

The Jarrett Report

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The Next 2 Weeks are Busy!!!!

I want you to know that the next two weeks will be a whirlwind.

Monday 10th, - 8:30 -10:00 Illumination Testing-Reading

Wednesday 12th – NC Check In's Math 8:30 – 10:30

Friday 14th, Students walk to Nursing Home/Talent Show

Monday, 17th – No School – teacher Work Day

Tuesday, 18th – NC Check in's – Science 8:30 – 10:30

Wednesday, 19th -Jazz Cultural Arts Program 10 - 11

Wednesday, 19th – Human Growth & Development Day 1

Thursday, 20th- Human Growth & Development Day 2

This is going to be a very busy week with all of this and LEADER program and all the other things we have planned. Kids really need to be at school for testing or they will be pulled at another time and miss valuable instruction.

Volunteers Needed

We will be walking to the Nursing home on Valentine's Day and I need parents to walk to and from the Nursing home with us. It is close to DRMS. We will be leaving the school at about 9:00 and returning after a talent show and Valentines and interviews. Usually last between 1 to 2 hours at the home.

Dismissal Games GREAT!!!

The children are working on Dreambox or playing the dismissal games. This works really great with the new dismissal program that is silent!!!!

Washington DC Trip

Still waiting on a few last-minute payments. In March I will be asking for donations of water bottles and snacks for the trip. If you are going as a chaperone please make sure to do the Volunteer registration ASAP.

Skills/EOG Review Sessions

Skills/EOG morning review groups will be in session from now till the week of the EOG's. These will begin at 7:00 am and go until 8:00 giving the children that attend an additional hour of practice with EOG type problems and test taking skills.

Mondays = Reading

Tuesdays = Math

Wednesdays = Science

These sessions will continue through early June.

Your child is welcome to come to 1 or all of these. I am providing them in an effort to help with the excessive amount of material that the children need to know this year. I also feel a great deal of practice is needed in test taking strategies - they will be different than anything they have ever done in the past. I hope this will be beneficial to my students. I am looking forward to their participation.

Science

In science this quarter we will focus on Motion and Design. Students will be building vehicles using Kne'x and learning about the physics of motion and looking at how design affects the function of the various vehicles that they create. **The Motion and Design Invention** has been replaced with a Pinball machine project using cardboard and a variety of other materials that could be found at home. There are numerous videos giving ideas on how to create one that will be helpful.. I am very excited about this activity. We will be holding a Pin Ball Rally at STEM Night and the children will man their machines helping with a grade level fundraising event!

5.L.3 Understand why organisms differ from or are similar to their parents based on the characteristics of the organism.

Children's Book

Children will start writing a children's book that we will be sending off to be published at the end of the quarter. These will be written and illustrated by the children and published in a nice paperback edition. You will be given the opportunity to order one in hard cover edition. When the books are returned from the publisher, they will be sent out to be judged in a variety of areas. The awards will then be presented at the Author's Tea later this year. **One child has completed typing her entire book!!!**

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Human Growth & Development

Next week we will do our Human Growth and Development Curriculum in two days. One day for same sex and one day for the opposite. The students will be split into two groups for this study. I will be teaching the boys and I may be able to talk Coach Nobles into helping. Mrs. Slyter & Mrs. Hare will have the girls. This unit covers how the human body, both male and female, development through puberty. This unit often leads to many questions. Please be prepared to have discussions your child. We will be referring them to you if their questions go beyond the prescribed curriculum, and they often do.

BYOD –

If students have their own devices it would be very helpful for them to have them at school. I now have 32 students and 11 devices- 1 of which is only partially working. Students have lots of work to do on them and if they have their own device, I don't have to make them share. The more devices kids have the more chances for what we need- 1 to1 devices. This way I can keep pushing for book completion during spare minutes as well!

Dry Erase Markers/Supplies

Please check with your child about their supply needs. Many children were out of many of their school supplies as we were tracking out. Dry Erase markers are the big need. Please send in several markers for your child. I have difficulty reading yellow so stay away from that color. Thank you very much for seeing to their supply needs. Many of the students no longer have their scissors, or notebook paper either. Glue sticks also seem to be a premium need. Some of the 1 inch binders have fallen apart, especially the black math ones. Some children's science notebook has gotten especially thick and either needs a 2nd one- and keep the 1st one at home to study for EOG or get a larger one to transfer all of the material into. Pencils seem to disappear at a phenomenal rate. Ask your child what they may need. Thank you!

[Quizlet Q3 Week 3](#)

This is corrected for this week. It should be completely up to date.

NEEDED

- **Cans of Soda** - Math Tests
- **Hershey's Bars** – for Science Tests
- **[Crickets for reptiles](#)** – would love this once a month for the critters.
- **Paver stones** of leftover bricks that students can create a pathway around the pond. In the past I have seen like this free on Craig's List where people are just trying to get rid of their leftover bricks or pavers- Keep your antennas up!

Up Coming Events

- **February 10th** - Illumination Testing - 8:30 Media Center (kids need to be on time).
- **February 12th** - NC Check In's Math
- **February 14th** - Walking to Nursing Home Valentines & Entertainment
- **February 17th** - Teacher Workday
- **February 18th** - NC Check in's – Science
- **February 19th** - Cultural Arts Program - Jazz
- **February 19th** – Human Growth & Development Day 1
- **February 20th** - Human Growth & Development Day 2
- **March 5th** - Science For Fun Weather In School Field Trip
- **March 9th** - Teacher Workday
- **March 26th** - Student Led Conference 7am& 4Pm (Sign Up Genius to come)
- **March 30th - 31st**- Washington DC Trip
- **March 31st** - Track out Day
- **April 23rd** - Track in Day for 4th Quarter