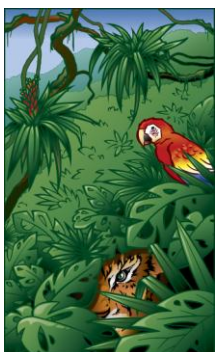


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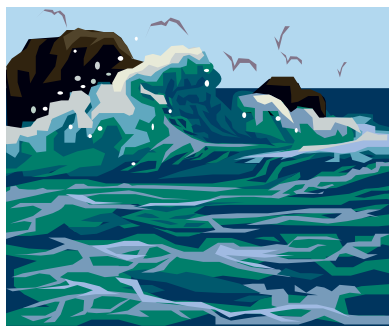


**3K:** We had so much last week getting to know our friends in the forest. This week we will travel to the Rainforest. **“It’s a jungle out there!!!”** This is one of our favorite units of study. Just wait ‘til you see all the uses of vibrant colors we come up with... Our letter for the week is “N”. Our number is 12. Don’t forget... practice, practice, practice - on those name sheets! ☺

**4K:** In 4k this week we are continuing our journey through space. We are learning about the planets and what makes each one special. We will continue learning about lower case letters (d,e,f) and discussing the number 6. There is lots of excitement as we get started practicing for circus. The kids are working so hard. It will be the best show on earth! Our bible verse for this month is “God made the sun, the moon, and the stars.” Jeremiah 31:35



**4k Students of the week:** Zinia Rogers, Kathryn Enos, Vaden Moore, Beth Anne McCollum, and Kate Trevathan



**5K:** This week we will continue our “All About Water” unit. During Language Arts, we will be working on our own “Somewhere in the Ocean” counting books. We will also learn how “onomatopoeias” (sound words) make reading more exciting. During science, we will conduct several water experiments involving predictions. We will talk about water as a solid, liquid and a gas. During math, we will wrap up our unit on Geometry & Fractions. We will begin learning to read & write numbers 11 to 20. We continue to sharpen our reading and writing skills through writing activities and guided reading.

**5K Students of the week:** Brynn Oliver and

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** This week we will continue learning about Arctic life. Students will identify predators, prey, camouflage and the food

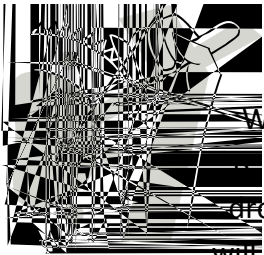


chain. We will discover the differences between the North Pole and the South Pole. Students will identify these regions on a map and research the animals that live there. In math we will continue to order numbers through place value and begin working with number patterns. Next week we will be so excited to celebrate the 100th day of school. Please decorate a hat with 100 items and bring a snack to school for our 100th day trail mix.

Parents, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 15, 2012. We will travel to College Station to visit the George Bush Presidential Library. This is an awesome opportunity for lots of learning for our students. We hope you can be a part of it too. Details will be coming soon!

**First Grade Students of the Week:** Michael Rasmussen and Addison Diggs

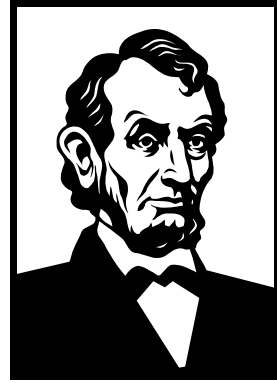
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Our Learning Excursion to SFA to see Junie B. Jones is this Friday! Thanks so much to our parents who volunteered to drive! We will have a pizza lunch at school and then head out for Nacogdoches. It should be a fun day! This week in Math, we will work with fraction



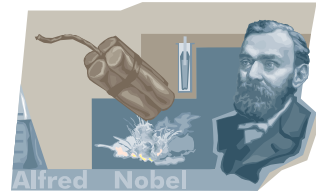
notation and learn new subtraction facts (-2). Thanks for practicing flash cards at home each night! ☺ We will also review addition and subtraction with regrouping. We will begin a new unit in Science about Simple Machines. We will be reading Junie B. Jones and the Mushy Gushy Valentine this week. In spelling we are learning the dropping rule and will have a test on Friday. We will be learning the cursive s. Also, we will continue to compose our fables.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students of the Week:** Lorelei Shultz and Madeline McCollum

**3rd Grade:** This is going to be an exciting week! Don't forget that our students are preparing for their Wax Museum performances! They are working so hard and are excited to share the things they have learned about their historical figure. Tour times will begin at 8:15 and continue until noon Thursday. In math we are working on perimeter, checking one-digit division, and adding and subtracting with more than 3-digits. Continuing our study on ecosystems, we are identifying pond organisms and comparing ponds around the world in science. In language we are wrapping up pronouns and working in literature circles as we read *Snot Stew*. This week, we are focusing on how the characters feel, and what the plot is of the story.



### 3rd Grade Student of the Week: Shelby Young and Nate Eubanks



**4th Grade Language Arts:** We are finishing *Old Yeller* this week, and we are also working on narrative poetry. We are learning more about possessive pronouns, contractions with pronouns, and homophones. We have a vocabulary test on Tuesday and a Spelling test on Friday. Our Reading Counts goals of 60 points are due by February 24. In Social Studies, we have a test on Chapter 7 on Thursday.

**4th Grade Math:** We are simplifying mixed measures and finding information to solve problems.

**4th Grade Science:** We are studying the rock cycle, types of rocks and minerals, and the properties of each. We will be visiting SoundTech on Tuesday as part of their SEEK activity.

**4th Grade Student of the week:** Matt Hineman



**5th Grade Language Arts:** We are reading *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* and working on narrative poetry. We are studying possessive pronouns, reflexive pronouns, and contractions with pronouns. We have a vocabulary test on Tuesday and a Spelling test on Friday. In Social Studies, we have a test on Chapter 12 on Wednesday. We will begin studying the Revolutionary War. Our Reading Counts goals are 60 points by February 24.



**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math:** We are learning to round decimal number, mentally dividing decimal numbers by 10 and 100, and simplifying fractions. We will also be reviewing our practice TAKS tests we took last week – discussing how to eliminate unnecessary information/answers and how to use processing skills to determine what is being asked in the questions.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science:** We are studying local environments, ecosystems, food chains in the ecosystems, and the energy pyramid in the ecosystems.



**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the week:** Whit Wesoloski

# Specialty Scoop:



## Ye~Haw! Andrew Adams

Andrew Adams has READ AROUND TEXAS!!!! The library has a program for students to read ALL 20 of the Texas Bluebonnet Books and Andrew has completed this goal and received his prizes! He loves to read...even at Orange Leaf! Be sure to congratulate him! WAY TO GO ANDREW!!!!

By the way...don't forget our **Where Do You Read? Window** in the library. Take a picture of your child in their favorite place to read and I'll post it in the library window. We have students reading on vacation in Mexico, while snacking at Orange Leaf, at their brother's World Series Baseball Game and the list goes on. Drop by and see and be sure and add your reader to the collection!

**Reading Logs Are Due on WEDNESDAY** of this week. Be sure to put them in your folders and turn them in to your classroom teacher for pick up! Our students have already read over 411,946 pages! If they reach a million...who knows what will happen?

Book Fair is coming: **SEE THE FLYER BELOW...**

# Read S'more Books!

## Book Fair

February 6th – February 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 am – 3:30 pm Daily



Family Night  
Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>



5:30 pm to 8:00pm

Come to the Book Fair, Buy **S'MORE**  
**books**  
so you can **READ S'MORE** Books

**Book Fair Proceeds**  
**Benefit Our School**  
**Library**

