

Our Classroom News

Ms. Austin – Mrs. Berry – Mrs. Bygrave – Ms. Jackson

What's Happening This Month

- March 10 End of 3rd quarter
- March 13 Teacher Work day
- March 20 Half day for Students (Parent teacher conferences)
- March 21, 22 and 24 (Benchmark students in ELA and Math)
- March 28 – Science benchmark testing
- April 10 – 14 Spring Break Begins

Important Information

What can be done to prepare for state testing?

- Build up your student – have conversations with them about their ability to be successful
- Remind students that classroom rules are in place to help students be successful.
- Encourage your child to make smart decisions about who they sit beside and what they are doing during class instruction.
- Offer incentives – why not? State testing is IMPORTANT and is around the corner.
- Routine – establish good routines that center around sleep expectations and good nutrition.

A Peek At What We Are Learning This Month

ELA/ Writing

We have enjoyed our unit on persuasive writing – and are ending the 3rd quarter with one more opinion essay complete with research. We have focused on why an author uses a certain text structure to organize their text. We also have practiced writing in different text structures as well. We have had a big focus this month in reading biography books and also creating our own biographies – on famous black persons, our family and our classmates. We have begun reviewing for State testing with a daily tune up each day.

Math

FRACTIONS! FRACTIONS! FRACTIONS! This will be the focus of this month in a very intense fast tracked pace to make equivalent fractions, compare fractions, add, subtract and multiply fractions – as well as understand the relationship between fractions and decimals (up to the hundredths). Students must be prepared – Dreambox is a necessity for enhancing what is taught in the classroom. Dreambox is monitored and given a monthly grade.

Science

We have moved into a quick unit on Light and Sound and have been studying shadows as well as white light and how light is transferred. There have been lots of opportunities for students to investigate how light travels and how white light is transformed into colors of the rainbow. We will study pitch and volume as well before moving into our life science unit – always a class favorite!

Social Studies

We will be moving into the battles of the American Revolutionary War. We've met many important persons – Thomas Paine, George Washington, John Adams, Paul Revere, King George. After studying battles and the INDEPENDENCE of America from Great Britain, we will begin realizing the intent of our forefathers as we look in depth at the beginning of our government – the rights of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the creation of the balance of powers.

Character Trait of the Month

Caring was the Caughman Road character trait for the month of January. Caring is the ability to show kindness and concern for others. Congratulations to our Comets of the Month: **Deandra Middleton, Jayden Stroman, Gia Jackson, Heiress White, Jaylon Castles, Tatianah Snow, Jehiel Giron Pauc and Gracie Gibson!**