

Oakbrook's School Improvement Goals: Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, and Science

March 6, 2020

Dear Parents,

FYI- There is no school for students on Tuesday due to Teacher In-Service Day.

Monday was "Read Across America" day to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and promote literacy. We celebrated all week by sharing many of Dr. Seuss's wonderful books. I was thrilled that so many students brought their books to share with the class. They enjoyed making a "Cat in the Hat" and painting hot air balloons.

During the month of March, I am looking for parents to come in and share a special picture book. If you are interested, please email me at jane.hamilton@uticak12.org. It can be a family favorite, your child's favorite, or a childhood favorite of your own. The books should be about 10 minutes in length. We read stories first thing in the morning (9:15) and right after lunch (1:00). Please include the time and a couple of dates that would work for you. The children love when their parents come in and read so I would encourage you to do so.

March is the last month for the Pizza Hut Book-It Program.

Your children will be bringing home an at-home reading and writing project for the rest of March Reading Month. Please read the directions carefully and help your child complete the five book reports.

Upon completion, please return the packet by March 31st. Thanks for your help beforehand.

As part of "March Reading Month" the students may bring a flashlight to read in the dark at a "Read In." This is always an exciting hour during March. Friday is also Freaky Popcorn day!! \$1.00 a bag!

On Thursday, we had a PBIS Assembly for Perseverance. Sevni Egodahewa was our room winner this month. Sevni exemplifies this character trait in all that she completes. She has an outstanding work ethic and she is conscientious in both homework as well as schoolwork. She is always both accurate as well as beautiful in her daily assignments.

Thank you for sending in field trip permission slips and entrance fees so quickly. They are due on Wednesday, March 18th. Parents have been notified who will accompany our class on this day. It is always a wonderful learning experience!!

In reading this week, the Essential Question was "What Excites Us About Nature?" The genre was poetry and drama. The students read several poems, both rhyming and free verse. We discussed author's point of view and theme of each poem. Apostrophes in contractions were our grammar focus. Two days we played "Abbreviation Bingo" which was lots of fun for the students.

This week we talked about heroes and discussed what makes a person a hero. The students then got to make an award for people who are heroes in their lives. Their choices were varied and neat to see.

In math, we continued with subtraction with "ungrouping." As anticipated, some students continue to have trouble with this concept.

Please have your child make corrections at home of any missed problems. I also gave the students an assessment on money.

Our Shining Star of the Week was Landon Benson. Landon enjoyed getting a new fish from the pet shop. He visited the Sea Life Aquarium and saw sharks, turtles, fish, and jellyfish. He enjoys skateboarding. Blue is Landon's favorite color and "Angry Birds" is his favorite movie. Mountain Dew and Tockeys are favorite treats while watching "Flash" on TV.

Some upcoming Family Tree events are happening on March 27- California Pizza Kitchen Dine to Donate and April 1 is the Mad Hatter Breakfast. These are fun events to support our wonderful parent organization who do so much here at Oakbrook for our kids!!!

Don't forget- Daylight Savings Time begins on Saturday night (really Sunday morning). Spring Forward!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Hamilton

