



# K/1 Update



## Week of 3/12/18

### Upcoming Reminders



3/14: Room 101 Walker Branch library field trip

3/20: Rooms 102/109 trip to the Chicago Children's Museum. \*\*This is a free field trip that Mrs. Bulger and Mrs. McKernin obtained due to our involvement in a 3-year math program offered by the museum.

### Math



1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Language Arts



1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

- Opinion writing
- Working on words using vowel teams
- Making text to self and text to text connections
- Daily journal writing
- Independent reading
- Read for understanding
- Guided Reading

**Kindergarten:**

- Opinion writing
- 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

### 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*

# Room 401 News

March 12, 2018

**PARCC Testing:** Our Third Graders began PARCC testing on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and have completed the language arts assessments. The Third Grader 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, however the students are 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: Attention - the Second Graders will be visiting Northerly Island and I have only one chaperone and I would like four (4) chaperones to join us! Please let me know if you can attend.**

**Progress Reports:** Progress Reports were sent home on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please review the Report with your student. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, please sign and return the bottom portion of the Progress Report by Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Third Grade

**Math:** Due to testing, the Third Graders will be reviewing various math skills. Please continue to work with your student on multiplication and division facts, telling time using an analog clock, as well as counting money and making change with real coins and dollars. We will continue Renaming Fractions Mad Minutes.

**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:** Due to testing, the Second Graders will be reviewing various math skills. Please continue to work with your student on telling time using an analog clock, as well as counting money and making change with real coins and dollars. 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. Many students are struggling with the additional facts, however if they have mastered their 0-5 tables, tables 6- 9 only adds 10 new facts! Please help your student memorize their tables, multiplication is critical for success in third grade!

**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 6-16: PARCC Testing

March 13-16: Progress Reports

March 22: Northerly Island - Second Grade

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

April 13: School Improvement Day - nonattendance for students

April 18: Report Card Pick-Up

## **\*402 News\***

March 12-16, 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 6 th . They will take the math assessments on Tuesday, 3/13 and Wednesday, 3/14 from 8:30-9:30, Thursday, 3/15 and Friday, 3/16. 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. The students will take their assessment on Wednesday.

Reading: 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 to learn about three digit subtraction. Please continue to work on addition and subtraction fluency skills with your child. We will also continue to introduce multiplication to the students. Please know this is not a skill the students need to master this year.

Reading: The students will be working in small groups with me on a variety of Reading skills this week.

Social Studies: Each child will be researching a different influential woman. The students will present their findings to the class.

**403 Ms. O'Connor's Newsletter**  
**Week of March 12 – 16, 2018**

**Important Information:**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be attending a field trip to Northerly Island on March 22. The permission and money (\$8.00) are due Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- PARCC Testing: Our Third Graders will continue PARCC testing on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 were sent home on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please review your child's progress and return the bottom portion of the form to school on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- If any parent has a great idea for a cooking lesson, activity, craft, etc. for Spring 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 3 – 16: PARCC testing**

**March 9: Progress Reports go home!**

**March 22: Northerly Island Field Trip – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade only**

**March 26 – 30: Spring Break**

**Overview of our academic week...**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Math:**

- The students will continue working on subtraction with regrouping. Please review the skills with your child at home for extra practice.
- 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!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math:**

- The students will begin their Topic 12: Understand Fraction as Numbers. Please review the vocabulary terms (numerator (top) /denominator (bottom)).
- 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 continue 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!

### **Room 404**

A student shared earlier in the day on Friday, that her dog ran out of her front door as they were leaving for school. The student was obviously upset for the majority of the day. During Friday free-choice time, students took it upon themselves to create Lost Dog Flyers to help their classmate find her dog. This act of kindness and empathy showed by students warmed both Mrs. Jones and my heart as we continuously work towards creating a learning environment where students feel safe and show kindness to their peers. I am also happy to report the dog was found!

Below are some highlights of our upcoming week.

#### **PARCC Testing:**

This is the last week of PARCC Testing.

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

*The PARCC assessment will not determine student promotion to 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade students from 404 will join 401 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and test in room 401. 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade students from room 404 and 401 will work in room 404.

#### **Progress Reports:**

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter progress reports were sent home with your child on **Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** in their Friday Folder. Please return the bottom portion of the Progress Report signed tomorrow.

Please continue to support your child with their nightly homework as well as monitor their weekly grades on Parent Portal.

#### **Reading:**

Due to PARCC Testing, we will be reading various literary materials and applying various comprehension skills. Please continue to use [www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org) and [www.readtheory.org](http://www.readtheory.org)

#### **Math:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** We will wrap up our Time and Money Unit this week. Please continue to support your child in counting coins, and telling time. Your child should also become more familiar with using the following terms when telling time, **quarter to** (:45), **quarter past** (:15), and **half past** (:30).

We continue to work on multiplication, please continue to support your child in memorizing their multiplication facts of 0 – 5. The links below are great for reviewing money and time.

[http://www.abcya.com/counting\\_money.htm](http://www.abcya.com/counting_money.htm)

[http://www.abcya.com/telling\\_time.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](http://www.abcya.com/third_grade_computers.htm)

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

**Attendance:**

Daily attendance is crucial to academic success. Our attendance rate for last week was **92%** our **school goal is 97%**.

**Important Dates:**

**3-13 - 3-16: PARCC MATH Assessments**

3-13: Spring Band Concert

3-16: FOC Out of Uniform Day

## 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Newsletter

Week of March 12, 2018

*We will take the math portion of the PARCC assessment on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Please make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep, coming to school on time, and bringing #2 pencils for the test.*

**Reading/Writing:** Both grades will read the third story in Unit 4 this week and work on the skills in their workbooks. Students will read and discuss their “little book” stories with their reading groups and complete the comprehension questions and graphic organizers collaboratively.

**Math:** The 4<sup>th</sup> graders will work on Topic 9 this week. They will learn how to add and subtract fractions with mixed numbers. The 5th graders will work on Topic 9 this week also. They will learn how to divide fractions.

**Science/Social Studies:** Students will continue to research women who have made an impact on society. They will individually complete a pennant each day that will get constructed into a banner at the end of the month. They are all doing a great job learning new things about each of these women!

## Upcoming Events:

**Friday, March 23rd: Room 206 and Room 208 will go on the Winter Mighty Acorns Trip (permission slips will be sent home this week)**

Thanks, and have a great week!

The Clissold 4/5 Team

# 6th Grade Newsletter

Week of March 12-16

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**Reminders:** PARCC testing continues.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Math</u></b></p> <p>Group 1-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ratios and Rates</li><li>• Scale Drawings and Models</li><li>• Word Problems with Proportions</li></ul> <p>Group 2-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Divide Fractions and Mixed Numbers</li><li>• Quiz- Multiply and Divide Fractions</li><li>• Add and Subtract Fractions</li><li>• Fraction Word Problems</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Language and Literature</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Westing Game</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chapters 10 -12</li><li>○ Cause &amp; Effect</li><li>○ Evidence collection</li><li>○ Literature Circles</li></ul></li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grammar</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Types of Nouns</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>*Grammar quiz every Friday*</u></b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Science</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weathering, erosion, and deposition</li><li>• Challenges of the Mississippi Delta-the impact of Hurricane Katrina (2005) and human activities that have prevented natural cycles of erosion and deposition in the Louisiana Delta region</li><li>• Effects of erosion on different earth materials</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Individuals and Society</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chapter 8: <i>The Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs</i></li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>*CNN10 quiz every Friday*</u></b></p>

\*Students are expected to write their homework assignments in their agenda daily. Assignments are written on the board. Please check your child's agenda for daily homework assignments and dates of quizzes and tests.

-Art-

The students performed beautifully at Celebrating Clissold Creativity last Friday night. Bravo Cougars!

Students are studying Japanese art this month. We are looking at the art of Takashi Murakami from Tokyo and creating work based on his modern style. March is also Women's History Month and students are learning about a few famous female artists from a variety of cultures.

The March drawing contest theme is "Draw your favorite thing about March." Students have until March 23 to enter their best picture. I have received many colorful Leprechauns and Easter bunnies so far!