

## A PEAK at Our Week

### Kindergarten Core Knowledge

This week we reviewed our routines and procedures and eased back into school after a long winter break.

In language arts, we worked on writing a friendly letter, and learning the sight words "you" and "a". In math, we reviewed the tens and ones place and began learning to build teen numbers. We also reviewed measuring length. This time, we added using rulers and measured length in inches. In history, we began talking about community helpers and the ways they make our lives better.

Thank you so much for all the snack donations we received this week. Our class is grateful! Please don't hesitate to call, email, or come in to talk if you have any questions or concerns. 779-0771, or [awallace@peakschool.org](mailto:awallace@peakschool.org).

Have a great weekend!

-Anne Wallace

### 1st Grade Core Knowledge®

We are all so happy to be back in school! We spent some time reviewing our classroom and school rules after the break.

In Language Arts we focused on words with long 'o' and long 'u', suffixes -y and -ful, question sentences, and writing informative sentences.

In Math we reviewed adding ten more and subtracting ten less using mental math, subtracting single digits, as well as adding two digits without regrouping.

In History we started our unit on Ancient Egypt/Mesopotamia and learned the geography of Egypt, the importance of the Nile River, as well as reviewed introduction vocabulary associated with the unit.

I hope you have a great weekend and please let me know if you have questions or concerns!

### 2nd Grade Core Knowledge®

Welcome back to all students! I hope you enjoyed your winter break. Parents, please send your child with a warm coat; it has been very chilly out, and it helps to have layers.

In Language Arts we practiced identifying characters, setting, and problems and solutions in stories. We also inferred, learned about pronouns, and studied suffixes. In Math we have been learning about bar graphs, picture graphs, and line plots. In Social Studies we are learning about the Constitution. If you have any questions, please contact me at [bgood@peakschool.org](mailto:bgood@peakschool.org).

-Brenna Good

### 3rd Grade Core

#### Knowledge®

We have had a wonderful week in third grade! It was great seeing the students back after our two week break.

In Language Arts, we reviewed adjectives that tell "how many" and we read a story about the importance of recycling! In Math, we began a new domain. The students have become fraction wizards! I am so proud of how quickly they picked up on this new topic. In science, we learned about light energy. In class, we did some hands on demonstrations of reflection and refraction of light. Again, I am so proud of their eagerness to learn! I am excited to see how much they will grow academically in this next quarter. Have a wonderful weekend!

-Ms. Escobedo

### Extended School Program

Happy New Year!! I hope you all enjoyed the break. We had a great week in ESP. Students played group/board games.

Friendly Reminders:

Morning ESP opens at 7:30 am, please don't drop your child/children off prior to that.

ESP closes at 5:30 everyday. Snack donations are appreciated.

Thank you, Mrs. Black

### Music:

(5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) In 20<sup>th</sup> century America, Blues, Ragtime and Jazz started a sensation. It was a sound both welcomed and criticized for its rule-breaking approach. Composers and songwriters have used their influence to create colorful and timeless music ever since. Let's listen to Scott Joplin, John Coltrane, and more BB King

(3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>) My friends are well on their way to both reading and playing music on the Recorder. Practice makes perfect!

(K-2<sup>nd</sup>) We will go over our favorite songs and begin singing new songs which challenge us to stay on-time and paying attention.

### Physical Education

We are back from Winter Break and we are having PE on the blacktop to start basketball. We will be going over passing, dribbling, and shooting.

### Calendar of Events

Martin Luther King Day—No School January 21

President's Day—No School February 18

**4th Grade Core Knowledge®– Ms. Lemcke**

We had a wonderful first week back from Winter Break!! In Language Arts, we are on Lesson 16 of our 4<sup>th</sup> Unit in our Journeys series. In Math, we have been reviewing our what we learned last semester: division, double digit multiplication, place value, adding and subtracting. In History, we have been reviewing where we left off in our American Revolution Unit. In Science, we are starting to talk about our in-class Science Fair projects, more information will be going home soon. Report Cards were sent home this Friday and there is a parent signature page that needs to be signed and returned. We are in need of some donations for our success in the second semester: baby wipes, ASI snacks, and hand sanitizer. Any donations are appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at [klemcke@peakschool.org](mailto:klemcke@peakschool.org), 928-606-3553, 928-779-0771 or on Class Dojo. I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend!!

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Knowledge®– Ms. Chromoy**

I hope you all had a great break! This week flew by. In Language Arts, we completed Benchmark 3. In Math, we started Domain 3, which is centered on fractions. We took our school spelling Bee and it was fun! The finalist was from our class! We are running low on Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Clorox Wipes, and snacks. Any donations are greatly appreciated. **PLEASE** have your student return their signed report card sheet by next **Wednesday**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [nchromoy@peakschool.org](mailto:nchromoy@peakschool.org) or at the main office at 928-779-0771. Have an amazing weekend!

**6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Knowledge®– Ms. Klein**

We have hit the ground running this week in 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade! In Language Arts we finished our Third Unit the week before break, and next week we will be continuing in our Fourth Unit with Lesson 17! In Math, we have just finished up Domain 3, our Algebraic Expressions and Equations Unit. Next week we will be starting Domain 4, our Geometry Unit. In Science, we are focusing on Energy, Heat, and Energy Transfer, and we are going to be getting a head start on our Science Fair projects. In History/Geography, we will be starting our Unit on Industrialism, Capitalism, and Socialism in the next couple of weeks! We are running low on glue sticks and Clorox wipes, and we are completely out of Kleenex; any donations are appreciated. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact me at (928) 779-0771, or at [kklein@peakschool.org](mailto:kklein@peakschool.org). Have an amazing weekend!

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Knowledge® – Mr. DeBaere**

Hey guys, I'm so glad to see all of you after our wonderful winter break! It feels good to be back and get in the swing of things. Thank you for your improved positive attitude! In Math will continue to review what we have learned so far over the year; practice is very important and I'm seeing your improvement. In ELA we will begin reading *Animal Farm*, a classic book that I think you will really enjoy. In Science we will cover buoyancy and density. Once again, if any parents can volunteer to drive or chaperone for a field trip, or donate wet wipes/Kleenex, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact me at (928) 779-0771, or at [tdebaere@peakschool.org](mailto:tdebaere@peakschool.org). Have an amazing weekend!

**Core Knowledge® Art**

What a fantastic week back! 8<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> graders dove right into our first project of the year. They are creating a piece based upon the animals who hibernate during this time of year. The project entails inclusion of all that we have learned this far in art and I am excited to see their unique complete pieces. First and kindergarten created "silly robots" out of ordinary shapes that they can see around them. This was a review of their scissor and observation skills. Fantastic job!

~Mrs. Weide