

Funderburk Room 18 Newsletter Vol. 11

April 2-April 23, 2018

“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”
-Martin Luther King Jr.

Upcoming Dates To Note:

- **Final Game Day** will be this week, **Monday April 2** after school **3:30 – 4:30** (note the extra 15 minutes added), your child may have a friend from Coffin School or sibling join for this final Game Day.
- **“Catch A Dragon By the Tale” Reading Challenge – Monday March 19 – Monday April 9** – *School-wide reading challenge: 235 of 700 (our school-wide reading chart goal) returned for week 1.*
- **Scholastic Book Fair – Wednesday April 4th – Friday April 6th**
 - Each child will receive a \$6 voucher towards purchase of a book (many books are \$6 and under)
 - Family Night is Wednesday 6 – 8 PM with Mad Science
 - Join us at 2 PM on Thursday in the Gym to shop with your child
 - Stop in before school later in the week to shop. To volunteer for the book fair, click [HERE](#)
 - Please send a note if your child wants something in particular or needs help with a purchase
- **Multi-Age Information Night – This Monday April 9 from 6 – 7:00 PM** *Note: This is not-so-much for you as it is for families with Kindergarteners going into 1st grade next year who may want to learn more about Multi-Age. So, if you know anyone who may have questions about multi-age feel free to spread the word!*
- **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: Amping Up Our Reading Power:** Growing our fluency, understanding literary literacy, some lessons on poetry through this month
- **Writing: Opinion/Persuasive Writing** – introduce by asking a question, quote experts, detailed reasons
- **Math (1st grade) –Chapter 13 Addition and Subtraction to 40 & (2nd grade) – Fractions**
- **Science Update**
 - **Night & Day Homework** – Thanks for the diligence in recording our “nightly daylight”. We are noticing a pattern that the sun is out for longer in the evening. There were a number of understandable inconsistencies earlier in our project (a few “lights”, “twilights”, maybe a “dark” at 6:00), now 6 & 6:30 is almost always consistently “light”
 - **Our seed planting** is going well. We have been observing the process thus far in journals. On Friday we soaked the newspaper in covered boxes one last time for the weekend. We’ll take them out this week for the essentials of sunlight/water. On Friday afternoon, we will harvest the greens and enjoy a salad.

Classroom Updates

April, typically known as recess’ mud season, can be a month to help us remember to keep our eye on the prize of warmer and dryer days. Clothes students wear get wet and muddy from time to time. It’s important to remember to have spare clothing in backpacks. Wearing weather appropriate coats and boots/shoes helps in many ways. We can and will get through this season!

- As you may have heard/seen, our last student day will be an **early release day on Friday June 22**
- **April is Poetry Monday** - Starting Monday we’ll compose our own Poetry Folders & read a new poem each day
- Help needed for Friday’s salad celebration in the afternoon – 2:15 – 3:00 – let me know if you’re available
- **Classroom Needs:** Small Scotch packing tape, post-it notes (square 3x3 inches)

Questions? Contact Mr. Funderburk at efunderburk@brunswick.k12.me.us or 319-1950 or by note. All class newsletters are also available 24/7 at <http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/efunderburk/classroom-newsletters>