



Banyan School

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Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
Science Fair	All	April 28 & 29	

MS. KEMPTON'S CLASS NEWS

David, Adem, and Danny D. are learning about "hard and soft" **c** and **g**. Students are using the saying "**E**at **Y**our **I**ce Cream" to help them remember that the letters **e**, **y**, and **i** make **c** sound like **s** and make **g** sound like **j**. Students are learning a spelling option procedure to help them determine the correct spelling for words with these sounds. Students continue to read word lists, sentences, and stories to practice their decoding skills. Magnetic journals and gel boards are used to practice spelling along with dictation activities. Keep up the good work!

A special congratulations to Alex L. for completing a level in Lexia!

Attention All Parents:

All students will be participating in a school-wide writing project. Each student will write a poem and create an illustration. The poems will be published in a hardbound printed book. Please see the attached flyer for more information. **Even if you do not wish to purchase a copy of the book, please return the flyer with the "no" box checked. This will allow teachers to receive a free copy of the published book. If you have not done so already, please return the flyer by Friday, April 29th.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email jkempton@banyanschool.com



Matthew's Corner

No news today

MRS. WILSON'S MATH NEWS

Our IXL "completed problems" numbers are on the rise. We are very close to our next benchmark of 35,000! Nice work, students!

Danny D. and Morgan are working on the banking program. This program incorporates math with real-life banking skills. They are learning how to write checks, to use a debit card, and to record transactions in a checkbook register.

Lexie has started on basic division facts--very nice!

Andy has been working on some very hard decimal division problems--good work, Andy!

Noah and Diego are almost done with the skip counting patterns through the 9's! Way to go!

Keep up the good work, students!

MRS. RALLO'S CLASS NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another school year, and that my eighth graders will be moving on to high school soon. One of my present reading students, Thomas Chung, is one of those eighth graders. He has been at Banyan for the past few years making strides in his reading and comprehension. At this time, he is reading The Outsiders with his classmates. Thomas is able to use several strategies including using context clues and recognizing affixes to help him figure out the meaning of unknown words. He has become quite good at summarizing chapters which can be a difficult skill to master. Thomas also answers comprehension questions from each chapter with little or no help. I have watched Thomas develop skills in finding the main idea and making inferences. He can also define and recognize figurative language. These are great accomplishments. Thomas is an amazing student who has worked hard to become the great reader. Be proud, Thomas!

MRS. BATTISTA-WELSH'S CLASS NEWS

The student's treats are complete. They did a fantastic job on their Wayne Thiebaud cupcakes and donuts. These yummy treats are being displayed in the front hall and the bulletin board outside the art room. This week the children will start on their Cinco de Mayo sombreros. They will learn how to first draw this popular item and then use various materials to decorate in bright colors.



In social studies, the students are working on completing their World War II art project, "War is Declared". The students have worked on foreground and background, creating a scene from the war.

MS. PRICE'S CLASS NEWS

My Math class has been working very diligently on fractions over the past few weeks. The students have learned about the parts of a fraction, the numerator and denominator. **Katelyn and Josh** can easily identify the numerator (top) and denominator (bottom). We have worked on dividing a shape into equal parts and shading a certain number of pieces in. **Matthew and Nicholas** have been doing a great job shading in a shape when they are given a specific fraction. The students have been taught how to identify equivalent fractions. **Alex and Matthew J.** have done a great job matching shapes with equivalent fractions. The students have been rotating through the centers which include IXL, Workbooks, Smartboard Activities, Versa Tiles, and a Fraction Activities. The students are thriving and trying their best each and every day. Keep up the great work I am so proud of my busy bees!

Thank you!!!

YUMMY NEWS FROM GIRLS GROUP

Next Tuesday, May 3, the Girls Group will be having their final ice cream bar during lunch! Remember to bring \$3 for a fabulous frosty treat!

Attention Girls Group Moms!

The girls of Banyan School would like to invite their moms to join our girls group in honor of Mother's Day!

Tuesday, May 10th

12:15 – 12:45

Bring your sweet tooth! The ice cream bar will be open!!

