

Banyan School

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Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
Valentine Dance	All	February 7	7:00 pm
No School President's Day	All	February 14 & 17	

MRS. MARTIN'S CLASS NEWS

In writing class, we are working on how to paragraphs. The students learned about sequence words and they are words that help us understand the order of events that are happening. As a class we filled in a writing web with the supplies and materials we need for making a peanut butter jelly sandwich. Then we filled out a How To Tree Outline. We spoke about the step by step process on how to make a peanut butter jelly sandwich using sequence words. Once the students have finished the outline they will type their final piece. Next, they will pick their own how to and write about it.

MRS. MICHEL'S SCIENCE NEWS

In honor of Chinese New Year science students assembled chopsticks. Along with Mrs. Yael the OT teacher, the students used their fine motor skills to form chopsticks using pencils, rubber bands and Popsicle sticks. The students had a blast manipulating pom poms and beads, placing them in a dish.

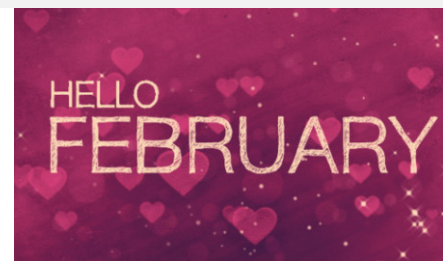
Basketball Schedule:

Feb 7 – Winston Prep

Feb 21 - Home – Center School

Feb 26 - Home - Mount Carmel

Feb 28 - Home - Windsor



MRS. PERKIN'S CLASS NEWS

There have been many accomplishments over the past two weeks. Each FIRST group has moved up a step in the Wilson Reading System. This is a great accomplishment and demonstrates the determination of each student. During periods 2 and 3, we have mastered the concepts in Step 7 and as a result we have started Step 8. Step 8 focuses on spelling and reading words with the r-controlled syllable (ar, er, or, ir, ur). During periods 7 and 8, we have mastered the concepts in Step 3. The students in this group can spell and decode words with closed syllables and words with the suffixes -ed and -ing. This week, we will be moving to Step 4 which consists of words with the vowel-consonant-e syllables such as; rose, extreme, compute and recognize. We will also continue to develop our high frequency word vocabulary through each new substep. Keep up the great work!

MS. MEGNA'S CLASS NEWS

I can't believe that it's February already and we are halfway through the year. In my 1st period reading class we are reading the Geodes Series 2, we are working on the Summer series which includes Bathers, Nature's Thermometer and Summer Snow. We will also begin reading the summer series which includes road trips, bathers, nature's thermometer, and summer snow. They are enjoying reading about how summers all over the world are different, the things you do in the summer and what summer was like a long time ago. We have been reading, reading, reading, showing our skills and really making an effort to show fluency, accuracy, and decoding. In my 4th period reading class we are continuing to read the Geodes series and are going into the curious creatures books which include Rabbit or Hare?, Draw a Rabbit, The Hares and the Frogs, and Young Hare. We are excited to learn about the difference between Rabbits and Hares, the things they eat and do, how to draw a cute rabbit, and how artists use color and light to draw hares. In my 5th period Writing class we are working on descriptive narrative writing, where each student is writing a story of their own choosing. We have really come so far this year with our reading and I can't wait to see where we continue to go.

In my 2nd and 3rd periods FIRST classes they are about to finish Step 3 which includes prefixes, suffixes -ing and -ed, multisyllabic words, compound words, the blend -ct, base words, schwa, and so much more, which they have really been pushing themselves to do well. In my 7th and 8th period Wilson we are beginning Step 4, which will include Vowel consonant E words in one syllable words, vowel consonant e syllable combined with closed syllable words, multisyllabic words combining two syllable types, prefixes added to vowel consonant e syllables, new high frequency words, new latin base elements and vowel consonant e exception -ive words.

MR. CAMP'S CLASS NEWS

In Mrs. Martin and Mr. Camp's class, we have finished learning about Social Studies and have started our Science portion of the year. We finished learning about maps including the different parts of a map, what they are used for and a few different types. In Science, we have begun a unit on rocks and minerals. We are starting to learn about the difference between rocks and minerals and discussing the different properties of rocks including color, texture, luster, and hardness. We will be doing many fun activities and experiments. The students are very excited for this!



MS. MITOFSKY'S CLASS NEWS

In my reading class we are moving along nicely in a Bridge to Terabithia. We are making great predictions and doing a nice job summarizing each chapter. In my FIRST class we have just begun Step 5! In my period 4 TMC class are halfway through Number the Stars. The class is making great connections as they read. This is a great book for visualizing and the students are doing nicely with applying the structure words to the book. In my period 5 reading class, we are just about to finish The One and Only Ivan. We will be starting a new book within the next couple of weeks. In my period 7 TMC class, we are applying the structure words as we read short sentences. The class is learning to make inferences based on pictures and what the text says. The class does a great job of illustrating what they are picturing. In my period 8 reading class, we are reading Mummies Don't Coach Softball. We are making great predictions and summarizing the chapters as we read. In my period 9 math we are working with multiplication, fractions, and place value. Fridays are devoted to working on improving our skills with time and money. Our next Saturday school will be held on March 7!

MS. KRSULIC'S CLASS NEWS

Wow! I cannot believe that it is almost the second half of the year already. My reading class is continuing to read The World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney. They are enjoying reading all about Humphrey. My writing class is working on expanding their sentences. We are working on adding descriptive details to them. Both of my FIRST classes are progressing along nicely. In 4th and 5th period, we are going over words with five or six sounds in them. In 7th and 8th period, we are working on words that end in -ng and -nk sounds. We are also learning about closed syllable words. In math we are working on greater than, less than, and equal to. Everyone is progressing along nicely.



CHEERLEADING AND BASKETBALL NEWS

There will be an away game this Friday, February 7, 2020 at Winston Prep in Whippany. The game will begin at 10:30 AM. The following students will be attending:

Cheerleaders:

Jade
Erin
Kiera
Allie
Siena
Emma Y
Minsuh
Jane
Bea

Basketball Players:

Sacha
Jeremiah
Keith
George
Ryan
Ethan
Anthony
Aiden C
David D
Justin
Taylor
Sam
Samantha
Adriana C
Alex A
Eric

Any questions feel free to email Ms Gross or Coach Hofmann

SPEECH NEWS

Great things are happening in Girls Group and Guys Group lunches!

Ask you children all about our group plans including "It Girl", "Would you Rather?" Share and Care!

And our new Headbanz tournament! Feel free to send in pictures for your child to share!

Next week Guys Group: Ms. Megna's homeroom – See You There!! 😊