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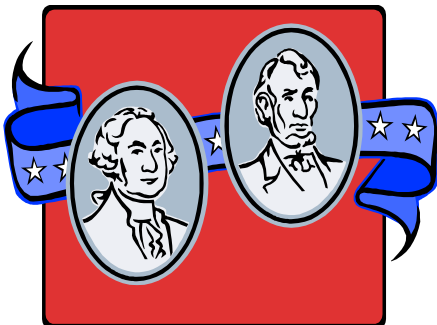
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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! I sincerely hope everyone had a great break. Thanks to our PTA, Eastlake's students were welcomed back to school with a wonderful Cultural Arts program by Sadecky's Puppets. The program, which focused on the concept of respect, was excellent and well received by the children and staff alike. It was a nice way to get back to business after the holiday. We are now in a highly significant period of the year academically. Our students and staff are hard at work preparing for NJASK testing in May. Moving forward, marking period two has concluded, and progress reports will be distributed this Friday, February 3rd. We have a curriculum day the following Friday, February 10th, which means students will be dismissed at 12:45 that day. Schools will also be closed on Monday and Tuesday, February 20th and 21st for President's Day.

Sincerely,
Mark Gray
Principal



100th Day of School

Eastlake will be celebrating the 100th day of school in February. We will have a "100 Museum". Mrs. Baltuch is collecting ziploc bags that contain 100 items. Please bring all bags in by February 9th. We will also have the opportunity to decorate t-shirts to wear on the 100th day. If you would like to make a shirt, please send one in no later than February 1st. Please contact Mrs. Baltuch with any questions.

100th Day

K-Kids

K Kids had Bring a Box Wear Crazy Socks Day on Thursday January 26th for the food pantry. They are finishing their canned food drive on Tuesday January 31st. Our showcase is displaying the results of our efforts. Our scrapbook is also filing up fast with photos of our members engaged in our activities.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/3 – Ice Cream Sale
- 2/8 – Big Brothers/Big Sisters 3 – 4
- 2/8 – PTA Mtg, 7:30
- 2/10 – 12:45 Dismissal, Curriculum Day
- 2/16 – Market Day Pick-Up
- 2/17 – Ice Cream Sale
- 2/20 – School Closed, Winter Break
- 2/21 – School Closed, Winter Break
- 2/22 – Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- 2/24 – Ice Cream Sale
- 2/27 – PGT Mtg, 7pm, Parsippany Library
- 3/3 – Mardi Gras Fun Fair and Tricky Tray

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Looking Ahead

Pre-School: This month in Mrs. Marano's preschool class we will be learning about community helpers and reviewing the letters "E" and "G". We also will be continuing our study on "winter season". Will the groundhog see his shadow this month? We hope that you have an opportunity to play in the snow in the month of February! Don't forget to wear your mittens and hats while building those marvelous snowmen! :)

February is Dental Health month so in Mrs. Marino's preschool class we will be learning about the dentist. We will also be learning about all different kinds of community helpers through a study on community helpers. Please remember to send in a family 4X6 photo to keep at school to add to our bulletin board if you have not done so yet.

Friday's are gym days so wear your sneakers! Have a happy Valentine's Day!!

In February, Miss Yee's class will learn about our community helpers. From the dentist to the firemen (and women!) in our town all of these helpers are integral in keeping our community safe. We will learn more about their professions and have fun exploring their daily duties in our centers and circle times. We will continue to expand our knowledge of the alphabet too! We are approaching the last half of the letters! Remember to wear appropriate shoes on Fridays for our gym time!

Kindergarten: We are halfway to 1st grade. Skills that should be focused on at the present – knowing all letters and their sounds, reading the high frequency vocabulary words, writing letters (lower and uppercase) correctly and neatly, rhyming, writing numbers correctly and neatly, identifying groups of objects up to 20, putting 2 groups together to add up to 20, putting 2 groups together to add up to 10, and identifying patterns. Also your child can keep a journal at home. Practicing these skills at home should be fun and allows you and your child to spend quality time together.

First Grade: First graders will be ending our unit on habitats with dioramas! Please visit the front hallway showcase in February to view all the hard work they have done and concepts they have mastered! We will be studying rocks and soil next. We have been learning about fact families in math and reading about changes in reading.

Second Grade: The 2nd graders are continuing to develop their reading, writing, and math skills. This month, we have learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and Chinese New Year. Please ask us about these topics as we have become very knowledgeable. We are enjoying sharing our January projects and seeing what our classmates have created!

Third Grade: The third grade is staying very busy this Winter! In reading, we are currently working on the stories, "Prudy's Problem...and How She Solves It" and "Symphony of Whales". Along with reading these great stories we are working hard to learn the skills that go with them, such as identifying the main idea and details.

Multiplication has officially entered the picture in math, so the children should be working hard at home to memorize their facts! In science, we are finishing learning about the plant life cycle and beginning to study rocks and minerals. We are excited to learn about the Native American tribes in social studies. Learning about different people and how they lived long ago is very interesting, don't you agree?!

Fourth Grade: Fourth graders have begun the second unit in our reading series. What is the value of work and play? (our concept question) has certainly sparked great conversation. We have discussed how we can learn to appreciate the talents of others. It's time to divide...in math, we are exploring division using various manipulatives so that the children see how groups are divided, and how many are in each group. Social Studies has us learning all about the resources our country has. We are creating graphic organizers to help us understand the differences between non-renewable, renewable and flow resources. Do you know what these resources are, how they are used and if they are replaceable? If you're not sure, ask your child!! In science, we are creating our own animals using the website Switeroozoo. As you can see, fourth grade is the place to be!!

Fifth Grade: The fifth grade is busy with a number of things. Many of the students are preparing for the Expressive Reading tryout. We have seventeen fifth graders that signed up to try out. They are practicing at home and with the coaches at lunchtime. They will be judged on expression, volume, enunciation, eye contact, appropriate rate of speed, and getting the mood of the piece across to the audience. On February 9th we will have our in school competition to choose our six member team. The Eastlake team will compete on March 22nd against the other Elementary schools in the district competition. Mr. Singer, our very own science wizard, dropped by for a visit to one of the classes and we are sure you heard about the fun things we learned concerning air pressure. (Don't worry; he'll be visiting the other class soon.) We plan to participate in the Hundred Day count and soon you'll be hearing about a "buddy" project that Mrs. Scatton's students will be involved in.