



Weekly News

Week of 4/1-4/5

Mrs. Wooden's Thoughts

- Thank you to everyone that attended our Open House! The students and I enjoyed showing you what we have been doing in class.
- Spring Break starts tomorrow and we return to school on April 1st. Enjoy the time off!
- IAR (Illinois State Testing) will begin the week we return from break. Fifth grade will be taking our three Math State Tests first. Here is our schedule:

Tuesday- IAR Math Test #1 9:00-10:30

Wednesday- IAR Math Test #2 9:00-10:30

Thursday- IAR Math Test #3 9:00-10:30

In google classroom, I have created a link for students to get on and practice for the tests. Please encourage your student to work on that over break; you can even go through it with your student.

I also sent home a Math Test Prep Packet for the students to work on over break. They need to complete it and turn it in on Monday, April 1st. If your student does a couple pages a day, it will be super easy to complete. This is a way for us to review everything we have learned so far this year so we are test ready.

Super Improver Levels

We have students who are quickly approaching the top of our Super Improver Board due to their amazing behavior and effort in school. Here are our top levels:

- Leaders- Francia, Mason, Hudson, Malachi, Savona, Breanna

- Captains-Maggie, Kaiden, Summer
- Superstar-Ella
- MVP-Mia
- AND one level away from the top as Living Legends....Eve, Bryce, and Alexis!!!

Reminders

- 3/25 – 3/31 - Spring Break
- 4/1 – 4/26 - IAR Testing Window
- 4/16 – Board of Education – 7:00 p.m.
- 4/19 + 4/22– No School-Easter Break
- 4/23 - DARE Game
- 4/24 – Arts in the Park – 11:30 a.m.
- 4/26 – Demo Crew from Bradley for School Assembly– 2:00 p.m.
- 4/29 – 5/16 Spring MAP Window
- 5/1 – 4th Quarter Mid-terms
- 5/3 – 5th Grade Visit to CJHS

Upcoming Tests

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-IAR Math Tests

Classroom Feature

How to Help Your Child Prepare for the State Tests and MAP Tests

As a parent myself, I always wonder how I can help Josie prepare for her state tests and for MAP testing. Some of the things I do are:

1. Encourage her to do her best and take her time. I don't expect her or my students to get a perfect score. I simply want them to try and give it all they got.
2. Make sure she gets a good night's sleep. I actually have her go to bed a little bit before her normal bed time on testing days. A rested brain tests better than a tired one.
3. Breakfast is so important every day BUT especially on test days. A growling stomach is a huge distraction to a student when they are testing and can pull their focus from the test.

4. After school, I ask her how the test went and if she has any questions about what she was tested on. We discuss it together because you never know if your student will get a similar question the next day on the next session of the test.
5. Stay positive! It's so important to keep testing days positive for your child. If students approach the testing session positively, then their scores reflect that attitude. If they are having a bad day before school, their testing session will not be their #1 priority. You want your child coming to school mentally prepared for their test.

Here are some articles that give you even more insight on how to help your child:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/homework-help/study-skills-testing-tips/standardized-tests-prepare-and-interpret-results.html>

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/partnering-with-childs-school/tests-standards/8-ways-to-prepare-your-child-for-standardized-tests>

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/part9.html>

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