

# MARCH

## News from Mr. Howell

Hello Parents!

February quickly came and went. Hopefully winter is also on its way out, too. I'm thinking **SPRING!**

Similar to February, March will be a fast month in light of the fact that Spring Break takes place from March 23 - March 27. Here are some highlights to be aware of this month:

- **Reading:** This month we will be looking at characters and describe how they respond to major events and challenges. Additionally, we will continue our "Nonfiction Fridays," which began in January. As we dive into our Time For Kids issues, students will work on identifying the main purpose of the text, identifying the main points an author uses, while also answering questions and providing evidence from the text to support their thinking.
- **Word Study:** The month of March will be spent wrapping up our long-vowel spelling patterns and then working on plural nouns. Students will gain proficiency with regular plural endings (~s, ~es, ~ies) and expand their knowledge of irregular plurals, too.
- **Math:** We will continue progressing through Unit 5 of our Bridges in Mathematics resource, which focuses on place value up to 1000, addition of 3-digit numbers, and working with coins. The unit overview can be found on the math page of my website. In

the final days of March, we will begin our work on Unit 6, which is focused on Geometry.

- **Social Studies:** March 13 is our annual Multicultural Day. In conjunction with this special day, we will spend approximately two weeks studying various countries that the students chose to learn more about: China, Zimbabwe and Iceland.
- **Science:** Our unit on Force and Motion will begin during the third full week of March. This unit will culminate with a STEM based field trip to Skate Zone 71 in April, where students will do some hands-on exploration with friction.
- **Writing:** Students began their first opinion writing piece at the end of February. They will be typing this piece in Google Docs and will be able to share their writing with others for revising/editing suggestions through the Google Docs format.

### Other Important Dates and Details:

- **Read Across America Week** is the first week of March, and it is accompanied by the **Scholastic Book Fair** in the school library.
- **Daylight Savings Time** begins on Sunday, March 8th (maybe it's not school-related, but I'M EXCITED ABOUT IT!)
- **Multicultural Day** will take place on Friday, March 13th.
- **Spring Break** takes place the week of March 23 - 27. School resumes on Monday, March 30th.
- **Eagle Pride and House Day - TBD**

Until next month...

~Mr. Howell