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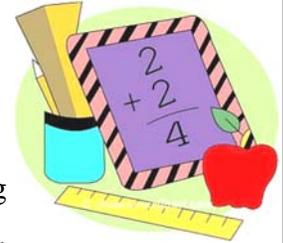
Dates to Remember!

2/1-2/12: Winter NWEA Testing

2/15-2/19: Winter Break

2/22: Students Return to School

Principal's Message



For the month of February, the Department of Education is promoting the Read to ME challenge, which focuses on the awareness of childhood literacy. This challenge encourages adults to take at least 15-20 minutes daily to read to children of all ages. For this year's challenge, the DOE is also encouraging students to read to each other as well. To support this, our school YouTube channel will be featuring student guest readers for the whole month of February. Make sure to like our channel so that families can see our daily guest readers, along with all developmental stages of literacy attainment.

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Gauthier



Physical Education News



K-6: For the month of February students will continue working on manipulative skills focusing on throwing and catching. They will also be participating in individual and group activities to enhance these skills.

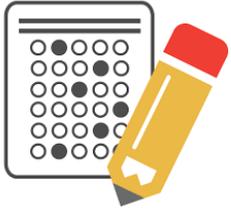
Classroom Feature: Spotlight on 1st Grade!

It is hard to believe that it is February and we are more than half way through the school year! Our first graders have been working so hard both in the classroom and remotely. For reading we have been blending words, practicing our sight words, and reading books at our "just right" levels. We have also been focusing on the comprehension strategy of visualizing, (making a picture/movie in your mind of what you are reading.) In math, we are working on addition strategies to 20. Coming up in February: doubles facts! In writing, we are focused on "telling more" by adding more details to our stories to make them more interesting.

We have been so impressed by our first grade friends and how well they have been able to maintain social distancing and mask wearing while still learning and having a lot of fun! Thank you to our families for all of your help at home on remote days, your support is very much appreciated!



NWEA Testing



Students will be participating in the winter window of the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) the

first two weeks of February. Classroom teachers will communicate to families their schedules for this. With this round of assessment, we will be able to see the growth students have made with their learning in math and reading since the last window. These results will be provided to families during our March parent conferences. For any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Nurse Notes



Vision and Hearing Screenings– State mandated vision & hearing screenings will begin after February vacation. If your child has already had an exam please have a copy faxed over (626-2535). If a referral is needed you will receive notice from the Nurse.

COVID-19- Notify the school nurse immediately if your student has tested positive for COVID, is quarantining as a close contact, or has traveled out of state during break as they will need to be cleared by the school nurse prior to returning. Please feel free to call or email with any questions/concerns you may have. We are working closely with the Maine CDC and DOE to keep our students healthy at school!

Masks- Be sure to send in extra cloth/disposable masks for your student as they need to be able to change them during the school day when they become wet or soiled.

Winter Wardrobes– As winter weather is now upon us, please send your child with a jacket, hat, mittens, boots and, ski pants. The office does not give out winter clothing for students to borrow for recess. *If your child does not have a winter gear, please call and let me know.

~Nurse Jessie



Fun Things Happening in the Library

Library is still being held in the classroom at this time for social distancing purposes. Library activities and stories will be done weeks 1-3 each month. You can access our Library site thru the Specialist page on your Google Classroom or SeeSaw classroom page. <https://sites.google.com/augustaschools.org/lincoln-library/home>

The MSBA Challenge with Mrs. Gauthier is on again with 5th and 6th graders! The students who participate and read at least 3 books will also win a prize. Start Reading! Please look at the updated flyer on our Library page to see the changes and prizes given at each step of completion. You may see the books at the MSBA website. The Maine Student Book Award website can be accessed at <https://sites.google.com/view/mainestudentbookaward/home> to preview the new exciting list for 2020-2021. These books can also be accessed through Lithgow Library or on Cloud Library through Lithgow. There are several tutorials on the Library Google Site to help you navigate these tools. If your library card does not work, just give Lithgow a call @ 207-626-2415 and talk with them to reactivate it.

We will spend the month of February looking at Groundhog's Day and Valentine's Day and reading Chickadee Stories for grades K-4. 5th and 6th grades will be looking at fact or fiction selections and try to find the

differences.

K-3 grades have been reading the 2020-2021 **Chickadee Nominee books**, and a complementary book on the subject of the chickadee we are reading. You can find them linked on the Library site for your reading pleasure. We have also been reading seasonal books and will continue with those. If you would like to learn more about this and see the books we read have please go to your classroom site and then ask your child to share about the books we are reading. <https://sites.google.com/site/thechickadeeward/>

Another fabulous site Augusta Schools sponsor for your child's reading enjoyment is our Capstone Interactive site. We have 169 titles, at many different reading levels. Many of the students have already been accessing it in their library site and in the classroom. This is free to our Augusta School students and families. You can directly access it at www.mycapstonelibrary.com/login/?sqs=bedbad9b06c734c76a7c14c62eb070f2f13e2a1e960ea8e5bb717b0c43611206 the link will take you right to the books. The Maine Digital Library links will ask you for a user name and password. You will need to create these to enter the sites from home. It is very easy and free to create one with many great resources.

Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham