



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

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MARCH 2021

MARCH CALENDAR

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

I can't believe we are already sending you the March newsletter! This past month has just flown by.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be on March 22nd. Your student's teacher might reach out before then to accommodate all the phone calls.

IAR testing will start in April. Remote 3rd and 4th grade students will be asked to come to school to test during their normally scheduled class time. Bussing will be provided for students that would typically ride the bus.

Thank you to all the parents that completed the 5-essentials survey. If you have not taken the survey yet please do so. The more data we can gather, the better decisions we can make.

A Word from your Social Worker

I have been using the Second Step Program in your child's classroom to teach critical skills such as: Empathy, skills for learning, Emotion Management and Problem Solving. Kindergarten and 1st grade are in Unit 2 (Empathy), 2nd grade & 3rd grade are in Unit 3 (Emotion management) & 4th grade is in Unit 1 (Empathy and Skills for Learning). The students really enjoy the lessons which feature puppet shows and fun songs. If you have any questions about the Second Step Program, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life.

A Word from your Pre-K Social Worker

Wow! I can't believe it's March already. You know what that means? We're nearly done with this cold weather and ready to hop into Spring. Along with warmer weather, March brings Women's Month. This is an annual event that begins March 1, and ends March 31. It's goal is to celebrate and recognize the contributions women have made to society throughout history! I hope you and your preschooler take the time this March to learn about and explore all the wonderful women that have changed our world for the better.

3/5 Remote Learning Day & Southwest Spirit Wear
3/12 Book Character Day
3/19 Disney Day
3/22 Asynchronous day for Parent Teacher Conferences
3/26 Crazy Sock Day
3/29 Spring Break
4/6 Students return from Spring Break

New Food Distribution Schedule:

Every Tuesday

Danville High School
10AM-Noon
And
5PM-6PM

North Ridge
10AM-Noon
And
5PM-6PM

South View
10AM-Noon
And
5PM-6PM

The preschool classrooms finished up their study on buildings in February, discussing what buildings are made of, special features of buildings, and what happens inside of buildings. They then spent a week discussing diversity and celebrating Black History month! Be sure to check out the fort challenge pictures posted on the Southwest Facebook page! There were several winners in our contest and thanks to all who participated! Be on the lookout for more challenges to come. If you are interested in getting your child into our preschool program, please call 444-3525 to get signed up for a screening. We have both in-person and virtual screening options available.

KINDERGARTEN

We are coming to the end of our 3rd quarter in Kindergarten! Your child should have the following skills mastered at this time: identifying letters and their sounds, identifying numbers from 0-20, and counting to 100 by 10's & 1's. Please continue to work on these skills at home daily if your child has not yet mastered them. Your child's teacher will be contacting you for Parent-Teacher conferences this month to discuss your child's 3rd quarter report card. Remember your child has homework daily for class. We appreciate your support!

FIRST GRADE

Happy March! We are now into 3rd quarter and still have many skills to hit in our short time with students. The three main things we are hitting hard are sight words, reading fluency and adding/subtracting. Please practice these as much as possible at home. If you need new flash cards or ideas, please contact your student's teacher. We are looking forward to sharing progress at conferences later this month!

Second Grade

Hello families! We can't believe it is March already! We are continuing to work hard and appreciate all the help you are giving at home to make sure your child is as successful as possible. We are moving right along in our Reading. We are continuing with Unit 7: Tales to Live By. Our next unit will be Investigating the Past. We should begin that mid-March. In math, we are continuing to practice adding and subtracting two-digit numbers with regrouping. Please practice this skill with your child. We are also going to begin money and time. March 22 is an asynchronous day and will also be parent teacher conferences. They will be done the same as in the fall, so be on the lookout for more information as the time gets closer. Thanks for all your support!

Third Grade

Calling all parents! Please encourage your student to continue turning in all assignments. Practice is very important to retain the skills being taught each day. Each 3rd grade student should be reading aloud every day for 15 minutes to increase their fluency and comprehension. They should also be practicing multiplication facts using Reflex or flashcards. Knowing their facts will make a huge impact on their overall Math grade. The in-person 3rd graders will be meeting with the Ag Lady again in March. She will be sharing a lesson about sheep! We are looking forward to that! Keep working hard 3rd grade!

Fourth Grade

Hello 4th grade families! We are gearing up for Spring Break but have a lot of work to do before that! Please make sure your student is doing their homework, practicing flash cards, and reading with you at home! The extra practice at home this year is incredibly helpful. Hope you are staying healthy and enjoying the warmer weather!

ACCESS TESTING:

The ACCESS for English Language Learners grades K-12 will be administered in person March 15-26, 2021. Illinois schools are currently operating under Restore Illinois Phase 4, which allows in-person instruction while following public health requirements. Schools will be preparing assessment plans that will follow state guidelines to keep all students and staff safe. Schools must follow the Illinois Department of Public Health requirements when administering spring 2021 assessments. Those requirements during Restore Illinois Phase 4 are:

Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment, including face coverings; Prohibit more than 50 individual from gathering in one space; Require social distancing be observed, as much as possible; Require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings; and Require an increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfection.

You will be receiving additional information from your student's ESL teacher or school. Students will bring their current school device to use during testing. Busing will be provided to those remote students who need it. If you have any questions, please call Brandie Kuchefski, Title I Grants Coordinator, 217-444-1065. Thank you!

El ACCESS para estudiantes de inglés de los grados K-12 se administrará en persona del 15 al 26 de marzo de 2021. Las escuelas de Illinois actualmente operan bajo la Fase 4 de Restaurar Illinois, que permite la instrucción en persona mientras se cumplen los requisitos de salud pública.

Las escuelas prepararán planes de evaluación que seguirán las pautas estatales para mantener seguros a todos los estudiantes y al personal. Las escuelas deben cumplir con los requisitos del Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois al administrar las evaluaciones de primavera de 2021. Esos requisitos durante la Fase 4 de Restaurar Illinois son:

Exigir el uso de equipo de protección personal adecuado, incluidas las cubiertas faciales Prohibir que más de 50 personas se reúnan en un espacio; Exigir que se observe el distanciamiento social, en la medida de lo posible; Exigir que las escuelas realicen exámenes de detección de síntomas y controles de temperatura o exigir que las personas certifiquen por sí mismas que no tienen síntomas antes de ingresar a los edificios escolares; y Requerir un aumento en la limpieza y desinfección de toda la escuela.

Usted recibirá información adicional del maestro de ESL o de la escuela.

Los estudiantes traerán su propio aparato electrónico escolar para usar durante la prueba. Se ofrecerá transporte en autobús para aquellos estudiantes que están remoto que lo necesiten. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a Brandie Kuchefski, Coordinadora de Becas Título I, 217-444-1065. ¡Gracias!

Kindergarten Registration

The following will need to be in your student’s file before they can start Kindergarten in the fall:

Current Physical (dated 8/19/2020 or after)-this must include blood lead screening and diabetes risk assessment

Current, up to date immunization record

Eye Examination by an Optometrist or Waiver (Due by 10/15/2021)

Dental Exam (Due by 5/15/2022)

The sooner you get these completed and turned into the nurse’s office, the better. Doctors offices get very busy over the summer with school physicals and immunizations, which can make it difficult to get an appointment. Getting everything completed as soon as possible will make your Kindergarten registration process in June go more quickly. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse.

Problem Solving	AVID Spotlight Students
<p>Ms. Tuelp’s problem solving groups has been having fun with STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). We have studied how drag affects paper airplanes. We made anemometers, which measure wind speed. We have explored at which diameter aluminum spheres sink. And finally, we made ice cream in a bag!</p>	<p>Pre-K: Juan Ocampo, Samantha Howard, Lydia Bowman-Jones, Demarion January, Jrue Huerta, Kendel Conner</p> <p>Kindergarten: Brileigh Carrizal, Jorge DeLeon, Scarlett Rhodes</p> <p>1st Grade: Andre Sanders, Aylin Ramos, Rayziah Beck, Cash Shutes</p> <p>2nd Grade: Emersyn Diffenderfer, ZhaRyeaha McClyde</p> <p>3rd Grade: Wiley Hardesty, Jaida Hoover, Kylie Gimer</p> <p>4th Grade: Nevaeh Lopez, Jailyn Huston</p>

AVID Strategy of the Month

An AVID Strategy we work on at school is Costa’s Levels of Questioning. This helps deepen students’ understanding. There are three levels, 1, 2, and 3. This month we are going to focus on Level 1 questions. Level 1 questions are basic recall questions that can be found on the page or in the book. See the picture for examples!

Who is sitting in the blue car?

Sam-I-Am, Guy Am I, and 2 other animals

What color is the train?

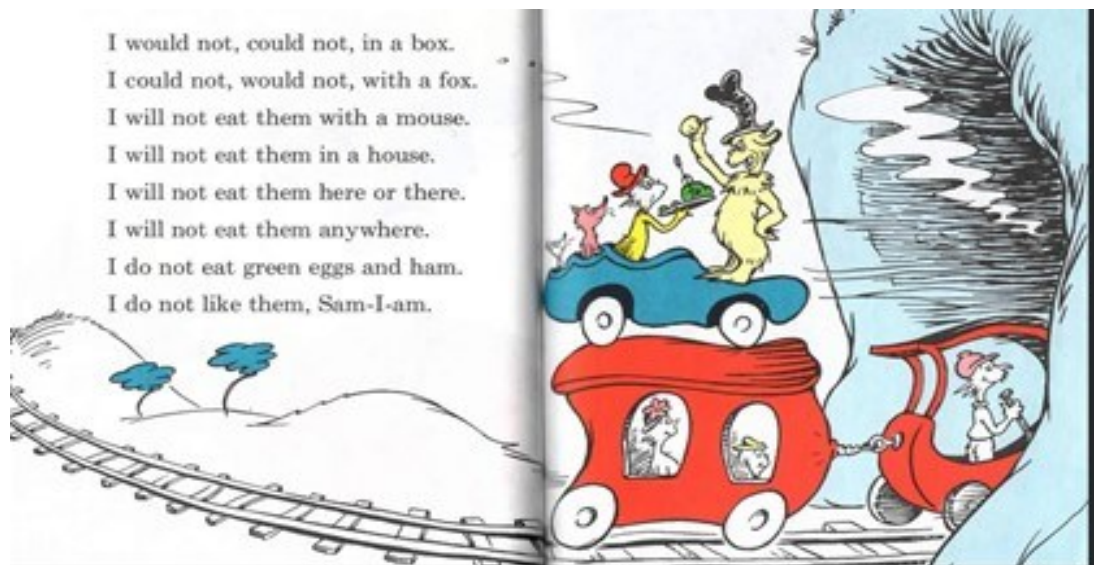
Red

What are they riding on?

A train

Where are they going?

Into a tunnel



I would not, could not, in a box.
 I could not, would not, with a fox.
 I will not eat them with a mouse.
 I will not eat them in a house.
 I will not eat them here or there.
 I will not eat them anywhere.
 I do not eat green eggs and ham.
 I do not like them, Sam-I-am.