



The Sherman Star

February/March 2013



Principal's Corner

Welcome to Spring! It has been a tough winter and we have missed several days of school. Please note that the school year has been extended to June 21st and we now have school on April 17, 18, & 19.

Our book fair was on March 18-20 and families also enjoyed the movie HOP on Movie Night. Our Spring Concert with Mr. Neilson's classes will be on Friday, April 5th at 1:30. Our TPT is organizing a Family Night at Chuck E Cheese for Thursday, March 28th.

On March 21th and 22th our grades 1 & attended Maloney's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. This was a great opportunity for our students and we would like to thank the Maloney Music and Drama Department for providing us with this experience.

As you are already aware, our doors are locked throughout the day; therefore, you need to use the Del Terrace door by the cafeteria for entrance. This is the only door equipped with a buzzer. Also, students cannot enter the building until 8:30 as there is no supervision prior to that time. Having your child in school and on time every day is very important. We do not want them to miss valuable instructional time. Our next TPT meeting is April 4th at 6:30. Please plan to join us. We will be discussing upcoming events and welcome your input. I will be available to address any questions or concerns. We meet in the Art room.

Upcoming Events



- ❖ March 28th-Chuck E Cheese Night
- ❖ April 4th-TPT Meeting 6:30pm
- ❖ April 5th-Spirit Friday-Baseball Day
- Spring Concert ~1:30
- ❖ April 11th-Valentin Karate Night
- ❖ April 25th-Spirit Thursday-Green Day



On January 25, 2013, the TPT sponsored the Snow Ball. Students and families danced the night away to some great music! At the end of the night, a king and queen were crowned from each grade level. Thank you to the TPT for sponsoring this great event!

Kindergarten- The kindergarten students have been learning so much this month! In math, students are adding and subtracting numbers. We celebrated our 100th day of school and have been practicing counting to 100. Students are reading and retelling stories. Students have been turning in wonderful sight word projects and completing their homework. Kindergarten celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with many of his great books. In science, the boys and girls have been exploring their five senses. In social studies, we have covered current events and holidays. These topics include, the inauguration, Martin Luther King's Day, and Ground Hog's Day and President's Day.

First Grade- Students in first grade are continuing to work on retelling a story. At home, have your child retell a story to you for extra practice! We have also been reading informational science texts. After reading a book about sound we did several sound science experiments! In math we just finished working on geometry and fractions. We are beginning a unit on addition to twenty.

Second Grade- Second graders worked on making inferences in Reading Workshop. They learned to use their schema and clues from the author. Students practiced writing persuasive essays in Writing Workshop. In Social Studies, the second graders have been learning about Pioneers. We are looking forward to Pioneer Day on April 1st. In math, students have learned how to subtract 2 digit numbers with regrouping.

Third Grade- Despite all of the snow the third grade has been working hard to get ready for the CMT. The students enjoyed the CMT circus and the third grade teachers presented a table centered on estimating and measuring. The students are showing great effort on the CMT. In reading the third grade has been working on making connections to the books we are reading in order to get a deeper understanding of the books. In math the students have learned how to apply their learning to real life through fractions and measuring.

Fourth Grade- Spring is around the corner and we are springing into action on the CMT's. The students will spend the first three weeks of March taking the reading, writing, and math portions of the CMT's. In math, the students have completed units on Geometry and Time. In the near future, the students will be multiplying multi-digit numbers so review those math facts. During writing, the students are working on developing different types of poems before transitioning into expository writing. The students are also reading and synthesizing the meaning of different poetry

Fifth Grade- Fifth grade students have finished their DARE lessons. As a culminating activity, high school role models came into the classrooms to talk to students about the pressures of middle and high school. Fifth graders had a chance to ask questions and get advice about what to expect as they transition to the middle schools in the fall. It was a rewarding experience for all involved!

Read *The Sherman Star* and answer these questions. Return this part to your teacher for a chance to win a prize. Return by April 1, 2013

1. What day is Baseball Day?
2. What activity did the third grade teachers do for the CMT Circus?
3. List 2 holidays or topics that kindergarten students have learned about.

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent signature: _____