



Throw me something Kindergarten! The Pre-K students are eagerly awaiting the annual Mardi Gras Kindergarten Parade at Northwestern Elementary. We will study the Mambo, create our masks and

crowns to wear to the parade, and practice the safety skills necessary to catch goodies. This is all a part of learning Louisiana! We will also discover all of the customs and traditions which make our state unique. We will participate in many activities centered around food, music, and literature related to Louisiana. In addition to our upcoming unit on Louisiana, Pre-K will take a

week to devote to black history month! We would like to continue thanking our parents and families for their continued support in reinforcing skills taught at school, at home, and for your generous donations of times and talents! Don't forget to let your child's teacher know if you are interested in volunteering!



Honor Roll

February Star Students	
Bonds	Bryce M
Bradley	Bailey V
Brown	Kirsten C
Carlton	Tanner T
Carter	Mallory L
Collins	Alex M
Darensbourg	Keely D
Gehling	Bailey D
Hampton	Seth W
Major	Kaitlyn M
Manchester	Nicholas F
Santangelo	Kaitlyn D
Savario	Caleb D
Spangler	Carlyn H
Taylor, H.	Curtis T
Taylor, P.	Anna D
Wall	Chad S

Wojohn	Cade L
Alvarez	Destiny B
Brady	Tamiya H
Cottongim	Travis C
Curry	Miu S
Day	Isabella R
Faircloth	Kaeden S
Gafford	Kate H
Joubert	Howard D
Kellogg	Josey W
Knecht	Courtney B
Manuel	Kelsey N
Martin	Robbie F
Tassin	Barret R
Thorne	Whitney L
Thornton	Syncere A
Tucker	Andrew G
Wells	Kaden T
Wilkins	Samuel R

Robertson	Tyler S
Broussard	Calla D
Favaloro	Alissa O
Hamilton	Wren H
Haney	Elyse L
Mestayer	Hailey E
Morrison	Alina K
Nezianya	Riley Kate C
Pierce	Tyler S
Smith	Jaylen H
Dennis	Mackensie
Hebert	Andrew V
St. Romain	Avery S
Granville	Seth B
Allen	Reginald M

Bonds All A Jenna B Madilyn D Megan F Addison G Tanner L Austin N MacKenzie T A-B Julianna D Maur'Daeja F Bailey G Bryce M Sydney R Dalton S Caleb W	Carlton All A Lindsay B Brett D Maeghan H Leah L Donovan M Trevor P Ava R Tanner T A-B Jeremiah H Kate H Markeilon J Shawn M Mason P	Collins All A Kara A Brianna B Abigail B Ethan B Janae D Julianna J Mallory K Anyah M Kylie P Ashlyn R Presleigh S Ian V A-B Elijah C Alex M Nick N Jacoy S Nathaniel T	Gehling All A Amare B Bryson B Trey B Tamirah B Stella C Bailey D Jayla G Jesse G Laila K Kerstyn M Gianna S Yahti W A-B Hollea B James S Kiandra S	Major All A Faith A Kaitlin B Austin D Christopher H Ashley J Abbiegayle L Mallory P Jon'Leya W Sophie S Darren T Kaitlyn M A-B Psalms W Hudson T Grace T Cole S Christian H Claire C	Santangelo All A Wyatt B Amya C Courtney C Kaitlyn D Kyla H Elizabeth N Kaylin S Rock T A-B Jordan C Kayla C Ramon J Jayden M Darius T Emily A	Spangler All A Garrett B Kaley B Kyree C Gabriel R Sebastian R Dominique W Joshua W Taylor W A-B Carlyn H Heidi K Cooper K Joshua M	P. Taylor All A Alexis C Shaniya C Christian D Anna D Reed F Robert H Bryson L Austin N Parker R Madison W A-B Hannah C Ashlyn D Alysha L Ashlyn M Wall All A Mia D Katelyn K Kale B A-B Emma D Sarah F Kate H Sha'Darion J Ky'el M Chad S McKinna S Caleb T Devin W Kaleb C Megan B Wojohn All A Beau A Hayden B Charles C Natalie C Emily H Kaitlyn K Cade L Gary M Sorah R Kysaun V Madeline W Trey W A-B Austin D Parker G Natalie M Jacob W Jessica W
Bradley All A Cade B Tate B Luke D Troy F Madison G Hunter H Madalyn H Payton H Craig J LaTaija M Caitlyn P Julia S Genesis S Dwayne S Bailey V D'Shawn W A-B Ethan W	Carter All A Dalton A Orsciana B Hayden D Kiley J Bryce K Olivia L Mallory L Trinity M Marshall M Sidney M Kennedy P Jordan P Nicholas R Chase V Tucker W Raelyn W Abigail Y A-B Jada C Jordan P	Darensbourg All A Kaylan C Keely D Jeremiah F Sky F Axavier L Victoria T Seth W A-B Allison F Alexander H Hailey H Hannah N Adalyn S Lucas S Kenson T	Hampton All A Bailee A Maddie G Chloe R Malia W Seth W Katie W A-B Levi D Diamond H Dylan M Karley N Payj R Heather S Hayden T	Manchester All A Kyle B Nicholas F Ivory G John Mark G Claire G Avery H Whit J A-B Danavon B Paige B Riley B Andrew C Brandon H Cheyenne H Emma J Anna L Christian S	Savario All A Jacob A Audrey- Michael A Gracie A Jack C Caleb D Megan D Devin H Kali N Taylor P Corey S Justice S Cecilia S A-B Connor A Mckayla C Logan D Joshuai G Taliyah J Prince J Alexis W	H. Taylor All A Ryan A Miranda B Emily C Shelby M Skyler R Hyneka S A-B Kane D Breanne G Raven G Treasure G Kobie G Jace H Sage H Kibi Jae H Kontrell J Ethan P Cayley P Gerald P Curtis T	



First graders have been busy during January. On January 25, we celebrated the 100th day of school with some exciting activities. The children enjoyed making necklaces and crowns, working puzzles, and other activities centered around the number 100. We will

continue working on place value (tens and ones). We will learn to tell time.

Have your child read to you often. Stress to your child that fluent reading is better than choppy reading. Ask questions about the story to check for comprehension. Please remember to turn in IOWA packets in weekly. This is very important. We want our children to be prepared to do their best. Talk to your child daily about their day in school. Thank you for all that you do!

Speech Spotlight

Ten Tips for Talking to Children

1. Use a quiet but firm tone of voice.
2. Use "I" messages rather than "You" messages.
3. Give choices.
4. Acknowledge children's feelings.
5. Use humor.
6. Offer gentle reminders. Reiterate the rules in short, positive sentences.
7. Teach techniques for conflict resolutions.
8. Focus on the positive. Let your children know that pro-social behavior is worth noticing.
9. Separate the action from the person.
10. Explain the rules. Let your children know the rationale behind your group rules.



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Important Dates

February 4-NES Parent Involvement Workshop at Zachary High School Athletic Center 9:00-12:00.

February 5 –Free Dress

February 8 – Star Student lunch and First grade play, Suessical

February 12 –Kindergarten Mardi Gras Parade

February 15 & 16 – Mardi Gras Holidays

February 17-World's Finest Sales End

February 18-Papers go home

REMINDER:
Spring Break will be March 29-April 5, 2010. Students will return to school on April 6, 2010.



FROM THE CHIEF

Congratulations to all of our first graders who received awards for our Honors Days. We are proud of all of them. Thank you to our parents who always encourage them to do their best. We are grateful that you send such terrific students to us. Thank you for supporting our free dress day to assist with the Haiti relief effort. Your contribution was sent to the Red Cross. It is important that our students learn the value of giving to others in times of need. We are appreciative for all that you do to assist us in educating your child.

Congratulations to:

Wyatt Barbe and Ashley Johnson for being selected as Northwestern Elementary Students of the Year, and Kaitlyn Dugas for having her artwork selected to be on exhibit in the governor's mansion for the month of January.

Congratulations also to:

**Roslyn Royal – Support Employee of the Year
Roselyn Major – Teacher of the Year**



This is an extra fun time for us in Kindergarten. We celebrated the 100th day of school at the end of January. During February we are planning to visit

the Starlab and getting to see stars in the sky, the constellations, as well as the planets.

Friday, February 12th at 9:30 a.m. will be our annual Mardi Gras Parade. Please mark it on your calendar and try to attend. It is sure to be a fun time for all.

We will also be exchanging Valentines with our classmates this month. We are continuing

to work with our letters, sounds, and numbers. We are now blending our letters together to read consonant-vowel-consonant or "CVC" words. So as you can see we are very busy here at Northwestern Elementary Kindergarten.

