wonderful show to honor Black History Month! Our Vision Outreach students also performed a fabulous Black History show for the K-3 students on Thursday. And Friday, we celebrated Clissold Creativity at the Beverly Arts Center, and had a dance for the whole school!

All students will take the English/Language Arts portion of the PARCC test on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings.

Reading/Writing: Both grades will work on the “little book” stories with their reading groups. They will have a vocabulary test on Friday and a spelling test on March/ St. Patrick’s Day words. Students will also complete the comprehension questions and graphic organizer for their story. They will also be writing in their journals.

Math: The 4th graders will finish and review Topic 8, fraction equivalence and comparing fractions, and begin Topic 9, multiplying fractions. 5ths are still finishing Topic 8, Multiplying and Dividing Fractions. They should finish the chapter Monday and review and take the test later next week.

Science/Social Studies: We will begin studying and researching “Women in History” this week. Students will present their research to the class.

March 9, Friday, Progress Reports

March 26-30 Spring Break

Thanks, and have a great week!

The Clissold 4/5 Team