

Funderburk Multi-Age Classroom Newsletter

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"If the book is true, it will find an audience that is meant to read it." - Wally Lamb, author

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **Mondays After School** - Game Day 3:30-4:15, pick up in room 18 - send a note by 9 AM
- **Friday February 28 & March 20 - Walk/Bike to School** (Volunteers welcome, 8:15- 9:00)
- **Monday March 2** - Community Read Aloud, Dr. Suess' birthday
- **Week of March 9** - Jump Rope for Heart - See CFC newsletter for details, PE is on 3/11 @ 10:20 for us
- **Monday March 9** - Kinderkonzert (**string instruments**) at Crooker Theater, 9:00-10:30
- **Friday March 13 - No School**, Parent/Teacher Conferences (*Note: Thursday March 12 is a full day*)
- **Wednesday March 18** - Early Release Day -Professional Development, 1:10 Dismissal
- **Thursday March 26** - Coffin School Spring Concert - Performances @ 9:30 & 1:00 PM (snow date: 3/27)
- **Multi-Age Writer's Celebration** - Thursday March 26 - 1:45/2:00 after 2nd concert (details forthcoming)

This Week (and Next Week) We're Working on...

Reading: Nonfiction readers' voice, expressive reading, fluency & retelling nonfiction (may spill into 3 weeks)

Writing: Nonfiction/informational writing - Editing, revising, conventions, handwriting, partner goal setting

Study Groups: Study groups start up this week with studying claims around plant parts, seeds, and seed dispersal

1st Grade Math: Chapter 9 - Length & Chapter 11 - Bar Graphs and Picture Graphs - Workbooks for Chapters 1-9 (some chapters were not covered) coming home soon

2nd Grade Math: Geometry

Classroom & School Updates

- **On Thursday March 5**, parent and author **Katie Coppens**, who has written and published science themed books for elementary aged children, will visit our classroom to share with us about the writing process. We just started reading her book *The Acadia Files: Summer Investigations*. We're really excited to welcome her in a little over a week! <http://www.katiecoppens.com>
- Our **Writer's Celebration on Thursday March 26th** will consist of each child sharing an edited, revised, published teaching book of their own to read to families. If everything works out with scheduling, our celebration will follow our Spring concert in the afternoon. We're still working out the details, so look for more information to be shared soon.
- **Parent/Teacher Conference sign ups will launch Monday morning.** Thursday 3/12 afternoon/evening and all day 3/13 Friday slots will be available. Reach out to me if you need another time or date.
- I plan to spend time individually with students to assess their reading. 2nd graders will review areas of strength and challenges as readers. We also plan some quick Math fact fluency checks, a spelling inventory check and a 2 day informational writing prompt. This sounds like a lot but we've been building stamina and are perfectly capable 1st and 2nd graders

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