



The Sherman Star

February/March 2014



Principal's Corner

Welcome to Spring!

We are happy to announce that Roger Sherman will be an Extended Day School next year! Please look for a notice coming home soon about an informational session we will be having to share what our day will look like next year.

Roger Sherman is proud to congratulate the following students who were recognized by the Board of Education as being Model Students. These students consistently demonstrate respect for self, others and our school. They are truly *Shining Stars!*

- K-Jillian Roderick
- 1-Sophia Waskowicz
- 2-Hannah Yale
- 3-Candida Meza
- 4-Joshua Concepcion
- 5-Jocelyne Horan

Report card conferences will be March 24-26th. Please remember that we dismiss at 1:20 on those dates. Also, due to snow days, school will now be in session on April 14th and 15th.

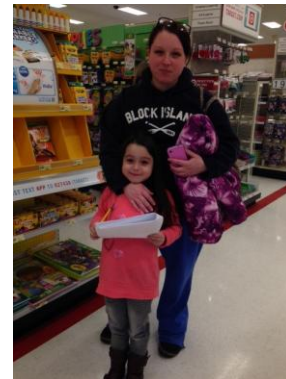
Regards,

Dr. Torres

Upcoming Events



- ❖ March 24-26th-report card conferences
- ❖ March 24-26th-Book Fair
- ❖ March 26th-Bingo Night 6pm
- ❖ April 3- TPT meeting 6:30pm



Roger Sherman families spent the night at Target on March 3rd, participating in math activities. Melany and Sarena Syzmaszek are pictured above enjoying the activities.

In other math news, grades 3, 4, and 5 had their fastest factor competition. The grade 3 winner was Ramon Verdin. The grade 4 winner was Jack Lischeid. The grade 5 winner was Nicole Testa. Congratulations to those students!

Kindergarten- Kindergarten students recently finished their first writing prompt and DRA2 reading test. We are all trying our best to become good readers and writers. Our current science unit focuses on living and non living things. In support of this unit, we will be learning about the ocean. Our trip to Mystic Aquarium on April 2nd will be an exciting addition to this unit. We have been selling Smencils (wonderfully smelly pencils made from recycled paper) to raise money for this adventure. We still have some Smencils left if you are interested! Thank you!

First Grade- First graders have been working extremely hard in all subject areas. We just completed a writing prompt where student needed to write an informational piece on why and how animals hibernate. In math, we completed our unit on place value and are focusing on adding and subtracting numbers through 100. In Science, students are learning about light and sound through hands-on activities. We have continued our work with sight words and retelling stories in Reader's Workshop and in small groups. Please make sure your students are reading for 10-20 minutes each night in addition to their nightly homework.

Second Grade- Second graders learned about famous people in history in February. They read about Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Ruby Bridges, and Abraham Lincoln. Students are learning how to compare and contrast topics in informational texts in Reading Workshop. In math, students have just started a unit on money. The students are enjoying working with play bills and coins. In writing, students will be learning how to write persuasive paragraphs.

Third Grade- Third graders completed the geometry and measurement units in math. In reading workshop the students are "close reading" to find evidence to support a claim made about the character or content of informational text. Students took a new kind of practice writing prompt this month which aligns with the new state test- SBAC. Thank you for attending the parent teacher conferences. If you haven't met with your child's teacher please contact us for an appointment. We look forward to sharing their progress with you!

Fourth Grade- Fourth grade had an amazing time at the CT Science Center last month! We learned about science through hands-on learning activities and games. This month, we are busy synthesizing in reading- combining our new learning with our prior knowledge to create new ideas and insights. We recently took our winter writing prompt, and will be moving on to opinion writing. We are currently learning about animal adaptations and biomes, and are just beginning our unit on geometry.

Fifth Grade- Grade 5 has been busy! We have been working on patterns and graphing in math. In reading we are challenging ourselves to increase our word counts in the AR reading program. We have been comparing and contrasting different resources and creating written responses. We have learned about colonial children and compared and contrasted them to the modern day child. We are learning about the environment and taking care of the trees and the Earth. Students enjoyed hearing The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. We have been preparing the students for the new testing that will be taking place this year. We will also be completing a CMT test in Science at some point this month. All 3 classes in fifth have been earning lots of blue class tickets for demonstrating respect for self, others, and school. The teachers have been generating ideas on a celebration for students to honor them for their hard work each and every day in the building. Look for further information coming soon!

EIP-SAVE THE DATE : On April 2 from 4:30-6:00, the Early Intervention Preschool program will hold a Family Fun Night in the gym at Sherman. There will be a bounce house, face painting, as well as other fun and educational activities. More information will be sent home with each student.