

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that spring is right around the corner. It definitely did not feel like spring this week. Just a reminder to send your child with a sweatshirt and warm coat each day. With the windows open, our classrooms can get chilly.

We have noticed that many of the children are having trouble completing their Aleks and Mobymax each day (or week). It is very important that they work on their Aleks pathway to not only solidify their 3rd or 4th grade math skills but help them move beyond those skills. Mobymax is a great way for the children to practice and master their basic facts. Third grade is the year that they need to be mastered so that they are ready to use those facts for higher level skills. A few students have already completed Mobymax and we have moved them on to quick tables on Aleks.

The children are done taking notes about their region of the United States. They are now working on a group google slideshow to present to the class. Each group member has decided which 2 or 3 topics they will be responsible for creating and presenting to the class. The slide shows should be finished by the end of the week. We hope to finish with time for them to practice as a group how they will present. Presentations will be the week of March 7th.

In reading, your child should have shared their State float or suitcase project. We are reading about the states in class and taking notes but the floats need to be completed at home. They are due on Monday, March 7th. The information and project examples can also be seen on Reading and Spelling Google Classroom.

Have your child show you their informational book they have created on Book Creator. Many are done and ready for publication but some need to put some work in over the weekend. We will have a short work time on Monday but after that, we will not be using any of our writer's workshop to work on them. I am very impressed with their work. They have learned how much time authors spend editing their work.

Lent begins on Wednesday with an Ash Wednesday prayer service. In class, we will be learning about Lent, creating a Lenten prayer booklet with their Lenten promises, and many projects to compliment the season.

Our lenten food drive has begun. Let's fill the shelves of the food locker. Please give what you can. Look in the Thursday Packet for the items most needed and for the items they have an abundance of. Let this be a record breaking food drive.

Enjoy the beautiful but cold weather this weekend,  
Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith

