

# **February PTA Meeting**

## **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

### **Kindergarten**

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

First grade is having a busy winter! We have learned about opinion writing and are beginning argumentative writing this month. We are also learning how to do double digit addition, measure using non standard units (like cubes and paper clips), and tell time. In social studies, we are learning about how Laura Ingalls Wilder lived in the 1870s and comparing that to our lives today.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

· Students will be very busy this month! We are looking at Money and Time in our math unit. To go along with our money portion of our math unit, students are collecting state quarters and bringing them to school to place on our United States map. We're trying to collect all 50 in each classroom! In social studies, students are working on maps and landforms. Students will be learning about autobiographies and biographies in writing. Using what they have learned, they will study a president and present a project to the class. It is a fun, but busy month!

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Third Grade is happy to be back in the swing of things. We are loving Steve Dunn's spelling program and feel our students are really starting to use the skills we are learning and apply them to their everyday writing and reading. We just finished up our Economics unit and had a blast starting a business, creating a product, and marketing it to the third grade. We had a huge sale and were very impressed with their sales pitches to each other. In math we continue to work on fractions and get prepared for our PARCC assessment that is quickly approaching. Good luck to all 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students on your upcoming February Assessments!

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

· Mr. McKinley Presenting about Robotics Club. Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Miller shared about the Chrome Books and online programs.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

· Fifth grade had an amazing time at JA Biztown! The students learned so much about what it means to be a "grown up" and the responsibilities of having a career! Our students also

learned a little bit about being a “parent” with Biztown’s new “Errand Session”...which included running to the bank, dropping kids off at school and taking kids to soccer practice! One of our 5<sup>th</sup> students realized THREE KIDS were left at school when the last errand session ended!

· As we prepare for our Reading, Math and Science PARCC Assessments, 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been working on decimals, fractions and geometry/measurement concepts. Mr. Chapman has also started “training” our students to use the new Chrome Books with programs like Study Island and Google Docs. In reading we have been reviewing how to Compare & Contrast and Summarize topics/paragraphs. We have also started working on Synthesizing two or more articles.

## **Art**

First Grade is working on a multi-step project called “Hat, scarf and gloves” They will be creating their own self portrait wearing a winter hat, gloves or mittens and a patterned scarf with slip knot tassels.

Second Grade is finishing up their oil pastels warm/cool landscapes. Next they will begin a multi-step “Three-dimensional Dinosaur Watercolor”

Third Grade just took their Color Wheel theory post assessments. Next we will be working with clay creating the “Four Stages of a Butterfly Life Cycle”

Fourth Grade has just begun their crayon “Winter Landscapes” (Our current district calendar contains a fourth grade winter landscape from last year-- yeah! Tyler Zwick!!)

Fifth Grade has finished painting all the wall tiles for the sink niche. They are currently working on a “Monochromatic Still Life Painting”. Monochromatic means one color. They are to choose one pure color and create tints and shades of that color to paint their abstract still life.

That’s life in the art room.....

## **Music**

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## **Physical Education**

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