



CARDINAL CORNER

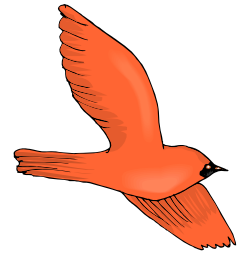
Cardinal Elementary School

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March 2010

March 4 & 5, 2010

NO SCHOOL-Winter Break

March 8, 2010

5:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting-High School Library

March 12, 2010

End of 3rd Quarter

March 15, 2010

NO SCHOOL Grades K-8
Parent Teacher Conferences
1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 16, 2010

REGULAR SCHOOL
HOURS K - 12

Parent-Teacher Conferences
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 19, 2010

NO SCHOOL Grades K-12

March 22, 2009

6:30- 8:30 p.m. Rollerskating Party

March 25, 2010

Cardinal Spring Sing 7:00 pm
Middle School Auditorium

April 2 & 5, 2010

NO SCHOOL Grades K-12
Easter Vacation

April 9, 2010

NO CLASSES FOR
KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Round-Up
and Visitation for students
attending kindergarten in
2010-2011

Too Sick for School?

Parenting is full of judgment calls and it is sometimes difficult to determine if your child is too sick to attend school.

The following symptoms are contagious and your child should remain home for the following:

- Diarrhea, vomiting, or fever within the past 24 hours
- Thick mucus or pus draining from eye
- Sore throat combined with fever or swollen neck glands
- Rashes unrelated to health or other known cause
- Unusual fatigue, paleness lack of appetite or confusion



FLOWERS AND BALLOONS FOR STUDENTS

The staff of Cardinal Elementary requests that parents do **NOT** send flowers, balloon bouquets, or gifts to their children at school. Please save these things for home birthday parties. It is a distraction in the classroom and upsets children who do not receive anything.

Mark your calendars - The Science Fair is coming. More information will be sent home in March.



SCHOOL HOURS

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. School Begins
3:00 p.m. Dismissal

OFFICE HOURS

7:30 – 3:45 p.m.

*** Please pick up your children on time!***

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Miss Bogue, Mrs. Manley & Mrs. Pfister

- Science & Social Studies – spring, eggs and animals that hatch from eggs, and investigate other countries and cultures
- Reading
 - Letters and Sounds – Gg, Ww, Xx and Vv
 - Watch for information about our Waffle Day!
 - High frequency words – he, she, has, look
- Math – problem solving, shape review and measurement

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Robertson & Mrs. Wiese

As we welcome spring, first graders will be studying:

- Science –rocks, solid/liquid/gas, magnets, and plants
- Social Studies - globes
- Math – more work with numbers, addition, subtraction and clocks
- Reading – sight word review and practice

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Bosley, Mrs. Horkey, Mrs. Oswald & Mrs. Sedivy

Second Graders will be busy learning about:

- the different types of communities - rural, urban, city and towns. We will also focus on the types of people who live and work in them.
- the importance of knowing our math facts and practice regrouping and renaming two digit numbers
- comprehension strategies to use when reading, reading for meaning, cause / effect and how to decode new words
- healthy ways to take care of our body

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at conferences. Watch for information from your child.



THIRD GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Helt, Mrs. Martin & Mrs. McGuire

- Reading: On March 30-31, your child will be taking the Nebraska State Assessment for Reading (NeSA-R). To increase success and lessen anxiety, we have been reviewing test taking strategies in the areas of reading and vocabulary.
- Math: We will be working on problem solving with addition, subtraction, and multiplication.
- Science: We will be exploring the solar system.
- Writing: Each child will write a report about a famous person.
- Spelling: We will be reviewing the rules for adding suffixes to base words and learning about different contractions.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Merchant

Math and Reading assessments

Answering questions thoroughly

Recalling and using our skills

Conferences

Having fun learning about Nebraska

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Gerkin, Mrs. Heaton & Mrs. Patrick

- Reading- NESA-Reading Strategies
- Math- Decimals and Probability
- Writing- Descriptive
- Social Studies- American Revolution
- Science- Motions and Forces

ESL

Mrs. Herbold, Miss Mrla & Mrs. Pehrson

- Kindergarten – months, St. Patrick’s Day and animals
- First Grade – Dr. Seuss, rocks and writing sentences
- Second Grade – communities, folklore and writing
- Third Grade – test taking tips and writing grabbers
- Fourth Grade – test taking tips and writing Nebraska tall tales
- Fifth Grade – test taking tips and poetry
- Newcomers – parts of speech

READING

Mrs. Deurloo, Mrs. Freiberg, Ms. Moravec, Mrs. Nauroth, & Ms. Richtermeier



Thank you for all of your participation in the One Book One School at home reading program. We hope you enjoyed reading the *Magic Tree House: Hour of the Olympics*. We think the kids really enjoyed the activities we did at school for the chapter they read the night before.

The South Sioux City Public Library is a great place to check out with your children. The library has a program called "Books before Bedtime" the second Thursday of every month. The next one is March 11 from 7-8 pm. Your children can wear their pajamas and listen to some wonderful stories.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Berrie

Kindergarten – Grade 3

Our Kindergarten through 3rd grade students have read all 10 of the Golden Sowers. Our votes were counted and sent in to be added to the State totals. "The Perfect Nest" by Catherine Friend got the most votes, 122.



Our second vote getter was "The Secret Science Project that Almost Ate the School" by Judy Sierra. The winner of the Golden Sower award

will be announced in early May.

Grades 4 & 5

We will be starting our understanding of the Dewey Decimal system that our library uses to

organize books. It is a system in which the books are sorted into 10 large categories and then assigned a number. The books are all shelved according to their number. Then we will be moving into our research projects.



So far we have collected receipts totaling **\$57,644.57**. For every \$100 worth of receipts turned in, our school will receive \$1.00 at the end of the program. Right now

Cardinal Elementary has earned **\$576.45**. It is our intent to use the money raised for our classroom and main libraries. We hope that you help us by participating in this project. Bring your receipts to the Cardinal Elementary School Office. **Please make sure that each receipt has a date between August 1, 2009, and May 1, 2010.**



April 2 & 5, 2010 **NO SCHOOL –** Easter Vacation

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KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Planning for the 2010-2011 school year is well under way. In order to plan adequately for the children who will be entering kindergarten this fall, it is important that we know how many students will be attending our kindergarten. This year the registration has been scheduled for **April 9, 2010**, at Cardinal Elementary School. **There will not be school for our current Kindergarten class that day.**

Please phone the school office and advise us that you have a child starting kindergarten this fall. Since this newsletter reaches only those families who have children in school, we ask that you pass this information on to any parent planning to enroll a child in kindergarten.

A few things to keep in mind are (1) Pupils entering Kindergarten must have reached their fifth birthday on or before October 15, 2010, (2) Schools will not accept the results of any readiness tests for pupils who do not comply with the above requirement, and (3) **A certified copy of the birth certificate** (not the hospital copy) is required for the registration of all Kindergarten students. If you do not have a certified copy of the birth certificate, you may send \$12.00 to the following address:

Vital Records
1033 "O" Street, Suite 130
P. O. Box 95065
Lincoln, NE 68509-5065
Phone: 402-471-2871

If your child was born in Iowa before July 1, 1995, if the child was adopted or parents were not married at the time of child's birth, you may send \$15.00 to the following address:

Iowa Department of Public Health
Bureau of Vital Records
Lucas State Office Building - First Floor
321 East 12th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-0075
Phone: 515-281-4944

If your child was born in Sioux City, Iowa, you may go to the Court House in Sioux City to pick up your copy. The cost is \$15.00.

Recorder's Office
Woodbury County Court House
Room Number 106 – Main Floor
620 Douglas Street
Sioux City, IA
Phone: 279-6626

You will be receiving more information on Kindergarten Round-Up at a later date.

March will be an exciting month at the South Sioux City Public Library! Stop by and check out all the activities we have planned for your children.



On March 1, during the Family Fun Night, 5:30 to 6:30 we are celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday. We will have guest readers reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books, Cat and the Hat will make an appearance, and what is a party without cake? Come join the celebration! Every Monday is a Family Fun Night at the library.

Friday March 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 we will have our School's Day Out program with Angela Abts from the UNL Extension Office. She teaches kids about healthy eating, lets them play games and there is a fun craft to do.

On Saturday March 6 starting at 1:00 we will have a LEGO Imagination Contest. This is for children aged 6 yrs old and up. The theme of the contest is Transportation so bring your LEGO blocks in and build. The contest will start at 1:00 and last until 2:00. Promptly at 2:00 we will begin judging the sculptures. There will be prizes for the top three in each of the three age categories!



On Thursday March 11 we will host Books Before Bed at 7:00. The children may come to the library in the pajamas with a pillow or stuff toy to cuddle with. We will have local volunteers reading books to the children to get them settled in for a good night sleep. The month of March we will be reading books about March Madness (basketball).

If your family has any students in the grades 6 to 12 then talk to them about joining our Teen Advisory Board. We meet only twice a month on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30. On March 8 we will be discussing *The Last Part First* book by Angela Johnson in our Teen Book Talk. On March 22 we will have an agenda meeting to plan upcoming activities and help the library grow for the teens.

Mrs. Carson's Bucket Board

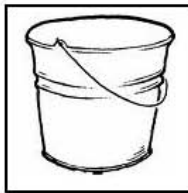
What's happening in Guidance?

- ✓ Kindergarten and 1st graders made friendship snack mix
- ✓ Friendship skills were discussed and practiced by role-playing
- ✓ We reviewed how to control anger
- ✓ 2nd and 3rd graders made valentines for each other
- ✓ 4th and 5th grades made acrostic poems about feeling words
- ✓ Lots of talk about the GOLDEN RULE and thinking about how our actions affect others.
- ✓ Really thinking about the message our actions send

Topics

THE GOLDEN RULE

- Treat everyone the way you want to be treated...no matter what!
- To have friends you need to be a friend
- If you are angry, stop, take a deep breath, count to 10...find some way to calm down before you respond. This will allow you to respond in a respectful manner.



Next Month in Guidance

- We will discuss honesty and trustworthiness
- We will be reviewing study skills
- Role-playing
- Continue to work on conflict resolution skills, handling anger & other feelings so we are able to communicate with others in a positive way
- Continue working on our problem solving skills

Have You Filled A Bucket Today?

- *Joseph filled Anthony's bucket by telling him "Good job!"
- *Paola helped a kindergartener make Indian corn.
- *Julissa's baby cousin helped her when she fell.
- *Ericka A played with someone who was lonely.
- *Mekhi cheers for Zebiba
- *Madison let someone use her crayon.
- *Mrs. Horkey made a beautiful quilt for the carnival.
- *Elyssa surprised Steve with a Thank you card.
- *Student council visited Matney's Colonial Manor in December
- *Two kindergarten students worked out an argument in a respectful and kind manner.