



Little Trojan News

February 22, 2008

Mr. Fleming, Principal

I want to thank all the parents that came out and had breakfast with us. Over 400 parents came in bright and early to eat cinnamon rolls and drink juice with their kids.

Congratulations to Coach Knutson and Ms Barton! They helped the students raise over \$2000.00 for the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart program. We also contributed over \$900.00 to Leukemia research through the "Pennies for Pasta" program.

Ms Alison Janek, School Counselor

Our Parent Education classes were a success. Several parents came out and participated in the program. Many of the parents had positive comments about the program and expressed an interest in participating in the program next year.

Our 3rd graders will take the Reading TAKS on March 5. This is the first time this group will take the state test. Mr. Fleming and I believe our teachers have done a great job getting our kids ready for the test. Please take the time to reassure your kids that they are ready and that they will do fine.

Ms Ivy, School Secretary

Kindergarten packets are ready to be picked up.

Pre K round up is scheduled for March 10 and it will be in our cafeteria. Please bring shot records, proof of residence, birth certificate and your driver's license or state ID card. More information will be posted in next week's West News.

Ms McKenzie, Librarian

Our Reading Counts goal for this year was for the students to read 15,000 books. I am happy to announce that on February 28, we reached and have since passed our goal. To celebrate, Mr. Fleming will dance with a live goat in our gym on April 4.

PreK

Beginning March 3 and ending April 25, our Pre K classes will be participating in a reading program called "Book It". Reading to your child for at least 60 minutes a week will earn them a personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut.

Don't forget Pre K Roundup on March 10 from 4:00-7:00!

Kindergarten

In Math, we are learning to identify time to the hour and how to solve story problems using coins. In Reading, we are blending and deleting sounds and learning sight words. Please continue to read with your child at home and check those take home folders.

1st Grade

First grade will have an Easter Egg Hunt on March 14. More information will come home from your child's teacher. Please read with your child at least 20 minutes every night. The fluency rate for the end of 1st grade is 60 words per minute. Your child should be able to read the comprehension test on Friday independently.

We are working on telling to time to the half hour. You can help your child by practicing the math facts at home.

2nd Grade

We finished our Famous American unit in Social Studies. Thank you for helping your child with their costumes and speeches.



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In Science, we are studying the weather. Two classes have done a video conference with Rusty Garrett and the other two classes will do their conferences in March and April.

Please review telling time to the five minute interval.

Homework assignments will be prepared and placed in the office for students that will out for two or more days.

3rd grade

Two Weeks until the TAKS!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt/picnic will be March 14 in the city park.

We have been studying the presidents and the kids are preparing reports on the president of their choice.

Students need to really study their math facts; addition and subtraction, as well as their multiplication facts.

Remind your kids about Reading Strategies on the day of TAKS. The Texas Education Agency has passed a law that states, "School employees can not discuss test taking strategies on the day of the test, that doesn't mean you can't remind them!"

Reading Passage Strategies

1. **Relax and Read** - Read the entire passage without picking up your pencil.
2. **Read Questions** - Read all the questions and underline "key words" in each.
3. **Active Reading** - Reread the passage, underline "key words" or phrases in each paragraph.
4. **Write the Main Idea of the Passage by the Title.** - Write who? Did what?

5. **Answer the Question:**

Read the entire question

Read all answer choices

Put a question mark by choices that could be the answer

Prove your answer choice by underlining the answer in the passage

Other Important Dates

March 5 – 3rd grade TAKS

March 6 – Report Cards

March 10 – Pre K Round up

March 17-21 Spring Break

March 23 Easter

***** We have over 30 coats, jackets, and hats in our lost and found*****