



Pre-K students had an awesome time during the month of February. Our main topic for this past month was "You Are My Sunshine". The unit focused on lessons based on Louisiana and its culture. Some of the activities included baking king cakes, making masks, tasting local foods and listening to

Zydeco/Cajun music. Our culminating activity for the month was suppose to be the Mardi Gras Kindergarten Parade, but due to unforeseen weather conditions we were unable to attend school that day. In addition to our "You Are My Sunshine" unit activities we incorporated Valentine's Day and all the traditions associated with it. After our Mardi Gras break, students used conversational hearts to sort, Hershey kisses to estimate, and the /Hh/ initial

sound to chart words. For the last week of February we celebrated Black History month by becoming familiar with contributions made to our county by African Americans. Some of the African Americans highlighted were President Barak Obama, Martin Luther King Jr. and Bill Cosby. As we look forward to March, students will be learning more about print concepts (Dr. Seuss), initial sounds (Nursery Rhymes) and life cycles (All things New).

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 cafetorium. 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.



Counselor's Corner

Attention First Grade parents: Iowa Testing for first graders is scheduled for April 12-16. Mark these dates on your calendar and make sure that your children are present and on time for every day of testing. Set an earlier bedtime and lay out clothes and booksacks the night before. Aim for stress-free mornings and a good breakfast so that your children can do their very best on the Iowa Test.

As always, please call or e-mail us with your counseling needs.

Dana Vicellio & June Hood

PTO Events

Please be reminded that joining the PTO is a great way to be involved in your child's education. There are many events going on throughout the year and we are always in need of volunteers! Please see the PTO webpage for more details.

Computer Lab News

Students are learning and enjoying many new activities in the Destination Success reading and math programs in computer classes. Our technical department is working to update our software and links for the Destination Success site for at-home practice. We appreciate your patience during this process. Please visit the Northwestern Elementary School website and access the links page to see what's new in Destination Success. Also, if any parents would like to volunteer to help with birthday posters please contact Mrs. Forbes, the computer lab teacher.



World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser
Thanks to all the parents for participating in the world's finest chocolate fundraiser. The school did very well. We appreciate your continued support!

March Star Students

Bonds	Mckinley M
Bradley	Genesis S
Brown	None
Carlton	Claire M
Carter	Sidney M
Collins	Mallory K
Darensbourg	Sky F
Gehling	Jasten T
Hampton	Maddie G
Major	Faith A
Manchester	Amaya A
Santangelo	Brandon M
Savario	McKayla C
Spangler	Aniya H
Taylor, H.	None
Taylor, P.	Shaniya C
Wall	Dezalyn R
Wojohn	Madeline W
Alvarez	Nyla D
Brady	Paige H
Cottongim	Shakira J

Curry	Tristan B
Day	McKenna C
Faircloth	Kate S
Gafford	Arturia J
Joubert	Jada G
Kellogg	Todd G
Knecht	Cassidy C
Manuel	Ainsley V
Martin	Ja'Myia W
Tassin	Sophia L
Thorne	Danielle T
Thornton	Kayla K
Tucker	Kayla B
Wells	Tricia S
Wilkins	Kasen B
Robertson	Kade J
Broussard	Gabrielle V
Favaloro	Kylee R
Hamilton	Samuel G
Haney	Brooklyn M
Mestayer	Andon M
Morrison	William P

Nezianya	Taylor L
Pierce	Kyle N
Smith	Kathryn N
Dennis	Owen P
Hebert	Samira I
St. Romain	Matthew C
Granville	Russel W
Allen	Gregory T



February was a very busy month for first graders. We learned about famous people and their contributions to society. We really enjoyed the trip to the play Sussical. Our students have learned to count money and tell time. Please

continue practicing these skills. As always, please practice addition and subtraction facts with your child.

We are getting ready for the IOWA test that will be given in April. Our students will be ready for the test. Please encourage your child to listen carefully to directions during the test and at all times. Thank you

to our parents for helping with preparation for the test by assisting your child in completing the weekly IOWA practice packets.

Please continue to read every night with your child. Make it an enjoyable experience for both parents and children! Your child will reap the benefits now and in the future.



March is here. This will be a busy, as well as exciting month. We will be learning about Louisiana,

money, Spring time, and plants. We will have lots of fun at the Wadell Wildlife Refuge learning about Louisiana wildlife.

Report card time will soon be here. We are assessing the third nine weeks'

skills. Please remember to read daily with your child, practice counting to 100, and review coins and their worth.

We are looking forward to Easter activities, including our Easter egg hunt!



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Important Dates

March 2-K Field Trip-Waddill Wildlife

March 3- K Field Trip-Waddill Wildlife

AR Night-First Grade-4:30-6:30 p.m.

March 4- K Field Trip-Waddill Wildlife

AR Night-First Grade-4:30-6:30 p.m.

Papers go home

March 5- K Field Trip-Waddill Wildlife

Papers go home

March 6-Jambalaya Sale/Silent Auction-Coppermill Elem.

March 8-Star Student Lunch

March 11-End of 3rd nine weeks

March 12-Early Dismissal-Parent conferences-1:15 p.m.

March 18-Papers go home

Spring Pictures-free dress

Report cards go home

March 23-Pre-K Round Up

March 24-Kindergarten Round Up

March 24-28-Z-Fest

March 29-April 5-Spring Break



FROM THE CHIEF

Thank you to our awesome community partners, Raising Canes and Georgia Pacific. Raising Canes has contributed a variety of terrific incentives for our students. Georgia Pacific donated \$ 3,000 to our school. We love our community Partners. We thank Ms. Dana Vicellio, Ms. June Hood, Ms. Tamara Johnson and Ms. Lorrie Wax for conducting our parent workshop. Thank you to everyone who attended in spite of the rainy weather. We hope you received some great tips and materials to use with your children. The end of the third nine weeks is quickly approaching. Please remind your child/children that it is important that they attend school, listen, follow directions, and return their homework every day. We are currently involved in continuous training moving our school toward becoming a PBS (Positive Behavior Support) school. We already emphasize positive behavior in our Shape-Up program. Our students receive verbal praise and incentives in their classrooms as well as school-wide when we use our Bravo Braves rewards. We have posted three expectations throughout the school. They are: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be your Best. Everyone at Northwestern Elementary can tell you these expectations. Thank you for entrusting your child/children to us. They are awesome because they have awesome parents.