

Funderburk Room 18 Newsletter Vol. 12

April 23-May 7, 2018

Upcoming Dates To Note:

- **HBS Spring Musical Performance** – Friday April 27 in afternoon (no permission slip needed)
- Maine Author **Chris Van Dusen Visits Coffin School** – Wednesday May 2 (technically 2 days, our visit's the 2nd)
- **Early Release Day** – Wednesday May 9 – Professional Day, 1:10 Dismissal
- **Coffin School Spring Music Concert** – **Thursday May 10**, 9:30 AM & 1:00 PM (each performance is 30ish min.)
- **Botanical Gardens Field Trip** – **Friday June 1** (permission forms have *not* gone out for this yet)
- **Multi-Age Feast & Festival Celebration** – **Thursday June 7 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM** - *Details Below*
- **Maine State Music Theater Walking Field Trip** – *Cinderella* on **Wednesday June 13**
- **Coffin School Field Day** on **Wednesday June 20** – *more details to come but know parents are welcome (and encouraged) to join the fun*
- TBD – 3 other walking field trips in June to A. Spindleworks (all), Curtis Memorial Library (all), and HBS “Step Up Day” for future 3rd graders only (June 5 or 7), *all on separate days*

On the Horizon (and in the past):

- **Reading: Amping Up Reading Power:** Tools for understanding our books better & keeping track of longer books
- **April** is Poetry Month – We have been adding themed poems to our poetry folders each day (for example, if we had school last week, there would have been a lot of rain themed poems), including some poems students in Ms. Lowe's study group composed as a class
- **Writing: Opinion/Persuasive Writing** – We will introduce new variations on giving our opinion including reviewing books, writing letters to change something, and reviewing something not-so-great. We'll also learn more about tips to make our opinion stronger, longer and more convincing
- **Math** (1st grade) – **Chapter 13 Addition and Subtraction to 40** AND (2nd grade) – **Time**
- **Science/Social Studies**
 - For the next 6 weeks, we'll begin a cumulative review of this year's Science & Social Studies content, giving students a chance to self-select something to dig deeper into, study, research and produce a final product for this year's annual Feast & Festival evening for families (more on that below)
 - The 4 project-based themes of study we will cover
 - Families Now & Long Ago
 - Gardening
 - Composting (life cycle of a plant)
 - Principal For a Day Opinion Writing/Citizenship & Community

Classroom Updates

Thursday June 7th's Feast & Festival evening is an annual end-of-the year celebration of learning. All four multi-age classroom families (and extended family) are welcome. There is a potluck-style meal in the cafeteria, students share their latest study group project work and we typically cap off the night with a group song, dance, or poetry. It's a night not to be missed and so much fun for all – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

- **2nd Grade Families** – “Send-off Saturday” will happen sometime on a Saturday in June – It's a casual, couple hour, afternoon gathering when we can spend some time together (with our families) outside of the classroom, locally at a public park. We'd have light snacks and coordinate some sort of community activity - kickball or soccer game. *Survey for June 2, 9, or 16th will be sent soon*
- **1st Grade Parents** – *We'll gather together sometime in late August o rally everyone for the new year*
- **Classroom Needs:** Small Scotch packing tape, post-it notes (square 3x3 inches)

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