



The Sherman Star

April 2013



Principal's Corner

April has been an exciting month for our school! We have had numerous students honored at various events. On April 2nd, Roger Sherman students were recognized by the Board of Education for being Model Citizens. Model Citizens demonstrate Respect for Self, Others and School on a daily basis and good above and beyond what is expected of them. The students led the Pledge of Allegiance and received Meriden Board of Education bags and shirts from Board President Hughes. The students were Lily Carino (K), Hannah Yale (1), Mya Galloza (2), Nancy Nguyen (3), Elyssa West (4) and Jim Chuquirima (5). We are very proud of them.

April 9th was the annual D.A.R.E. banquet and 5th grader Giana Cagna was the recipient of the award for Roger Sherman. Giana is an excellent role model and serves as a Safety Patrol for our school. Keep up the good work Giana! You will do great things in middle school.

Representing Roger Sherman at this year's Daffodil Festival are Little Miss Anna Trella and Honor Escort Joshua Bermudez. Anna and Joshua will be honored at a picnic on April 24th and they will march in the parade on April 27th. We hope you can come out to the parade and support our students.

We are very proud of our Roger Sherman Shining Stars and look forward to what May and June bring.

Dr. Torres

Upcoming Events



- ❖ May 2nd-TPT meeting 6:30pm
- ❖ May 3rd-Spirit Friday- School T-shirt Day
- ❖ May 6-10th-Teacher Appreciation Week
- ❖ May 31st- End of the year picnic



The last Book Swap will be Friday May 3rd from 8:30-8:50. Trade in one book from home and choose two "new to you" books. This is a great opportunity to stock up on books for summer reading! Everyone who trades a book also receives a free bookmark!

Mark your Calendar today! Hope to see you at the Book Swap!

Kindergarten- Kindergarten has been a busy place. Students have been adding, subtracting and counting to 100. In science, the boys and girls have learned about what is alive and not alive in the world around them. They focused on shelters, comparing human shelters to animal shelters. They used senses to discover aquatic animals at Mystic Aquarium. Literacy continues to be a priority in kindergarten. Students are reading, retelling stories, reflecting and connecting to text. As authors, they are writing narrative and expository pieces. It is exciting to see how much progress the students are making.

First Grade- Students in First Grade have been focusing on all the important parts of a good retell. Students have really improved their fictional retell. Now we are focusing on retelling informational texts (non-fiction). Students have been reading informational stories about animals and their homes. They need to tell the main idea from each section and list several details that they learned. In Math we have been focusing on subtraction. Students are able to use a counting back number line to solve subtraction story problems.

Second Grade- Second graders had a great time at their Pioneer Day. Students had the chance to travel the Oregon Trail, play pioneer music, make butter, play pioneer games, make a pioneer game, eat pioneer food, and finally look at artifacts from that time period. Students learned a lot about pioneers! We are busy preparing for the state mandated reading test coming up at the end of April and beginning of May.

Third Grade- Third grade students just finished a unit on money in math and are now practicing problem solving using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Informational text is the focus in reading and writing workshop. It is **extremely important** that your child read every night for at least 20 minutes to improve their reading fluency, word accuracy and comprehension. Students will be taking the state mandated reading test very soon!

Fourth Grade- The fourth grade students attended a field trip to Central Connecticut State University to see the musical performance of "Ellis Island" performed by CCSU students. In addition, the students were able to tour the college campus to see what life at college was like. We are planning a science field trip to the Connecticut Audubon Society to study ecosystems. Be on the lookout for more information in the future! We are currently studying division in math. Students: be sure to study those division and multiplication facts! Happy Spring!

Fifth Grade- Two grade 5 students were honored for their achievements at Roger Sherman School. Jim Chuquirima was honored at the Board of Education for being an outstanding citizen. Jim consistently demonstrates respect for self, others, and school. He puts forth his best effort with all of his work and is incredibly helpful to staff and students. Giana Cagna was recognized as the top DARE student for Roger Sherman. Giana was honored at a banquet at the Four Points Sheraton. Giana was chosen for her excellent effort and participation in her DARE classes and also for consistently demonstrating respect. The grade 5 teachers and students are incredibly proud of both of these students.

Read The Sherman Star and answer these questions. Return this part to your teacher for a chance to win a prize. Return by May 3, 2013

1. List 2 activities the Second graders did at their Pioneer Day.
2. How many minutes should third graders read each night?
3. Kindergarten students learned about what is alive and not alive. List 2 things that are alive and list 2 things that are not alive.

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent signature: _____