

What is going on in: Reading


Book Report information: Our new book report will not be handed in to the Hand-In Box! Your child will be reading a non-fiction book (plus any additional sources) about a location he/she would like to visit. He/she will create a postcard, illustrate it, address it, stamp it, and mail it directly to my home. The card will include 5 facts about the location and will be written in first person. Oh, the places you'll go!

We are now studying South America and are reading Salsa Stories by Lulu Delacre. This week we have attended a fancy tea party, walked backwards into the ocean in Old San Juan, and studied the geography of South America. We will work on the LAP this week and turn it in on March $12^{\text {th }}$.
Our next continent will be Africa. We will be reading the book Journey to JoBurg by Beverley Naidoo.


We will continue to be working on our third writing style this week, Argument writing. This week the kids will be writing about a rule they would like to change or amend at home. Discussing this topic before Monday will make the brainstorming process quicker and easier for your children. They are permitted to think, brainstorm, discuss, and prepare at home, but the actual piece they will turn in will be done on their own here at school.

Math We will take our Unit 7 math test on Wednesday. Kids, practice those Facts. Practice using multiplication and division in everyday life. Play Yahtzee, Monopoly, Pass the Pig, or other games that force you to practice these skills. You can even change rules to that you are not adding, but multiplying to get your points.


Science In our second chapter of the Living Things Unit, we will be learning more about plants and animals. This week will will show how plants and animals have physical features that help them survive in their environment.


Social Studies. We are continuing our unit on Economics this week. We will be using the McDonald's Corporation to help us make sense of the vocabulary and concepts of this collection of learning targets. This week we will be investigating the concept of opportunity cost, market, and competition. Where do you go for the best hamburger in town?


Guest Reader: Our guest reader for this week will be Mrs. Cline. She will be here from 9:15-9:30 on March $7^{\text {th }}$.
Star of the Week: Each week one of our classmates is chosen to be our Star. Our Star will have a chance to share information and treasures with us to help us get to know him or her better. We will share kind words with our star so he or she knows how much we care. Congratulations to this week's star, MS!

Other important information?


* SuccessMaker: Your child should be making an attempt to do a minimum of one reading, one math session per week. Donations for Jump Rope for Heart are due Friday, March 8.
Spring Book Fair: You may shop here at Kensington, but you may also shop online Feb 27 - March 19. www.scholastic.com/fair. Enter 4116 zipcode, click "Find My Fair" and secect Kensington. You may also donate $\$ 1.00$ to "All for Books" where the money goes directly to purchasing books for the Kensington Library. Scholastic will match the "All for Books" dollars raised with a donation of up to one million books to two non-profit charities - Kids In Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc.


## Important Dates?

March 1-3 Kensington Talent Show! Come watch our superstars!
March 4-8 Scholastic Book Fair (We shop on Thursday)
March 5 Fun Lunch
March 8 Nick's birthday!
March 11-15 Spring Food Drive
March 12 Pizza Day
March 14 Spirit lunch from PTA
March 18 Madeline's birthday
March 22 End of $3^{\text {rd }}$ quarter (Wow, already!)


Our special class schedule:

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| $\checkmark$ | Tuesday = computers with Mr. Pfall |
| $\checkmark$ | Wednesday = art with Mrs. Braddock |
| $\checkmark$ | Thursday = book exchange with Mrs. Cipriani |
| $\checkmark$ | Friday = fitness with Mr. Shreve |

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