



ELROY ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Dear Elroy Families,

Upcoming PSSA Test Strategies

Read Together

Even the tests that are not focused upon reading require reading skills for successful completion. If your child can't read and understand the posed questions, he will not be able to perform well on the test. To help your child build his reading skills prior to this assessment, read together daily. Set aside time for this task and dedicate effort to turning reading time into a standard household practice.

Make it Important

If you convey the attitude that standardized tests are trivial, your child will likely adopt a similar attitude. To increase the likelihood that your child sees performing well on the standardized test as important, you must show him that you feel that it is a priority. Tell your child that you want him to do well on these tests because they will have a major impact on his future.



Provide Encouragement

By encouraging your child, you can make it clear that you believe in him and that you think he is fully capable of doing well on the upcoming standardized tests. If your child goes into the tests with a positive, can-do attitude, he will likely perform better. In the days and weeks leading up to the test, tell your child that you believe that he can do well on the test and that you want him to really show his smarts when he takes the important assessments.

Sleep Tight

Many schools tout the importance of getting a good night's rest right before standardized tests. If your child is sleepy, he may not be capable of focusing and putting his all into his tests. Tuck your kiddo in early the night before the test, and encourage him to try his best to rest up so he is fresh and ready for the test.

Eat Up

Hunger can be a major distraction. If your child's tummy is growling he may struggle to keep his mind on the academic task at hand. The morning before your child takes his test, fix him a nice breakfast and sit down with him while he eats it. Make the day special for your child so he is excited and pumped for the tests he is about to tackle.

Dr. Pagan



COUNSELORS CORNER

This month we celebrated Kindness with a special Kindness Week Celebration. Did you know that there are scientifically proven benefits to being kind? Witnessing kindness has been shown to reduce our blood pressure and improve heart health, increase our energy, improve happiness and increase our life span.

During our kindness week, students were encouraged to show each other random acts of kindness, send each other notes of kindness and participate in a kindness Bingo challenge.

Check out these students who chose to be the "I" in KIND!



PATHS LESSONS

This month, PATHS lessons will focus on Relationships and dealing with other people's behavior for 5th and 4th grade. Generating solutions to our problems for 3rd grade. Curiosity and perseverance for 2nd grade. Curiosity and Feelings Review for 1st grade and Jealousy, Furious and Guilty for Kindergarten.

Small Group Counseling

Small Group Counseling is happening virtually and in person for the month of April. If your student is interested in joining a small group online or in school, to learn new coping skills, work through grief, or learn to make friends, please email me at any time.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FOURTH GRADE

Wow! It is hard to believe we are in the final quarter of the school year. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and perseverance our 4th graders have demonstrated this year!

This year in math, the 4th graders have continued to develop their problem-solving abilities using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We have concentrated on learning new strategies to multiply multiple-digit numbers and learned how to solve long division problems. Recently, we have been focusing on fractions. As we prepare to conclude our year in 4th grade, we will continue to strengthen our fraction skills and further develop our knowledge of measurement and data.

In science, we have enjoyed learning about soils, rocks and erosion, electric circuits, space, the importance of the water cycle, and ecosystems. We have constructed simple circuits and flashlights using a paper towel roll and cup. We are beginning our final science unit, Animal Studies. The students will be preparing habitats in preparation of welcoming African Dwarf Frogs and Fiddler Crabs into our classroom. We are looking forward to our virtual assembly in June presented by Mad Science entitled, Fire and Ice.

In ELA, students have enjoyed wonderful short stories while focusing on important skills, like theme, characterization, figurative language, plot, and many more. Earlier in the year, we entered the world of Naomi, Florida while reading the novel Because of Winn Dixie. We met some very interesting characters and identified a variety of themes within our novel. Our upcoming class novel will be Tuck Everlasting. We are very excited to go on this reading journey!

This year in social studies has taken us on a tour of the United States. We have learned about our country's regions, landforms, and government system. We can also name and locate all 50 states and capitals!



The Life Skills classroom has done an amazing job adapting to all the changes this school year has brought. We can't believe that spring is here already! Now that it is here, we enjoy being able to incorporate the warm weather and sunny days into our work. We have been working on listening and comprehension skills by reading different springtime stories and displaying our comprehension using picture symbols. We have enjoyed different spring themed sensory experiences such as painting with items we found during a nature walk and making spring sensory water bottles for our classroom. Using chalk has been one of our favorite ways to practice our fine motor skills by writing our letters and sight words. We are excited to finish this year with sunshine and smiles!

