



Smith Spectacular

March 9, 2018



Apparently winter wants to hang around! We hope everyone stayed safe and warm yesterday!

March is a busy learning month for Smith School. State testing (Empower) will be administered between March 20-April 13 for 3rd and 4th graders. Specific days for grade levels and subject tests are on calendar at our website at <http://smith.rsu22.us/> under all events.

ALL EVENTS

Events at Leroy H. Smith School

Please feel free to reach out to your child's homeroom teacher with any questions.

We have a new sign-out policy for students who are dismissed. If you need to dismiss your child during the school day or are late picking them up after school hours, you will need to sign them out in the office. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

Pre K and Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-19 school year were held February 8. If you did not register your child on this day, please contact Debbie Smith in the office at 223-4282 or email at dsmith@rsu22.us. for Kindergarten registration information or Sandi Parise at 322-5086 or 338-3827 for Pre K information.

Kindergarten is hard at work!!

Kindergarten is working hard on learning to read. We are working on such things as ending sounds, decoding CVC words, short and long vowels, sight words, syllables, and rhyming words. In Writer's Workshop, we are writing How To books, explaining how to do things like make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, build a snowman, get dressed in the morning, or take care of a pet.

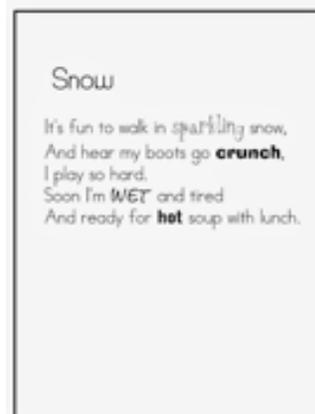
In theme, kindergarten has been working on a variety of topics. We have celebrated World Read Aloud Day with books and activities by and about Dr. Seuss. We have also participated in Welcome Week, sponsored by Smith School CRT (Civil Rights Team) by decorating our classroom doors around the theme of skin color. Finally, we are beginning our unit on weather. We will be learning about types of weather and the weather that you usually see in each season.

In math, kindergarten is currently working on teen numbers (made up of 10 plus some more) and counting to 100. We continue to work on fluently adding and subtracting to 10. We have also been working on shapes and data collection and graphing.

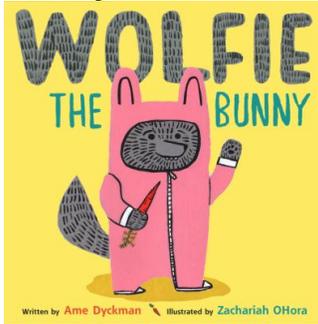
Second Grade Poets!

Smith School Second Graders have been reading a variety of poems written by poets like Shel Silverstein, Robert Frost and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Students have been practicing reading fluently and adding expression and intonation when they read. Ask your child what their favorite poem is. Second Grade has created a wide range of original poems like Acrostic, Couplets, Shape Poems and Limericks. They have been focusing on adding interesting descriptive adjectives to their poems to help the reader visualize and to express emotions.

Second Grade will be sharing a few favorite poems at the All School Meeting held on the last B day of this month. I hope to see you there!



Library



"When Dot's parents find a baby wolf on their doorstep, they decide to raise him as a rabbit. Dot is sure he will eat them all up

as he gets bigger, until a surprise encounter with a bear brings the two siblings together." Ame Dyckman is a wonderful author to check out in the library. Our library just bought all of her books for the kids to enjoy. If you need a good laugh, please try one of her books!



A SLICE OF PIE!

(Partners in Education)

The annual **SMITH SCHOOL READ-A-THON** is right around the corner! Get ready to enjoy some wonderful books! The Read-a-thon is a fun way to help raise money for our school. Each child will be encouraged to get sponsors to pledge them money for the minutes that they read. Students will earn tickets for reading. Tickets will be placed into a drawing for a chance to win a bike from Howard Lodge #69's "Bikes for Books" program. One girl and one boy from each grade (K-4) will win a bike! The more kids read, the more tickets they will have in the drawing! On the day of the bike drawing--**Friday, April 13th**, students and staff can come to school dressed as one of their favorite book characters for a fun book character parade. Please be on the lookout for Read-a-thon packets and information coming home in backpacks on Monday, March 12th. The Read-a-thon dates will take place between **Monday, March 12th and Friday, April 6th**. Happy reading!

Our original March PIE meeting date has been moved due to a scheduling conflict. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30** in the library.

Remember, Smith School Merchandise orders are placed at the end of every month. If interested, you can find an order form on the school website. Just send the completed form into school with a check made out to "PIE." Show your school pride with some cool Smith School gear!

BOX TOPS! BOX TOPS! SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS!! As you and your family save up your Box Tops please send them in a baggie or envelope with your child's teachers name on it. Each month the class that has collected the most Box Tops will have Baxter the Box Top Bear to hang out with all month! Keep in mind Box Tops are worth 10 cents each and add up quickly for free money!! Ziploc, Hefty, Lysol, Annie's, Progresso, even El Paso are just some of the brand names that support the program! Keep them coming!! Thank you! Nina McKenney, Box Top Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 12- Friday, April 6: Smith School Read-a-thon

**Wednesday, March 14: PIE meeting, 6:30
Smith School Library**

Thursday, March 29: All School Share

Tuesday, March 20-Friday, April 13:
Empower testing grades 3 & 4

Friday, March 23: Battle of the Books,
Wagner School, 3pm-5pm

Friday, April 6: Third quarter ends

Friday, April 13: Early Dismissal, 11:30
(Report card come home)

Friday, April 13: Character parade; Bikes for Books assembly 8:00 (No Letter Day)

Monday, April 16-Friday, April 20: No School; Vacation



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Dear Parents,

In the wake of recent events at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida last month, a national School Walkout movement has been organized for March 14th.

Given the developmental age of our student we do not feel it is in our best interest to participate in this way. We will continue to teach and celebrate kindness during this time, as always.

Thank you for sharing your children with us each day!

Sincerely,
Dawn Moore
Smith School