

## Clyde Elementary School Newsletter

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Third grade would like to thank parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, and community members who purchased a SaveAround coupon book in the fall. Your generosity with additional technology funds helped to provide each classroom with two Google Chromebooks. Pictured above are Riley Smith (left) and Ella Tiller (right) from Mrs. White's classroom. They are using the app, Epic!, to research their topics for a study on writing information books.

### Notes from Coach Sharpe



Hoops for Heart kicked-off on January  $2\overline{3^{rd}}$  and will run until March  $3^{rd}$ .

The 5th grade students are participating in a basketball tournament during PE. The winner of that tournament will play a group of teachers on March 3rd.

Coming Soon... A brand-new Clyde Cardinal t-shirt that will be available for purchase.



**Cardinals Can** take PRIDE in their school, by purchasing a Clyde t-shirt to show off their school!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Tuesday, February 7th Cardinal Club Trip
- Friday, February 10th PTA Valentine's Day Dance
- Thursday, February 16th National Read Aloud Day
- Wednesday, February 22nd NAEP testing for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Friday, February 24th Deadline to turn in Hoops for Hearts
- Tuesday, February 28th Clyde Art Show
- Friday, March 3rd Hoops for Heart Game Teachers vs. 5th grade

Don't forget to order your yearbook! When: February 13 – April 7 How: Send payment to school or order online at <u>www.strawbridge.net</u> – code 104851

Cost: \$20.00

5<sup>th</sup> grade news

## Second Grade



#### Washington, D.C.

We will have a DC Information Meeting on Thursday, February 2nd in the Media Center at 5pm. Our travel guide from Young Transportation will be here to answer questions you may have regarding our upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. If your child is planning to attend the trip, two deposit dates have passed. Your child should have \$180 in their account. Please make deposits when you can!

#### **Curriculum Update**

Math - Our fifth graders are mastering adding and subtracting fractions and are now well on their way to multiplying and dividing them. Fractions are a huge part of the fifth-grade curriculum and missing lessons can leave gaps in your child's understanding. It is critical that your child be present at school as much as possible.

Reading - Students are about to embark on a mysterious journey into Fantasy Book Clubs. Many fifth graders love to read fantasy books and the time is finally here for them to explore deeper into this genre.

Science - We have meteorologists in the making here in fifth grade. Your students are learning all about predicting the weather. Help your child at home by allowing them to watch the weather on any news channel, or showing them the forecast on your phone. Second grade had a wonderful December with Christmas Around the World. Parents from all four classes collaborated with teachers to make this event very educational and fun for the students.

Students are now in the process of taking mid-year assessments and are working hard to show all they have learned so far this year.

In reading, students will study character traits and in math our focus will shift to new standards while maintaining our knowledge with what we have already learned.

Report cards will reflect the students new reading levels. We continue to encourage nightly reading to promote students' stamina and understanding of what your child is reading.

We appreciate parents and all their support to have students at school on time and limit the number of early check-outs. Thank you.

Second Grade Rocks!

## From Our Title I Reading Specialists

Your youngster will feel like a real writer when he creates a homemade book. Try this plan. Draft. Help your child write a rough draft. A fun title for a little author is "All About Me." He could write about his family, friends, school, and favorite things.

Publish. Cut sheets of white construction paper in half. On each page, your youngster can copy one sentence from his draft and illustrate it. When he's finished, staple the pages together.

Share. Hold a "Meet the Author" night. Your child gets to read his book aloud to your family and answer questions about it. ♥

Su hijo se sentirá como un escritor de verdad cuando haga su propio libro. Lleven a cabo este plan. Hagan un borrador. Ayude a su hijo a escribir un primer borrador. Un título divertido para un joven autor es "Todo sobre mí mismo". Podría escribir sobre su familia, sus amigos, su escuela y sus cosas preferidas.

Publiquen. Dividan por la mitad folios de cartulina blanca. En cada página su hijo puede copiar una frase de su borrador e ilustrarla. Cuando termine, reúnan con grapas las páginas. Compartan. Celebren un "Encuentro con el autor" una noche. Su hijo puede leerle a su familia el libro y contestar las preguntas que le hagan sobre él. •

# Teach, Learn, Dream, Achieve