



The month of March was a month of great Pre~K fun! We kicked it off by sharing fun books, stories, and songs incorporating Dr. Seuss! The boys and girls were chefs, trying their hands at Green Eggs and Ham! Yum, yum,

yum! They had a good time with rhyming words during our Nursery Rhyme unit. We ended the month of March with our All Things New unit with Easter as the focus. The most fun had in March was having fun with our classroom ducks! Everyone had a blast!

We are looking forward to our new Spring unit. We will share fun activities incorporating worms, bees, plants and other signs of spring. Two exciting trips planned during the month of

April. Pre-K will go to the BREC Zoo and the Blahut Strawberry Farm in Springfield, LA!

Before you know it summer will be here! We have experienced so many exciting things together so far this school year. Parents, we thank you for being such great partners in educating your little ones. **HATS OFF TO YOU!**



Honor Roll

<p>Bonds All A Jenna B Madilyn D Megan F Addison G Bailey G Tanner L</p> <p>A-B Julianna D Maur'Daeja F Michael G McKinley M Bryce M Austin N Dalton S Mackenzie T Caleb W</p>	<p>Carlton All A Lindsay B Brett D Kate H Leah L Donovan M Shawn M Mason P Ava R Tanner T</p> <p>A-B Maeghan H Connery J Markeilon J Trevor P</p>	<p>Collins All A Brianna B Abigail B Ethan B Julianna J Mallory K Kylie P Ashlyn R Presleigh S Nathaniel T</p> <p>A-B Kara A Elijah C Janea D Alex M Anyah M Tamia P Jacoy S Ian V</p>	<p>Gehling All A Amare B Johnathan B Bryson B Treyce B Tamirah B Stella C Jayla G Jesse G Laila K Kerstyn M Gianna S Jasten T Yahti W</p> <p>A-B Rodrick B Bailey D James S Haley S Kiandra S</p>	<p>Major All A Hudson T Grace T Darren T Sophie S Mallory P Kaitlyn M Ashley J Christopher H Austin D Kaitlin B Faith A Cole S</p> <p>A-B Jon'Leya W Psalms W Abbiegayle L Christian H Claire C Kierra</p>	<p>Santangelo All A Wyatt B Jordan C Courtney C Kaitlyn D Kyla H Elizabeth N Kaylin S Darius T Rock T</p> <p>A-B Emily A Amya C Kayla C Timmy G Ramon J Jarion V</p>	<p>Spangler All A Garrett B Sadie O Gabriel R Dominique W Joshua W Taylor W</p> <p>A-B Kaley B Carlyn H Heidi K Sebastian R</p>	<p>P. Taylor All A Alexis C Christian D Anna D Reed F Robert H Bryson L Austin N Parker R Madison W</p> <p>A-B Shaniya C Ashlyn D Alysha L</p> <p>Wall All A Megan B Kale B Mia D Sarah F Kate H Katelyn K Chad S Caleb T Devin W</p> <p>A-B Emili A Kayli A Kaleb C Emma D Maya H Sha'Darian J Cole K Ky'el M Logan Q Dezalyn R Mckinna S</p> <p>Wojohn All A Beau A Hayden B Natalie C Emily H Kaitlyn K Natalie M Sorah R Trey W</p> <p>A-B Charles C Austin D Cade L Gary M KyShaun V Ralph W Jacob W Madeline W</p>
<p>Bradley All A Cade B Tate B James C Luke D Madison G Hunter H Madalyn H La'Taija M Caitlyn P Julia S Genesis S D'Shawn W</p> <p>A-B Shelly E Troy F Craig J Naila M Dwayne S Bailey v</p>	<p>Carter All A Orsciana B Kiley J Bryce K A. Olivia L Mallory L Trinity M Marshall M Sidney M Kennedy P Chase V L. Tucker W Raelyn W Abigail Y</p> <p>A-B Hayden D Jordan P Nicholas R Jada C</p>	<p>Darensbourg All A Kaylan C Keely D Jeremiah F Sky F Axavier L Hannah N Lucas S Victoria T Seth W</p> <p>A-B Allison F Tyler G Alexander H Hailey H Adalyn S Kenson T Kyle Tierny Mikaelya W</p>	<p>Hampton All A Bailee A Maddie G Chloe R Hayden T Seth W</p> <p>A-B Jadakass B Payj R Heather S Malia W</p>	<p>Manchester All A Kyle B Andrew C Nicholas F Ivory G John Mark G Claire G Cheyenne H Whit J</p> <p>A-B Amaya A Paige B Riley B Gerren H Avery H Anna L Herbert P Christian S</p>	<p>Savario All A TJ S Taylor P Justice S Devin H Caleb D Jack C Cecilia S</p> <p>A-B Alexis W Kaydi V Corey S Kali N Prince J Joshuai G Correl F Logan D Megan D Mckayla C Connor A Audrey A Jacob A</p>	<p>H. Taylor All A Ryan A Jonathan J H Shelby M Cayley P Gerald P Easton R Skyler R Hyneka S</p> <p>A-B Miranda B Kane D Raven G Curtis T</p>	
<p>Test Taking Tips for Parents continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If you are anxious about your child's test it's ok, but try to keep cool around your child, you don't want them to get anxious about their tests too. ✓ Encourage your child to do well, but don't pressure him/her, you may stress him/her out, it is important for your child to stay relaxed on the test. ✓ Keep a positive attitude about tests. ✓ Provide a quiet, well lighted area with little distractions to help your child study efficiently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mark down test days on your calendar so you and your child are both aware of testing dates. ✓ Make sure that your child gets enough sleep on the night before the test. ✓ Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast and avoid heavy foods that may make him/her groggy and avoid high sugar foods that may make him/her hyper. ✓ Make sure that your child gets up early enough so that he/she will be on time to school. ✓ Let your child relax for a few hours before bedtime, it can be stressful for a child to study all night. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talking about the test with your child can relieve stress about test taking. ✓ If your child is struggling on their tests, talk to them about it and meet with their teacher to find out the best way to help your child. ✓ Praise/reward your child when they do well on a test or for their hard work preparing for a test. ✓ Encourage them to do better if they don't do well. ✓ Review the test with your child after they have taken it and go over any mistakes they have made and make sure that they understand what they did wrong and how they can improve for the next test. 					



First graders had a very busy month in March. We wrote stories about leprechauns and spring. The students have been working hard to prepare for the IOWA test. Our students are ready for the test. Please encourage your child to listen

carefully during the test.

In April we will learn about plants and butterflies. In Math we will review skills and continue working on problem solving. Don't forget to send in your child's permission slip and money for the Global Wildlife trip. This trip has been a favorite for teachers and students in the past. We look forward to a great time!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Music Department

The First Grade Spring program "A Train Ride across America" (with a few new songs!) will be Tuesday May 11 (Gehling, Darensbourg, Carlton, Santangelo, Hampton, Savario, Collins, Bonds, Brown) and Thursday, May 13 (Wall, Major, Spangler, Carter, Bradley, P. Taylor, H. Taylor, Manchester, Wojohn). Performances are in the school cafeteria. Students will perform a 9:30 morning program (for Kindergarten audience) and a 6:30 p.m. evening program for parents. Most costumes will be provided. Mrs. Hill will send home a note. DVDs will be available to purchase for \$10. The program songs are on Mrs. Hill's web site for students who wish to study the songs at home.



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Important Dates

- April 7-** PreK trip- Zoo
- April 8-** PreK trip- Zoo
- April 9** – IOWA Pep Rally 2:00
- April 12-16-** IOWA Testing
- April 15-**PreK trip-Strawberry Farm
K field trip-LSU Farm
- April 16-**PreK trip-Strawberry Farm
K field trip-LSU Farm
- April 19-** First grade field trip- Global Wildlife
PreK trip-Strawberry Farm
- April 21-** Secretary's Day
- April 22-** First grade field trip
Global Wildlife
- April 27-** First grade field trip
Global Wildlife
- April 29-** First grade field trip
Global Wildlife
Papers go home
- April 30-** Relay for life



FROM THE CHIEF

Thank you to all our parents who volunteered during our Jambalaya Sale/Silent Auction. This has been our best fundraising year. Our first grade students will take the Iowa test during the week of April 12th through 16th. It is imperative that your child is present and on time each day during testing week. Please encourage your child to do his/her best each day. Each of us must remain positive so that our students will perform their best. Please remind your child of school, classroom, and bus rules. Please review with your child the following list of test taking strategies taken from www.testtakingtips.com.

Test Taking Tips for Parents

The following tips will provide suggestions for parents on how to approach test taking with their kids.

- ✓ Make sure that your child does all their homework and reading assignments which will help make sure your child is prepared for the test.
- ✓ Encourage your child to space out their studying and homework assignments so that they won't be forced to cram on the night before the test.



Kindergarten is so much fun! We continue to stay busy with our many activities.

Springtime has arrived. The weather is warmer and we are having fun exploring the world around us. We

will be learning more about plants and will begin a new unit on animals.

Classes will be going on many different trips this month. Some classes will visit a strawberry patch to see how strawberries grow! Students will also attend the LSU Farm Day or AgMagic to learn more about animals. We will get to explore the art of Eric Carle with our visiting artist, Mrs. Holly Barker.

As you can see, we are very busy here in kindergarten at Northwestern Elementary

Computer Lab News

Students are enjoying the Destination Success reading and math programs in computer classes. Links have also been added to the Destination Success site for at-home practice. Please visit the Northwestern Elementary School website and access the links page to see what's new in Destination Success.