

February 28, 2023

Upcoming Events:

End of Trimester (half day for students)- March 14th

Conference Days (half-days for students)- March 27 and 28th

School Store- Friday, March 31st at 12:40pm

Dear Parents,

I hope this note finds you and your family healthy and warm. 2023 has continued to roll smoothly onward- I cannot believe that tomorrow is March!

❖ **What We Have Been Working On**

- For **morning work**, over the past few weeks, the class worked with US state locations, as well as some puzzles involving problem solving.
- In **science**, the class has been learning about a variety of things from our “Nature’s Recyclers” unit, such as decomposition, earthworms, carrion beetles, and fungi.
- In **reading**, we have been reading the exciting, fantasy novel, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. The class seems to be enjoying the book. We are up to Chapter 15, out of 24 chapters. Students take daily quizzes on Teams to go with each chapter. The class average is currently 90%! You can view your child’s progress on these in Teams. Also, if you and your child are familiar with the movie, ask him/her about the many differences between the book and movie.
- In **writing**, students are engaged in the pre-writing stage of a persuasive/opinion writing piece. Students have selected a “topic” connected to their lives that that they are attempting to facilitate change around.
- In **math**, my math class is approaching the end of a very long chapter on decimals, Chapter 5. This week, we started with working on converting metric units of measurement and will begin problem solving tomorrow.

❖ **Conferences**

March 27th and 28th are half-days for students and the afternoons have been set aside for conferences. Here is the Signup Genius link, previously sent out:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CACA72AA75-2ndtrimester2>

❖ **Philadelphia Trip is on May 18th**

Just a reminder to save the date if you are interested in joining us. More details will come in the next few weeks about cost. Remember, any interested parent chaperones will be able to join us- as long as your volunteer clearances are up to date, so please be sure to check.

Wishing you joy,
Mr. VanZant