

Troy Elementary

Mrs. Sandquist's & Mrs. Sullins' Third and Fourth Grade News

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What's Happening in April

Special points of interest:

- ISAT testing (Idaho Standardized Achievement Test) starts April 16th. *Please make sure your child gets lots of rest and eats a good breakfast on testing days.*

- Late start (10:15) Wed., April 25th.

Be on the lookout:

- Reading logs come home every Wednesday.
- Remind your child to bring their homework back.
- Every Friday students should be bringing home their behavior log for the week.
- Spelling words come home every Monday.
- Spelling tests are every Friday.
- 3rd and 4th graders need to practice their multiplication facts at home.

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Writing

- ⇒ **3rd:** Students will be doing some opinion writing, stating their opinion on a subject, and why that is their opinion.
- ⇒ **4th:** Students will be doing some opinion writing, stating their opinion on a subject, and why that is their opinion.

Reading

- ⇒ **3rd:** Student will start reading the chapter book "Because of Winn Dixie" and be talking about inferring, main idea, and author's purpose. They will also be looking for nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs as we read. We will also take time out from this story to practice and review for the ISAT tests.
- ⇒ **4th:** Students will be reviewing concepts from all the different standards we have covered this year in preparation for the ISAT tests.

Social Studies

- ⇒ **3rd:** Student's will be reading and talking about America's earliest communities, and how individuals such as Christopher Columbus contributed to the expansion and creation of new communities.
- ⇒ **4th:** Students continue to learn about how Pioneers followed the Oregon Trail in search of a perfect place to live. They will continue writing in their Oregon Trail journals each day.

Science

- ⇒ **3rd:** We are finishing up on weathering, erosion and deposition this week.
- ⇒ **4th:** Students continue their study of the Earth's crust and the rock cycle. They will create a pop-up model of the layers and will create flow charts that demonstrate the rock cycle.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea or is a pig.
- www.teachingtips.com

There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.
- Graham Greene

Math

- ⇒ 4th Grade: In preparation for fifth grade and state testing, the fourth graders will review the math concepts and skills that have been covered this year. You will also notice that the homework looks different. This Drops in the Bucket reviews many of the skills we've covered so far. Students are welcome to look up vocabulary they don't know.

- ⇒ 3rd Grade: The third grade has two more standards to cover before we can begin reviewing the math concepts and skills that have been covered this year. The final two standards focus on area and perimeter of rectangles and recognize and sort attributes of quadrilaterals. Once we have finished the last two standards, I am going to reconfigure how math is instructed by moving from whole group instruction to small group instruction. These small groups will include: homework, Imagine Math (Chromebooks), basic fact drill, teacher instruction, and lesson/skill practice. When we begin small groups, the third graders will do their daily homework in class. Students are expected to complete the daily assignments in the class time provided. If this new arrangement works well, I'll use it as an instruction model for fourth grade math. I will let you know when the small groups begin and the homework home stops.

