

Marshall Elementary School

2015/16 Marshall Messenger

Doing our **BEST** work
Being our **BEST** selves



Thursday, November 12, 2015

Weekly Calendar

8:10 a.m. – Supervision Begins

- Students should not arrive prior to 8:10 a.m. unless attending the St. Mark's Program

8:10 a.m. – Breakfast Begins

8:25 a.m. – First Bell

8:40 a.m. – Tardy Bell

3:20 p.m. – Dismissal

- Note: students not picked up by 3:30 p.m. will be sent to the office to call for a ride

AM Preschool: 8:35-11:05 a.m.

PM Preschool: 12:45-3:15 p.m.

Monday 11/16/15

6:00 pm Elementary Band Concert @
Hempstead High School

Tuesday 11/17/15

No Calendar Events

Wednesday 11/18/15

8:40 am – Life Skills (3M)

1:00 pm – Life Skills (3O)

2:00 pm – Life Skills (3T)

Thursday 11/19/15

6:00 pm Orchestra Concert @

Audubon Elementary School

Take Home Folders go home

Friday 11/20/15

1-hour late start (Teacher PD)

Picture Make-Up Day

Upcoming Events...

11/23 – Hearing Screenings (K-2)

11/26-27 – No School

11/30 – End of 1st Trimester

12/1 – Community Groups

Principal's Corner

No School: Reminder that there is no school on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

Cooler Temperatures:

We are seeing much cooler temperatures (especially in the morning). With that said, I would ask that you make a point to ensure that your child is leaving the house dressed appropriately for the weather. If they have a light jacket or sweatshirt, they should be wearing it to school. They can always put it in their book bag, for after school, if the temperature warms up during the day.

Bus Safety: If your child rides the bus to and/or from school, we would ask that you speak to them about the importance of sitting quietly on the bus. Our main goal is to get students to and from school safely. Please speak with your child, so we can provide safe transportation for all bus riders.

Morning Arrival Time:

Please be sure that your children **DO NOT** arrive to school prior to 8:10 a.m. as there is no supervision until that time. **Also, students are not allowed to play on the playground or playground equipment during our morning line-up time. Upon arrival they should go directly to their assigned lines.**

Art Room News...

Much of our visual arts professional development this year is centered around the National Core Standards that our district is adopting.

Here's a look at the kid friendly version of the Core's I CAN STATEMENTS for CREATING:

- *I can combine my ideas creatively to think of new ones.
- *I can use materials to tell a story about my own work.
- *I can use a variety of types of media in my work.
- *I can use a variety of types of tools, techniques, and processes in my work.
- *I can use my tools in a safe and responsible manner.
- *I can work carefully paying particular attention to good quality craftsmanship.
- *I can know what is going on in my environment and show that in my art.
- *I can reflect on and talk about my art, and change or revise it if necessary.

Whew! And we're having fun, too.

Mrs. Lerche

It's a Great Day to be a Marshall Eagle!

First Grade News...

Thank you to all the families that attended conferences. We were so excited to share all the children's success and progress. We appreciate all you do and the wonderful communication between home and school. Thank you! As we come to an end of the first trimester, 1st graders continue to build literacy skills in LEAD21. We are currently making sure to ask questions as we read and trying to find the answers in the text. As we read, we are also making sure to stop and summarize what we've read so that we can check our understanding. We will be learning how to use text features (glossary, table of contents and index) to help us better understand what we read as well. In writing, we will be learning about persuasive writing and how to convince others to do or believe in something. We will also be learning about personal narratives, with the goal of writing our own in the near future. We are working very hard to become successful readers and writers!

In math, we continue to solve a variety of story problems and are able to share our thinking with the class. We have also learned the difference between odd and even numbers. When there are "no leftovers," the number is even. When there is "one leftover," the number is odd. We are also focusing on counting on from the larger number when adding numbers together. In our next unit, we will be measuring things with different objects and identifying different patterns.

Our science unit, Balance and Motion, has been very exciting and hands on for the first graders. We have balanced pencils on a craft stick, as well as made mobiles, twirlers, and zoomers. We have learned about counterweights, balance points, and different ways things can

move. We have had a lot of fun creating different objects that balance and move!

Mrs. May and Mrs. Runde

5th Grade News...

Fifth grade has had an exciting start to the school year. Following are just a few of the things happening in our classes already this year:

- * Field trip to the Dubuque Symphony
- * Leadership team chosen
- * Givercraft
- * Lego League
- * Recycling
- * Office runners
- * Pledge readers
- * Second grade buddy activities
- * Morning meetings
- * Lexia - computer reading program
- * DuTrac interviews
- * Band
- * Orchestra
- * Choir

All of this in addition to our regular curriculum. In LEAD 21, we have just finished Unit 1 where students wrote a Personal Narrative and did their inquiry project on how we find common ground with other cultures.

In Math, we have just finished up Unit 2 on large numbers and are going into Unit 3 where we will be learning about fractions.

During Science, we have been doing experiments dealing with mixtures and solutions and in history, looking at maps and

beginning to learn about the early days of our country.

In Health, we have been talking about making good decisions and planning for a healthy life.

We are looking forward to a great year!!!

Mr. Roth and Mrs. Runde

Celebration Guidelines...

Birthdays and holidays are so exciting to celebrate! We often celebrate these special occasions with snacks, but due to our school and district wellness policy and possible allergies in the classrooms, we ask that you **DO NOT** send edible treats to school. Although it is not expected, you may choose to send something for a special occasion. If you do, we ask that it be nonedible as all edible treats will **NOT** be passed out and will return home.

Thank you for your support in following our school and district wellness policy.

