



Mrs. McKenna's Newsletter



February 24, 2017

This Week in ELA:

This week in reading, we added "come" and "with" to the word wall. We also learned that adjectives are describing words. We began a Dr. Seuss author study, learning a little bit about his life and work. We enjoyed *The Cat in the Hat*, noting the main character's **mischievous** ways, and *Green Eggs and Ham*. Additionally, we learned how avid readers react to what they are reading. Books can make us feel a lot of different emotions, and we can show reactions on our faces. In writing workshop, we continued writing our persuasive speeches. We have pushed back our speech day by one week. See the *important dates* section! 😊

This Week in Math:

This week in math, we continued practicing subtraction problems and writing corresponding number sentences. We are solving to find the result, and we write the problem with a "mystery box":

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This Week in Social Studies: We learned about Presidents' Day and how our country runs by a **democracy**. People can vote for leaders!

Our NASA word of the week was **nebula**. Let your child teach you all about it! ↓



March Birthdays

Mrs. Crawford 3/4
Layton Majure 3/17
Teddy Bacon 3/24



Orion Nebula

Important Dates:

- 2/24 FLE Musical/Silent Auction
- 3/13-3/17 Book Fair
- 3/16 NASA night
- 3/17 Updated: Persuasive Speech Celebration
- 3/21 Spring Pictures



Announcement(s):

- We are now using math workbooks, so you will no longer see your child's math work coming home in folders. Please refer to the math section of the newsletter to know what we are practicing in class!
- You may notice that our Persuasive Speech Celebration is getting pushed back by one week. It will now be on our inclement weather makeup day, March 17. This will follow our next NASA night on March 16th. Most likely we will prepare for this celebration in the second part of the day (maybe around 1:00). Thank you!



Home Talk:



When reading with your child, have him/her practice showing you facial expressions in response to what is happening in the story.

We are Bucket Fillers!



We fill buckets...no dipping!

Each week, teachers will pick a student who has done a great job being a "bucket filler," or a kind friend. This week, our bucket filler is: **Paris Barksdale**



Other School-Wide Announcements:

School Blog - This is the school's main way of sharing important information with families (ex: SIC, PTO, Foundation events, ways to be involved, upcoming events, etc.).

If you have not already done so PLEASE subscribe to this important communication resource - [School's Eagle Updates Blog](#).

Please stay informed of eLc happenings by subscribing to that as well - [Elementary Learning Collaborative Blog](#). There are two steps to completing the blog subscriptions. School information is also posted to Facebook.

School Webpage - A new page: [Boards: PTO, Foundation, and SIC](#) has recently been added to help keep families better informed of what each group does at Forest Lake.

Volunteering - The email addresses of everyone that completed a form indicating that they would be willing to assist at an event, etc. has been added to a spreadsheet. When there is a need for school-wide assistance, those people will receive a SignUpGenius link via email.

PTO Meetings - We have our quarterly NASA Nights where families can enjoy being together at school as they work on activities. There is usually a brief welcome or message offered by the PTO president when everyone meets in the cafeteria for the closing event. Meet & Greet, Parent Information Night, and Parent University are other special PTO evening events.