

Roosevelt Elementary



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P.B.I.S. Word of the month: Kindness





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February 2023				
Monday	Tuesda <u>y</u>	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8		1 Professional Development- 2 hr late start for Students	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13 3:30-7:30 Parent/ Teacher Conferences	14 3:30-8:00 Parent/ Teacher Conferences	15	16	17 7:30-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences for grades K- 12. No school for K-12 students
20 President's Day- No School for Staff or Students	21	22	23	24
27	28			8







Greetings Roosevelt Families and Friends!

As we begin February and get ready to **celebrate** Valentine's Day on the 14th we can also celebrate Kindness Day on February 17th. I see **kindness** every day here at Roosevelt, all year long. Being kind to one another makes our school work, we are a team of students and staff working together to grow and learn from one another and for that to



work, kindness is a must. I'd also like to acknowledge our Paraprofessionals. It was ${f Para}$

Appreciation Week from Jan. 23rd-27th. Here are a few Kodak moments of some **amazing** people; our Paraprofessionals!































Pre K:

In preschool we work on social skills and appropriate behavior at school. One way we do this is by encouraging children to talk, share and engage in conversations with others. We have been talking about ways to stop and think about how you are feeling and label that feeling. When your child is feeling big emotions at home, ask them to stop, put their hand on their tummy and think about what they are feeling. It is also important to ask your child questions and engage them in back and forth conversations. We love when children can express their thoughts and what they are feeling!

Kindergarten:

Happy February, Kindergarten families! We are looking forward to a month of fun and learning! Keep an eye on Remind and your child's folder for information regarding conferences, Valentine's Day, and our 100th Day of School celebration. Please remember to label your child's winter gear as many of their items get mixed up and/or lost! Our lost and found area inside our entryway is FULL of winter gear that hasn't been claimed. Please help your child at home by reading with them and having them read their small paper books to you. Please practice addition and subtraction facts to 10 using pictures, number sentences, and number bonds. Thank you!

1st Grade:

Happy February from First Grade!

It will be a busy month with our Music Informances, conferences, our 100th day of school, and our Valentine's activities! We look forward to meeting with all of you at conferences! Our main focus in Reading this month will be asking and answering questions about key details in a text. We will also continue to work on identifying key details and the main topic of a text. In Math, we will continue working on addition and subtraction strategies before moving forward with money (pennies, nickels, dimes) and time (hour/half-hour). We are also excited to learn about penguins and alligators this month! Please keep reading with your child at home - you are making a difference!











2nd Grade:

Hello! We are looking forward to having conferences this month with you. This month, we will be practicing using mental math strategies to add and subtract two digit numbers. Also, solving real world story problems that require adding and subtracting two digit numbers. We will begin to use our addition and subtraction to make data and graphs as well. In literacy, we will be identify the main purpose of a text and what the author is wanting to answer. Also, we will be recounting stories from fables or folktales and figure out their central message/theme. Thank you for partnering with us in helping your child learn and grow. As always please reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have!

3rd Grade:

Hello 3rd grade families! The school year is going so fast. We can't believe it is already February. Good thing we LOVE school. This month is the first time the third graders are working with fractions and they are doing great. They are using big words like; partition, fractions with words and symbols and recognizing that fractions can be used to represent parts of a whole or parts of a set. In reading we are having so much fun with dramas and poetry. Creating and reading them sure are fun! Figuring out the plot and finding the theme makes reading interesting. Thank you for being here and creating a wonderful relationship with us and your child.

4th Grade:

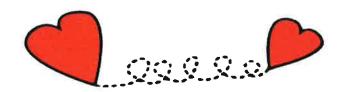
We can't believe that we are over half done with the school year at this point. We have been very busy learning new material and improving on past learning, and we look forward to growing even more. In math we have finished up geometry and moving forward into fractions and eventually decimals. In literacy we will get the opportunity to explore different perspectives and points of view. In content we just finished up our opinion writing projects on zoos and we will be digging into the Northwest region in social studies. Please reach out to your child's teacher with questions or concerns, and we look forward to the rest of the year with your students.











5th Grade:

Brrr! It's cold! But we are grateful for a warm place to learn in! We are looking forward to this month and all the great learning that will take place! This month in math we will be working with 2D and 3D shapes to find surface area and volume. In reading we are working on finding main ideas in a text and comparing and contrasting characters. We are also looking forward to seeing all of you this month for our conferences! Have a great February!

Music:

Music classes have lots of fun things happening with the start of the 2023 year!

Kindergarten is beginning to learn how to hold and play drums with a steady beat.

4th and 5th grades are very excited as we are beginning our instrument units with 4th on ukuleles and 5th on recorders. Their song fest will be Friday, May 12th at 2:00pm.

2nd and 3rd grades are preparing for their upcoming songfest which will be on Thursday, March 16th at 2:00pm in the Roosevelt Gym.

1st grade is preparing for their informances which parents are welcome to attend in the music classroom.

February 2nd - 1:30-1:55 pm - Ms. Deadrick's class

February 2nd - 1:55-2:20 pm - Ms. Lindeman's class

February 3rd- 1:30-1:55 pm - Ms. Bosch's class

February 3rd- 1:55-2:20 pm - Mrs. ledema's class











EL:

Multilingual students will be taking the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment in February. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is divided into 4 sections: Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing. We have practiced in each of these areas so students will feel confident when they take this assessment! You can support your child by encouraging them to work hard, ask questions, and do their best!

STEM:

Kindergarten: In kindergarten STEM we are learning how to describe different objects based on their traits. For example if things are smooth or rough and if things are natural or human-made.

1st Grade: In first grade STEM we have learned about recycling and how we can help the environment.

2nd Grade: In second grade STEM we will be starting our unit on motion and learning about balanced and unbalanced forces.

3rd Grade: In third grade STEM we are learning how different types of materials cause light to behave differently. For example, mirrored objects will reflect light.

4th Grade: In fourth grade STEM we are learning about water as a valuable natural resource.

5th Grade: In fifth grade STEM we are learning about how rotation causes earth to have day and night as well as revolution which causes Earth to have seasons.

PE:

Physical education classes will continue to teach Bowling, Rackets, and Hockey. We will spend 1 1/2 weeks teaching long and short jump rope. Remember to bring tennis shoes.













For the month of February, Roosevelt students and staff will be focusing on showing kindness in all we do and say. We might not always agree with each other but we can always choose to be kind. Students that are showing kindness here at school will have the opportunity to get a special bracelet from their teacher. Talk to your child about what kindness means to them and how they show kindness everyday.

Thank you for sharing your children with us each day. We want to see every child thrive at school and we are here to help. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

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THE THABITS OF A POSITIVE PARENT





CONNECT BEFORE YOUR CORRECT

When we connect, kids move from a defensive, reactive state to a receptive one.

▶ "COME HERE FOR A HUG. YOU SEEM TO FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THIS. TELL ME MORE."



ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

You'll get the support you need and model the importance of speaking up.

♦ "I TOOK ON A LOT THIS WEEK. I WILL SEE IF MY FRIEND CAN HELP ME OUT."



MAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF

Our children will never choose to give us a break. We need to make sure our needs are met.

"I NEED TIME TO RELAX FOR TEN MINUTES. I WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER."



SET FIRM BOUNDARIES

Clear boundaries help children thrive and make parenting easier.

* "MY ANSWER IS NO. YOU'RE FREE TO DISAGREE."



STAY FLEXIBLE

Be open to change your mind. Try new approaches, find what works for YOUR family.

♦ "I WOULD LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT TONIGHT. BEFORE WE READ A BOOK, LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR DAY."



LEAD WITH LOVE

Let your child know that your love never wavers. Even when things get tough.

* "THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO FOR ME TO LOVE YOU MORE OR LESS."



BE AN ACTIVE LISTENER

Connect and ask questions instead of making assumptions. .

* "THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT WITH ME. I WANT TO TALK MORE ABOUT THIS TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PERSPECTIVE."

WHEN YOU ADOPT THESE POSITIVE PARENTING HABITS... YOU BUILD A DEEPLY CONNECTED PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP.



