

SHAWSHEEN SHOUT OUT!

March 2022



Shawsheen Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

Mar 4

March Birthday Treats (Optional)

**Individually wrapped and packaged*

Mar. 14-18

No School for Students

Spring Break

Mar. 28

No School for Students

Mar. 29

Parent Group Meeting

ZOOM - 5:30pm

Apr. 1

April Birthday Treats (Optional)

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Apr. 4-29

Kindergarten Registration

Friendly Reminders

- Please keep students home if they are sick
- Contact the office if students will be staying home
- It is strongly recommended that students and adults wear masks inside the building

Conferences

Thank you for attending your child(ren)'s conference last month! If you missed it please contact your child's teacher to reschedule.

Family Night

Our Literacy Family Night was sent home Feb. 16. We hope you and your family enjoyed making the s'mores, writing about it, and reading your child(ren)'s new books. Thank you again to our generous donors, Cortney Walker and Saint Patrick's Presbyterian Church for donating books to every student! Our next and last Family Night for this school year will be April 27th. Stay tuned for more details.

State Testing

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders' state testing, called Colorado Measure of Academic Success (CMAS), begins in April. Please watch for specific dates and times. Students do their best when they test with their peers. Please avoid scheduling appointments in the mornings during the first 3 weeks of April as that is when students will be testing. Thank you for your support!

Attendance

Please ensure your child(ren) comes to school on time each day they are healthy enough to be here. If your child has any symptoms please keep them home and call the attendance line (970-348-2302) to report their illness before 7:50am. Students should be in class by 7:50am Tuesday-Friday and by 8:50am on Mondays to be considered on time. Thank you for your support!

Jokes

Children love jokes and riddles. Don't know any? You can check out joke or riddle books at your local public library or look them up online. Here's a fun one a third grader told a couple weeks ago.

Child: Knock knock,	Me: Who's there?
Child: Banana,	Me: Banana who?
Child: Knock knock,	Me: Who's there?
Child: Banana,	Me: Banana who?
Child: Knock knock,	Me: Who's there?
Child: Banana,	Me: Banana who?
Child: Knock knock,	Me: Who's there?
Child: Orange,	Me: Orange who?
Child: Orange you glad I didn't say banana again	

Weekly COVID Screening

Shawsheen is participating in a weekly COVID screening program. One advantage to your child participating is they may not have to be quarantined. Another benefit is you can earn money for their participation. If you are interested, or want more information use this link

<https://tinyurl.com/covidserialtest>





Teacher News

Be sure you are connected to ClassDOJO for the most updated news from your child's teacher.

Art

The annual District 6 and Friends Art Walk takes place on Friday March 4th in Downtown Greeley. Visitors can browse artwork created by students grades K-12, displayed throughout downtown's businesses, restaurants and shops. Shawsheen's downtown location is at The Nerd store (807 8th St). Also, be sure to stop by and see the 'K-12 District 6 and Friends' art show featuring "Food" themed artworks at the Academy of Natural Therapy at 631 8th Avenue in downtown Greeley. Walk around downtown to see other school's artwork, enjoy dance performances, guitar players, singers, and so much more! It is a fantastic event, fun for the whole family.

Student Artwork will remain on display for the entire month of March if you are unable to attend the opening night. View the website www.GreeleyYouthArt.com If you have any other questions. You can also view the event map on the website!

Music

Music begins an exciting time of instrument performance across the grade levels including bucket drumming K-2, ukuleles in fifth / third and recorders in fourth grade. Ask your students about their progress. We use martial arts belt rankings to promote their new found skills through the content. What belt is your child working to achieve?

You do not need to purchase instruments for your students, although having an instrument at home would be a great advantage. Any questions please send me an email at eeaster@greeleyschools.org.

PE

5210+ Month has been a great time. Your child has been learning about creating healthy habits, nutrition, staying active for a lifetime, and learning about the cardiovascular system. I hope your student earned 80 checkboxes and turned in their log to earn that cool new T-Shirt.

Please help your child remember to bring Tennis Shoes for PE. I understand there is snow outside but it is very dangerous and hard for your child to wear boots in PE. We are active once

we walk through the doors. Students can bring their PE shoes in their backpack and change when they have PE and then go back to their boots.

4th and 5th graders will be participating in Inline skating next month. We are excited!

Thanks for all your support! Be healthy, be active, be happy!

Kindergarten

We are having a great time in kindergarten! We are learning and growing so much!

We're focusing on recognizing, writing, and counting groups with the numbers 0 to 20. We continue to work hard on addition and rote counting to 100 too.

In reading we are working on reading "the fast way" with fluency and accuracy. Regular practice at home is important. Please read with your child as often as possible.

Our current goal in writing is to write complete sentences that include strong details. We continue to add new words to our word wall regularly too.

Thank you for all you are doing to help your child learn and grow!

First Grade

Reading Mastery Signature Edition (RMSE)

We continue to work on building phonemic awareness, phonics skills and fluency within our RMSE groups.

One of our reading groups is doing SIPPS and is continuing the chapter book "Freckle Juice" by Judy Blume.

Just a reminder that RMSE (red) homework folders will come home each day. Please listen to your child as he/she reads his/her homework. We'd like 1st graders to read the story to you 2 times. Additionally, please sign and return it the following day. This is a crucial piece of their reading instruction in first grade.

MATH

We're working in **Unit 5 - Adding within 100**. Math homework will be sent home in Thursday folders and will need to be returned by the following Wednesday. Homework will be a review of that week's lessons taught in class. Please let your child's teacher know if you need additional support or resources for completing the homework at home.

WRITING

First graders are working hard in writing each day. We are reading non-fiction stories and writing facts about ourselves and others.

OTHER

Thank you so much to all of the families that helped to make Valentine parties so special. We appreciate you so much. Brrrr it's getting cold outside! Please make sure your first grader has something warm to wear for recess. If the weather is above 18 degrees and no precipitation, we will be playing outside. Also, you are welcome to send a healthy snack with your child each day. There is a healthy school snack provided Tuesday through Friday; however, some students prefer a healthy snack from home. We have our snack time each day from 1:50pm to 2:00pm.

Thank you for all you do!

Second Grade

March will be filled with fun and learning in second grade!

Writing: We will be reading, discussing, and writing friendly letters to a variety of people, carefully considering our audience, the purpose of our letters, and word choice. At the end of March, we will be exploring descriptive and figurative language as we focus on poetry.


Math: In Unit 7, students will add and subtract within 1,000, with and without composing and decomposing a 10.

Literacy: We are working in Unit 5, "How Can People Make a Difference?". Our focus will be working on summarizing and making predictions. The skills are point of view, problem and solution, sequencing, and cause and effect.

Third Grade

Reading: Unit 4 Meet the Challenge - We are continuing to learn about the differences between fiction and nonfiction, understanding the main idea of the text and finding details that support it. Students are working on understanding text structures such as cause/effect and problem/solution. Students are also continuing to work on the online Lexia reading program two to three times a week, along with building their skills through daily reading and writing. We are also working on test taking strategies as the state assessments will be soon.

Writing: Expository Nonfiction -We are working on the expository nonfiction writing and continuing to discuss what is needed to have a well rounded essay based on nonfiction facts. Students will read multiple texts on different topics with different nonfiction information and will be working on presenting their text in different ways.



Math: Unit 5 Fractions as Numbers - We are continuing to learn about fractions. We will also use many different strategies to solve real world problems. We will also be working on reviewing many math skills in preparation for our state assessments that will be in April. Please continue to support your student at home by working on multiplication flash cards or by skip counting with them any chance you get with multiples of 0-12.

Social Studies: American Citizen, Symbols, and Government - We will begin to learn about America's government and symbols and how it relates to our students.

Weekly Homework: Homework packets are sent home on Thursdays and are due the following Thursday. The due date is always printed on the top right corner of the top page. We ask parents/guardians to work with students to develop a homework schedule that works best for your family. Additionally, we ask parents/guardians to check over student's work and sign the front page of homework at the bottom indicating you have done so. Students are also asked to read 20 minutes or more per night and to complete the reading log entries every day. The homework packet may also include math practice, spelling and reading practice. The red take home folder/homework folder needs to be returned daily with homework so we can make sure students are getting work done. Thank you for supporting your students as they work through their homework each week.

Fourth Grade

We have been so busy this month! Our work will prepare us for spring testing.

Math: Before Spring Break, we will take our assessment for Unit 6: Multiplying and Dividing Multi-digit Numbers. After Spring Break, we will begin Unit 7: Angles and Angle Measurement. In this unit students learn to draw and identify points, rays, segments, angles, and lines, including parallel and perpendicular lines. Students also learn how to use a protractor to measure angles and draw angles of given measurements, and identify acute, obtuse, right, and straight angles in two-dimensional figures.

Writing/Social Studies: As we finish our opinion papers, we will be starting our research unit in writing. We have aligned our Social Studies unit with our writing unit and are focusing on Colorado History. We have been working on researching Colorado History and organizing our research. After doing our research, during the next few weeks, we will begin writing a research paper about the research we have completed.

Literacy: We are currently in Unit 4, called Fact or Fiction. The comprehension *strategies* that we will focus on are ask and answer questions, and make predictions. Our comprehension *skills* that we will be using are cause and effect, point of view, and theme. We will be practicing these skills in both fiction and nonfiction texts throughout the unit.

Science: In March we are working in a new science unit called How Can Animals Use Their Senses to Communicate? In this science kit, we will investigate how animals, including humans,

use their internal and external structures to sense the world around them, process information, communicate information to others, and react accordingly.

Homework: Please make sure your child is completing homework nightly to get the needed practice. It is sent home every Thursday in a stapled packet that contains reading and math homework. Students should be reading every night and filling in their reading log as well. Please sign and return it every Thursday.

Working for your child.

Fifth Grade

Reading - We are currently working in our fourth unit. Our primary standard is RL 5.6 and RI 5.6. Both of these standards address the author's point of view and multiple accounts of an event or topic. Students have been reading about topics such as the Great Depression, natural resources, and Rosa Parks. They have been working hard identifying the meaning of words in the text using context clues. Our unit 4 test will be taken on March 4th. After this test, we will begin our fifth and final Wonders unit.

Math - In February we started Unit 6. This unit covers a wide array of topics. These topics include measurement conversions and powers of 10, adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators, and comparing products. Students may play Prodigy at home for extra practice on any of these topics.

Writing - Students are writing expository pieces. They are researching their topics, outlining their work to organize their facts, and then creating 5 paragraph informational pieces. We will publish all of their pieces. This is our last major writing unit for the year.

Social Studies - This month we are talking about the Road to War and the American Revolution. We will be studying lots of important events and people. We are working on a variety of projects to align with this unit. Our objective is for students to understand the events that led to the decision to fight for independence and the impacts the war had on the colonies and the British.

YMCA

We will be attending the YMCA on May 6th. Please be on the lookout for more information.

