

Funderburk Room 18 Newsletter Vol. 10

March 19 – April 2, 2018

“Looking at beauty in the world is the first step of purifying the mind.”

— Amit Ray

Upcoming Dates To Note:

- **Monday March 19 – Friday April 6** – Daily Night & Day Homework Assignment* - *see below for details*
- **Game Day** continues Mondays after school 3:30 – 4:15 (send a note/e-mail, bring a board game)
- **“Catch A Dragon By the Tale” March Reading Challenge – Monday March 19 – Monday April 9** – *Schoolwide reading challenge with goal to return 700 reading charts as a school.* Simple! Read and return at week’s end
- **Early Release Day** – Wednesday March 21 – Professional Day, 1:10 Dismissal
- **Early Release Day** – Thursday April 12 – Professional Day, 1:10 Dismissal
- **No School** – Friday April 13 – Professional Day
- **No School** – Monday April 16 –Friday April 20 – Patriot’s Day & April vacation week

On the Horizon (and in the past):

- **Reading: Reading Partners Help Each Other and Read Partners Re-read with Each Other**
- **Writing: Opinion/Persuasive Writing** – Writing an introduction to our opinion, giving reasons, examples and a conclusion. 2nd graders will start book reviews starting with favorite characters, citing examples and reasons.
- **Math** (1st grade) –: **Chapter 12 Numbers to 40**, then Chapter 13 Addition and Subtraction to 40
- **Science Update**
 - ***Night & Day Homework** – On Monday in your child’s folder, there will be a nightly task to observe and record patterns in the sky at various times during the evening – 6, 6:30, 7 PM (times may be adjusted if needed). Students should keep the observation log in their Come & Go folder and bring in to school daily so that we may discuss each morning. Children who fill out 4 out of 5 days each week will receive a homework incentive
 - **Our ~~winter~~ spring seed planting** starts the day after the first day of spring! We will germinate salad green seeds and begin asking questions, making predictions, and observing the process of sprouting seeds, allowing for harvest in about a week or two. Tools and materials have been provided by a grant.
 - **Night & Day Study Groups** – begins this week and next (observe predictable cycles of the earth and understand that earth’s movement affects night and day)

Classroom Updates

- Thanks for helping make **parent/teacher conferences** so successful. 95%+ turnout! **Fun fact:** 25 parents visited our classroom on Friday!
- **Maine State Music Theater Field Trip** (June) permission form going home this week – Please return by 3/23
- **Foreign Language Lunch Bunch**- Our foreign language lunch bunch will continue next week. Bowdoin has been on break for a couple weeks. We’ll resume with 4-5 student language groups.
- Sign Up for **BOK’s** (Build Our Kids’ Success) movement AM sessions begins Mon. Look for a flyer coming home. [HERE](#) is a link to sign up for the April – June sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school.
- Our final school day (with current storm days) is projected to be **Monday June 25** (early release of 1:10). There is a possibility that date could change based on School Board discussions.
- **Classroom Needs:** Nut-free snacks (yes, again), Sure start small scotch packing tape

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