



Gordon's Gazette



April 16, 2009

Specials:

Friday-Media, Monday-Art, Tuesday-P.E., Wednesday-P.E., Thursday-P.E.

Class News:

- Ms. Millwood has been a great addition to our classroom since January. Her last day with us will be April 24. She will be greatly missed. Join with me in wishing her the best of luck in her future!
- Thank you to the Bednarek family for donating a cake for the Spring Carnival! Thank you to the Louis family for donating a twelve pack of sodas! **Please remember PTA has asked that 8 cakes be donated from each classroom and each student to bring in a twelve pack of brand name sodas.** These items need to be sent in by tomorrow. Please let me know ASAP if you will be providing any of these items.
- CRCT testing will begin next week. Students will be tested on Reading Tuesday, English Language Arts on Wednesday, Math on Thursday, Science on Friday, Social Studies on the following Monday. Here are a few tips: First, be sure they get plenty of rest. Remember what Ben Franklin said, "early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." Well, the same is true for the CRCT! Second, be sure your child eats a good breakfast. A full belly will go a long way during a long test! Next, have your child to school on time. If they are late, they will not be allowed into the classroom and will have to make it up on another day. Also, send your child to school in layered clothing. The temperature in our room can fluctuate sometimes. If they bring a sweater or jacket, they can make themselves more comfortable during the test. Finally, encourage your child to do their best and not give up, even if the test is hard. (These tips are courtesy of Mrs. Wright)
- Please don't forget to have your child work on www.studyisland.com. The students have worked on it this week, and are familiar with the website. It is a great way to build reading skills for free! Also, don't forget about OAS!
- We are requesting **2 stamps** per student to be used for report cards and other paperwork to be mailed after the end of the school year. If you can send more, it would be greatly appreciated.
- In science, we will continue our Ecology unit. We will be learning about the flow of energy in an ecosystem through food webs, food chains, producers, consumers, and decomposers.
- In social studies, we will continue studying Westward Expansion. In this unit, we will study the Trail of Tears, benefits of industry, Erie Canal, the Alamo, etc.

Just a Reminder:

- Don't forget to check www.engage.com for 3rd 9 weeks grades!
- Please sign and review your child's agenda daily.
- All transportation changes must be put in writing.
- Please check your child's lunch balance. This is a prepay program. It is free to check using Meal Pay online (go to Big Shanty's website).
- If your child is absent, please send a note explaining the absence when your child returns to school.
- My e-mail address is: keisha.gordon@cobbk12.org

Dates to Remember:

April 16: Chick-Fil-A Chicken Biscuit Sale/Reading Logs are due and Spelling Test

April 17: Spring Carnival

April 21-May 1: CRCT Testing Window

May 15: Field Day