

# Elmer Eagle News

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ISSUE



## Reminders from the Office

**Field Trip Reminders:** All students must be transported by school bus to and from all Field Trips. **No exceptions.** Students may be signed out in the office upon return. All students must have a signed 'Bus Contract' on file to ride the bus.

We would love to have all our parents join us, however, it just is not feasible. If you were not selected as a chaperone with your child's class, there will be other opportunities for you to volunteer in our school. It is our procedure that parents do not drive separately and meet the groups on field trips. Parents driving separately creates confusion for our students as to which adult is responsible for them. In addition, we take your child's safety very seriously and unapproved chaperones or unexpected visitors can cause concern for those caring for your child.

Your cooperation is appreciated!

**This March, First Grade** will be visiting the Academy of Natural Sciences and **Second Grade** will visit the Camden Aquarium in April. We would like to thank all chaperones in advance for participating in our Field Trip Activities. PTO generously contributes to the costs of our Field Trips.

**Office:** Please visit our Lost & Found. We have many items that have accumulated and need to find their owners.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Corner

To conclude this year's study of animals, plants, and environments in Science class, First Grade is going to the Academy of Natural Sciences. The First Graders are very excited about our trip! During Social Studies, we have been studying the biographies of famous people, especially famous African Americans and favorite Presidents.

Over the last month, First Grade learned how to add and subtract two digit numbers in Math. We are now moving on to organizing and using graphs. In June we'll test for all addition and subtraction facts within 10. Please keep practicing at home, especially on [xtramath.org](http://xtramath.org)!

This year in writing we have written narratives and informational texts. In this last trimester we will learn how to write our opinions and persuade others. We have been enjoying reading the works of Dr. Seuss, Tomie dePaola, and other favorite authors. Please continue to encourage your First Grader to read every day for at least 15 minutes. In addition, please read stories to your child at bedtime. Precious minutes spent now will reap a lifetime of success and joy!

Remember as the days grow warmer to dress your child for the weather. Layers and sensible playground shoes are especially important. Happy Spring! "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."- Benjamin Franklin

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Corner

It is hard to believe we are starting the third trimester of our second grade school year. As we enter the third trimester, we will continue to review and reinforce those skills necessary to be successful in Third Grade.

We now have concluded our Social Studies and Science units, which honored Black History Month and studied Plants. We are in Unit 4 of our reading series Journeys. We will continue practicing recognizing our sight words, reading with fluency, and mastering our comprehension skills. Remember to keep reading daily!

Second Grade will also be enjoying spring with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We would like to thank the parents for their support and donations of eggs. The children always enjoy the hunt, relay races, and the party.

Last, the students will soon start practicing for the Mother's Day Tea. This year's Mother's Day Tea is being held on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The kids always do a fantastic job honoring all their moms. The Second Grade teachers would like to thank you for your continued support from home this school year.

## FUTURE EVENTS

Read Across America Week  
2/27 - 3/3



School Spirit Days  
3/3 & 4/7



Author Spotlight Assembly  
3/16



Spring Pictures  
3/28



Spring Break  
4/14 - 4/17



Field Trips  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
March April



Author Spotlight Assembly  
4/7



Elmer Family Fun Night  
4/12

6pm - 8pm



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**BSI Corner****Basic Skills Instruction Reading**

**First Grade** students participating in the Wilson Foundations instruction are learning that "ang", "ing", "ung", "ong", "ank", "ink", "unk", "onk" are glued sounds. We are using those sounds to build new words.

**Second Grade** students participating in the Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention program are learning to make inferences while reading. They are also able to recognize the problem in the story and its resolution. Another skill we are working on is to self-monitor and self-correct when reading. A goal for the rest of the year is to be able to read with fluency and expression and focus on comprehension skills. ~ Mrs. Poolake

**Basic Skills Instruction Math**

In **First Grade** and **Second Grade** BSI Math, the students have been learning Addition and Subtraction Math Strategies. These simple strategies help the students use what they know to help them solve basic math facts quickly and easily. Please help your child practice 5 or 10 minutes each night. ~ Mrs. Snyder

**Guidance Corner**

Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to strive for P.R.I.D.E. Our monthly lunch assemblies continue awarding students who are "Caught by the Eagle". If you have any suggestions or concerns please contact me via email. I am at Elmer School M,T,W and at Norma School on Th, F.

Thank you,

Terri Probasco, School Counselor

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**PEANUTS** by CHARLES M. SCHULZ**Special Education Corner**

Mr. Driscoll's ICR Class is looking forward to warmer days. We just ended our unit with Data and we are exploring time with our My Math program. We are also working with Narrative, Opinion, and Informative writing with our Journeys Program. In Science we are working with Ocean Animals and looking forward to our class trip to the Adventure Aquarium. In honor of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America, keep this quote in mind. "Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up, if only you try!"

As spring is upon us, we have a lot of fun in store for the month of April! We will be exploring the life cycles of plants and butterflies, as well as celebrating Earth Day. We will continue to strengthen our phonics skills, as well as developing number sense, and practicing addition and subtraction. ~ Mrs. Lodge

Mrs. Scholl's ICR /Resource Class is thrilled that Spring has finally arrived! We are able to get outside and play! The students have just completed their three writing assessments: informative, narrative, and opinion. The students really enjoyed illustrating them too! Happy Spring, everyone!

Cool Websites . . .  
check these out!

Math Practice:

[xtramath.org](http://xtramath.org)

[coolmath-games.com](http://coolmath-games.com)

Reading Practice:

[disneydigitalbooks.go.com](http://disneydigitalbooks.go.com)

[www.spinandspell.com](http://www.spinandspell.com)

<http://www.starfall.com>

Just for Fun:

[kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com)

[www.sproutonline.com/games](http://www.sproutonline.com/games)

[www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/](http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/)

[pbskids.org](http://pbskids.org)

Media Center's Website -  
[pittsgrove.oucoursesystems.com/websites/12104704](http://pittsgrove.oucoursesystems.com/websites/12104704)

For Parents/Guardians:

[readingrockets.org](http://readingrockets.org)

[scholastic.com/parents/](http://scholastic.com/parents/)

**Nurse News**

**WE ARE FINALLY HEADING TO SPRING!**

As we head into the warm spring weather we turned our clocks forward. More daylight means more activity. As we come out of hibernation, remember that we can look forward to:

\*Outside activities: Vitamin D from the sun is great but watch for over exposure. \*Please ask your doctor if sunscreen is recommended. Sunglasses do help to prevent the harmful rays of the sun. Always encourage water.

\*Produce stands in our area will soon be available and it is a great time to take advantage of the "Garden States" fruits and vegetables. The recommended 5 fruits and vegetables a day can keep the doctor away.

\*Springtime allergies can present as a cold. Please contact your doctor so you are informed of the best relief. If your child has Asthma, please provide the nurse's office with the most up to date medication and an "asthma action plan."

\*Bicycle fun is wonderful, but please wear helmets it is the law for children under the age of 17 years old to wear a helmet while biking or skating.

\*The Health lessons have been lots of fun. We learned "How to keep our hearts healthy and strong."

\*Thank you for reminding your child not to share combs, brushes, hats or accessories and keeping hair pulled up off shoulders as well. This helps to keep the lice away.  
Thank you!

**SMILES CAN BE BEAUTIFUL AND CONTAGIOUS!!!**

Have a wonderful spring season. Please feel free to contact me @ 856-358-6761 extension 4772 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support as we work to together to ensure happy, healthy and productive students. Mrs. Tracie Ewing, RN, BA, CSN.



**A Message from your Principal**

Dear Elmer Elementary Family:

The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is behind us now and we're looking forward to the next 80 days. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are working hard on achieving their academic goals for the Trimester. We have many exciting activities happening in March and April. Please mark your calendar for our Family Fun Night Event on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be spotlighting author Kevin Eric Carle who is known for such titles as, 'Brown Bear Brown Bear' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar,' just to name a few. Please check out his website - <http://www.eric-carle.com/home.html> As always, we look forward to seeing you at this great event. Recently Report Cards went home. This is always a great time to discuss academic progress with your child(ren). If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

As we move into the spring months, please remember students will be going outside for recess every day. Proper clothing and footwear are a must . . . think safety! Also, enjoy some time with your children outdoors . . . whether it's a walk in the park or just playing outside in the yard. Like the old saying goes . . . take time to smell the roses!

