

What's Happening at Woodland?

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Letter from the Principal



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Apr 2 - Spring Holiday- School Closed
- ◆ Apr 6 - Father/Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30
- ◆ April 22- Earth Day

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Dear Woodland Families,

Although the weather does not want to admit it, April is here! It is hard to believe we were still digging ourselves out of a massive snowstorm on the first days of spring. Please make sure you still send your child in winter attire. It is very cold when you are outside for a 30-minute recess.

As I previously mentioned, we will start to look at our morning drop-off and pick-up procedures for next year. We would like to have the procedures in place before the end of the year. The major difference is that you will only need a car-line number if pick-up is the main form of transportation for your child. Those who are just periodically picking up their children will not need a number. Please look for information coming home this month. The major event this month are the PSSA's. These are state assessments given to our third and fourth graders. They will happen April 9-11 (ELA), 4/16 -17 (Math), and 4/23 -24 (Science 4th grade only). Testing will begin at 9:15 am so if your child arrives to school after that time, they cannot enter the classroom. We will keep them in the office until the afternoon make-up session. Please make sure your child is in school, well rested, and has a good breakfast. These tests are important, but they are only a snap shot of what the children have done all year. There will be a change in your child's recess and special schedule for those days. There is more information about the PSSA tests on Woodland's homepage.

Here are some important events for the month:

3/30 - 4/2: NO SCHOOL

4/6: Home and School Father Daughter Event

4/9 - 4/11: ELA PSSA's for 3rd and 4th grades

4/16 - 4/17: Math PSSA's for 3rd and 4th grades

4/23 - 4/24: Science PSSA's for 4th grade only

I am looking forward to another great month at Woodland. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself with any concerns you may have.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,
Deb Euker

Kindergarten News



April Kindergarten News

In April we will add the new sight words

help too play has where look to our word wall.

Continue to practice all 46 words every day!

Please practice reading short vowel /a/ /e/ /i/ /o/ and /u/ words.

First Grade News



First graders are off and “reading” with the Clifford Reading Incentive Program. Students should be reading one dot book a night to an adult. Each student who reads 25 books will be invited to celebrate their success at a Clifford reading party.

First grade is beginning a new theme in our ELA Wonders program Unit 5: *Figure it Out*. This theme focuses on the skills of alphabetizing, inflectional endings, abbreviations, and prefixes. Students should continue to practice high frequency words daily.

This month’s units in math focus on calendar, time and numbers to 120. Students should continue to practice addition and subtraction focus facts.

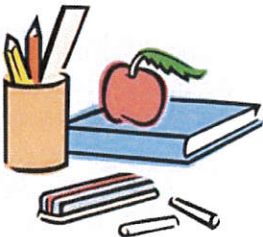
Second Grade News

April Showers bring May Flowers!

Second graders are hopping through the Math In Focus program as quick as bunnies! This month, we are working through Customary Measurements of Length in Chapter 13. Look for students to measure in feet and inches, compare lengths, and solve problems regarding lengths.

The children continue to study word lists and read fluently from their Wonders stories and books of choice. Appropriate chapter books may be introduced and read by the children at this point with their skills. Classes are writing written responses to prompts in paragraph form, using complete sentences, correct punctuation, and citing evidence in addition to adding in their own ideas. Our Mentor Texts will continue to show us how authors write and teach us how to write like them.

We have a variety of topics this month in Social Studies and Science. We’ll begin with Changes on Earth: Dinosaurs!...then wrap it all up with the Dino Dig on April 4th. We will also explore Where Things Come From.



Third Grade News

Third Grade Thrives!!

ELA- Third grade is working on our fourth unit in ELA. We have stepped it up a notch and are working to learn the differences in text features, which includes reading two different text sources and finding evidence to support a written response question. Students are still enjoying read-aloud and writer's workshop, where they are incorporating their writing crafts into their pieces. We are so proud of all their hard work.

Math In math, we are in the midst of fractions and geometry. The chapters focus on geometry terms with angles and shapes, as well as, comparing fractions, finding equivalent fractions and putting fractions into simplest form. Please continue to practice basic multiplication and division facts at home. It is extremely important because fourth grade comes quickly and students are expected to know their basic facts. We are continuing our March Madness competition to practice our facts- ask your child about this.

Science/SS- We are working on our final rotations of science-These include Natural Resources (water, or land) and adaptations. Communities is the Social Studies in this rotation. Please review vocabulary nightly with your student.



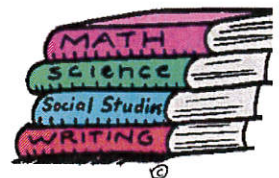
We are looking forward to our field trip to Citizen's Bank Park next month!!

Fourth Grade News

We have worked hard all year. The PSSA tests are upon us. Please refer to the PSSA schedule for the month of April.

The Fourth grade will be sending home information for the two field trips that will be taking this Spring. Please look for that information and return it by its due dates. Please follow the directions that are included with the information and permission slips. We are looking forward to our field trips scheduled for this Spring; We will go to the Peter Wentz Farmstead where our studies in Historic Colonial Pennsylvania will come to life! We will also be visiting the Philadelphia Art Museum.

In the months of April and May, the fourth grade classes will be moving from their homerooms to another fourth grade class for the continuation of the Social Studies curriculum. Mrs. Bender and Mr. Hogstrom will teach Regions of the United States, Mr. Joers will teach Pennsylvania geography and civics, and Ms. Youngblood will finish with Pennsylvania history.



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Counselor's Corner

Happy Spring or at least I think it is Spring... During the month of April, Kinders will get personal safety lessons. Third grade students will have a visit from Victim Services who will present a program on personal safety.

Library

The Book Fair and Art Show was a huge success! Thank you again to all who came to enjoy. April Showers brings reading for hours.

Did You Know?

The First Earth Day was in 1970. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, after seeing the damage done by a 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, was inspired to organize a national "teach-in" that focused on educating the public about the environment.

<http://www.livescience.com/50556-earth-day-facts-history.html>

