

March 2024

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Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary



ROCK STAR WINNERS!



What's Happening at Coronado?



Coronado Families,

The beginning of the semester is off to a great start. There have been several things keeping us busy from concerts, parent teacher conferences, and Coronado Night at the SSHS Basketball game! Looking ahead to the next several months, we have Spring Break, the PTO Coronado Carnival, and Fifth Grade Honor Night. Right after Spring Break, our third, fourth and fifth grades will jump into Kansas State Assessments. Good luck to them, I know they will all do great.

I look forward to all the exciting things that are coming up and look forward to seeing you all there.

Tyler Burnett, Principal

Coronado Elementary

Nurse

Spring brings warmer weather, sunshine, and state assessment tests! Here are some ways you can help prepare your student:

Before test days, visit with your child's teacher to find out what the test will include, and how test days will be set up. Then discuss this with your child to find any areas you can work on at home. Provide extra practice in needed areas.

On test days, make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before, and starts their day with a nutritious breakfast. Students that are tired and/or hungry will not be able to focus and do their best on the tests. It is also important for parents to remain calm and positive, this will help your student to do the same.

After the test, review the results with your student and contact their teacher with any questions.

Don't let testing season become "all work and no play", though. The key to helping your child reach his or her potential -- without added anxiety -- is to find the right balance between work and play. Here are some recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- Give kids ample, unscheduled time to be creative, to reflect, and to decompress.
- Encourage your children to engage in active play (running around or playing tag) in lieu of passive entertainment (video games or television).
- Buy your children "true" toys, such as blocks or dolls, that encourage imagination and creativity.
- Spend unscheduled, unstructured time together with your kids.
- Allow your children to have a say in which extracurricular activities they are involved in.
- Get involved in your child's school and take an active role in ensuring that all kids are getting ample free time.

Remember, play is a cherished part of childhood. By finding the right balance between work and play, your children will grow up happier, better adjusted, and more prepared to conquer the world.



Counselor

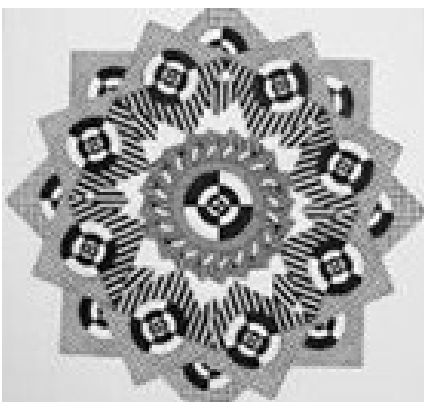
Celebrating Ourselves and Each Other

Celebrations are not just for birthdays or holidays, and we don't always need a party in order to celebrate. Celebrating your child's unique differences and special qualities helps build self-esteem and self-confidence. Simply sharing something we are proud of can help us celebrate ourselves and each other. What is something important about you that you want to celebrate?! It does not have to be a big thing.... It only matters that it is important to you.

- Ask children to think about something they've done in the last week that they are proud of. Pride is a feeling that makes you stand up tall with your shoulders back! Do you have something to celebrate like.... You tried a new vegetable? You managed a piece of work that was tricky for you? You got a good grade on a test? You spoke to someone new on the playground?
- Ask children to keep a "Celebration Diary" for the week. Can they find one thing a day that made them feel proud? Or something that has made people around them feel proud of them? This activity will work with all age groups - including grown-ups! Keep the celebrations going! Empower everyone to celebrate what makes you.... YOU. (That includes the grown-ups!)

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Art



In March, first through fourth grades will continue to finish up their Heather Galler paintings! Fifth grade will complete their cityscape, one-point perspective drawings.

Once we return from Spring Break, we will begin our three-dimension projects. Fifth grade will be learning about the art of mask making. They will explore masks of many cultures. The technique of paper mache will be used to create their masks.

Third and fourth grades will begin a unit on balance and learn about, symmetry, asymmetry and radial balance. They will design a radial paper sculpture. Artist, Frank Stella, and his linear designs will be introduced.

First and second grades will incorporate weaving into sculpture as they create crocodiles. Three-dimension projects are always a bit more interesting because we have to consider all sides of the project!

Library

Have you CHECKED OUT this reading challenge?

The Salina Public Library is having a 2024 Reading Challenge which encourages you to read books from different categories.

Challenge yourself to read in 2024. Pick any book that fits one of these criteria. See if you can read a book in each category.

▼ A book set in winter	▼ A book set in winter
▼ A book featuring an indigenous character	▼ A book featuring an indigenous character
▼ A book told from a child's point of view	▼ A book told from a child's point of view
▼ A book that makes you happy	▼ A book that makes you happy
▼ A book published in 2024	▼ A book published in 2024
▼ An SPL staff pick	▼ An SPL staff pick

Do You Like Prizes!?

Each time you read a book that fits one of the categories, complete a book challenge form at the Salina Public Library or online from the website listed below or by scanning the QR code for a chance to win a Salina Area Chamber of Commerce gift certificate.

<https://salinapubliclibrary.org/books-media/2024-reading-challenge/#1702338777288-f64ad3a3-0a9b>



Science/Social Studies

For the month of March we are learning about some interesting topics with fun, hands-on learning in Science, Critical Thinking and Social Studies.

Science:

Kindergarten– Matter and Forces -Reducing our impact on Earth/Natural Resources, What's the biggest excavator? How can you knock down a wall made of concrete?

1st–Waves, Light & Sound -Can you see in the dark? How can you send secret messages to someone far away? How do boats find their way in the fog?

2nd–Matter & Forces/Forces of Nature -How do you build a city out of mud? How does a tree travel half way around the world? Why do seeds have so many different shapes?

3rd– Matter & Forces -What makes bridges so strong? Balanced and Unbalanced Forces, How high can you fly on a flying trapeze?

4th–Earth Systems/Energy & Matter -What makes roller coasters go so fast? Project Based Learning: Building Rollercoasters

5th– **STATE ASSESSMENTS**/Force/Motion/Newton's Laws/Matter -Project Based Learning: Simple machines and building Rube Goldberg Machines, Properties and Conservation of Matter, Chemical vs. Physical Changes

Critical Thinking/Social Studies:

Kindergarten & First:

They will use deductive reasoning skills to solve critical thinking and logic puzzles.

They are viewing short videos, allowing them to use their critical thinking skills. They talk about how the characters are feeling, problem-solving, and how they would deal with different situations that arise.

Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth:

- Learning how to connect the dots between ideas or concepts
- Solving problems
- Thinking creatively
- Applying knowledge in new ways

Students will view a photograph -Social Studies or Science related and think about and answer the following questions:

- What is going on in this picture?
- What do you see that makes you say that?
- What more can you find?

Based on personal reflection and understanding, these skills assist students in determining how to understand the world around them.

The students are also having fun with critical thinking puzzles and games as well as logic puzzles. They will be working on "Cracking the Case" where they will use inferences and problem solving skills.



Embark on a New Journey
Kindergarten Roundup

Our Kindergarten Roundup is on

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Will your child be five years old by August 31, 2024? If so, kindergarten registration is the next step on their school journey. We are excited to meet your child and partner with you in nurturing your child's development!

Register now on the district website. After registering, the school will reach out with more information and to invite you to attend their Kindergarten Roundup!

March Calendar

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1-Rock Rally 9:00 a.m.

4-Kindergarten Concert 6:00 p.m.

5-PTO 6:00 p.m.

8-Teacher In-Service/NO School



11-15-No School/Spring Break

19-Kindergarten Round-up

19-Site Council 11:00 a.m.

22-PTO Carnival 6:00 p.m.

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