



The Bottlenose Beat

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March Learning Highlights

Science and Social Studies

- Studying the continent of Africa
- "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb!" We'll talk about how the seasons change from winter to spring and what that looks like in our weather

Math

- Finishing our coin study - identifying the names and values of coins
- Composing and decomposing two-digit numbers emphasizing the 'tricky teen's
- We'll begin graphing the daily weather to see which type is most common each month
- Continuing to challenge ourselves with the practice of skip counting by 5s and 2s
- Reviewing subtraction and practicing writing number sentences using characters from our favorite folk and fairytales

Reading Comprehension & Phonemic Awareness

- As we dive deep into our folktale study, students will identify the characters and setting of each story introduced
- Sequence important events by determining the beginning, middle, and end
- Comparing and contrasting the similarities and differences between stories
- Practicing the retelling of key details with classroom partners

Writer's Workshop

- Learning our words are like magic wands, using our persuasive and opinion pieces to help make the world a better place
- Continuing to practice using complete sentences and full thoughts in our writing



We are 100 days smarter!

Upcoming Important Dates

- March 2nd - Dr. Seuss Spirit Wear Day, Charyl's Extraordinary Tales Contest Begins
- March 6th - Fox in Sox Spirit Wear Day (wear your silliest socks)
- March 9th - Parent Council Meeting at CSA, 6pm
- March 13th - Favorite Book Character Spirit Wear Day, Rollerama 1:00 - 4:00pm
- March 16th - Leprechaun Traps Due
- March 17th - St. Patrick's Spirit Wear Day (uniform bottoms required), Morning Announcements in Bottlenose (make sure your child arrives on time to participate in this experience!)
- March 20th - Readers are Leaders Spirit Wear Day (dress for the job you want in the future)
- March 21st - Beluga Ball
- March 27th - Pajama/Comfy Clothes Spirit Wear Day & Schoolwide Read In Day, Charyl's Extraordinary Tales Contest Ends
- March 30th - April 3rd - No School, Spring Break
- April 6th - School Resumes
- April 15th - Culminating Event: Folktale Showcase & Scholastic Book Fair 2:00 - 3:00 (parent participation required)



Beluga Ball

We would love for you to join in the fun and excitement of the virtual CSA Beluga Ball on March 21st! Consider hosting a watch party with family and friends - and be sure to share the link with anyone who might want to support our school. As the largest fundraiser of the year, we are excited to see how the proceeds from our various projects help our school community. Be on the lookout for the link to our Amazon wish list as we collect items and assemble our basket. Cash donations of any amount can be sent in via envelopes labeled 'Beluga Ball'. Thank you for being a part of this special event!



All smiles as we get ready to board the bus to embark on our field trip to the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum!

March is Reading Month

March has arrived, bringing many exciting reading opportunities! In preparation for April's Culminating Event, students will take part in a March-Madness-style book bracket, voting for their favorite folktales until we crown a classroom winner! Additionally, we would love to have parents/family members join us to be a classroom mystery reader! Please see the SignUpGenius link sent via email for available dates and details on how to participate. I look forward to celebrating the joy of reading all month long and appreciate your help to make books come to life for your learner!



Leprechaun on the Loose!

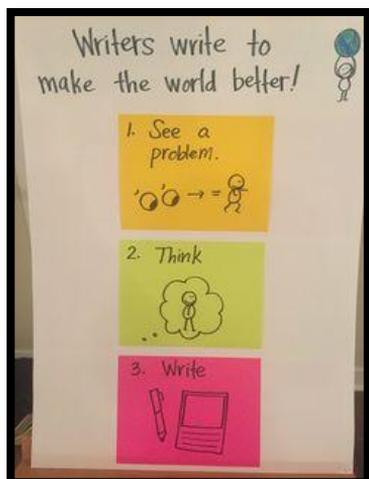
Lucky the Leprechaun may be paying us a visit soon! In years past, he has caused plenty of mischief! We need to be ready to catch him, so students are invited and encouraged to build a leprechaun trap 😊 Please see the note sent home in your child's Tuesday folders for instructions. All traps must be sent in by Monday, March 16th as our goal is to try and capture him before he returns back to Ireland on St. Patrick's Day!

MARCH CHARACTER CORNER

- ★ work ethic
- ★ responsibility
- ★ getting along
- ★ optimism
- ★ respect
- ★ kindness

Writing for a Cause

This month, we will begin a new writing unit focusing on persuasive opinions. We'll discover that writers don't just tell stories - they use their words to make a difference.



We will talk about how writers:

1. THINK about a problem they see in the classroom, school, or community
2. BRAINSTORM solutions
3. WRITE to share their ideas!

Last week, students shared their thoughts on:

- The importance of walking in the classroom
- Speaking using quiet voices indoors
- Including others who feel left out

Talk to your child about other causes they care about! We will continue to brainstorm and write meaningful pieces throughout the month of March.