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Mudbug Monthly

Dear Mudbug Families,

It is hard to believe that March is here and we are already starting to feel the warm weather arrive! We will be wrapping up the 3rd quarter on March 14th. As you know, home-school communication is an important factor in your child's success in school. Even though we have already concluded the scheduled Parent Teacher conferences for the year, you can always reach out to your child's teacher for a conference at any time. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. We greatly value your partnership.

March also brings kindergarten registration week. Any child who will be 5 years old by September 30, 2024 is invited to register for Kindergarten. Online registration is available from our website or you can opt for in-person registration from March 11-15 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM each day. Please bring the following:

- Child's birth certificate
- Home address, mailing address, phone number
- Proof of residency (Bring two current utility bills-gas, water and/or electricity only-phone and cable bills are not accepted. If renting, one current utility bill and a copy of the lease with all children listed as occupants must be provided. Landlords' full name and phone number must be on the lease.)
- Social Security card for the child
- Immunization record for the child

It is not necessary for your child to attend registration. For more information regarding Kindergarten you can call the school at 985-764-1275. We look forward to welcoming new Mudbugs to the NSE family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Matherne



PK is Sweet

In March, PK will begin Theme 7, "Amazing Critters." We will read and study about crawling, hopping, and flying critters. We will continue our Phonemic Awareness journey with onset and rime and begin writing our letters. In Math, we will begin adding two sets together. We will sort critters by their characteristics and learn different life cycles. We are excited to welcome Spring and the great weather that comes along with it!

Terrific Times in Kindergarten

February was such a busy month! Kindergartners enjoyed the Black History Month Program! They listened to quotes from famous figures, heard our second graders perform a special song, and even got to see a demonstration from a Step group. Students truly enjoyed this experience. We have finished learning all of our letter sounds, added some more tricky words to our list, started blending four and five sound words, and even started reading with partners. In Math, we have been working with our number bonds to show decomposing and composing numbers and writing number sentences to match math stories and pictures.

Fabulous 1st Graders

First Grade learned about outer space in English Language Arts during the 3rd Quarter. We learned interesting facts about the 8 major planets, the sun and the moon. We also learned that Pluto is not a major planet. In fact, it is actually one of 17 dwarf planets in our solar system! In Math, we are learning about the number of tens and ones in a 2-digit number. We are also learning what is 10 more and 10 less than a 2-digit number in Module 5. Examples of these skills can be found in your child's Eureka Math Squared Homework book.

Sensational 2nd Graders

Second grade Mudbugs are applying their reading foundational skills in their Sir Gus reader, and enjoying the adventures of Sir Gus. In math, students have begun a new module and are learning about shapes and time with fractions. Insects are everywhere in English Language Arts, and students are enjoying the interesting facts they are learning about insects as well as building comprehension skills with this background knowledge.



Library News

February Reading Program Winners:

2nd grade

Cotton: Kennedy Naquin
Zablo: Thalia Fowler
Waguespack: Lucy Poplus
Montz: Scarlett Cook
Volion: Jaxson Ardoin

1st Grade

Thibodeaux: Evelyn Henry
Grosz: Natalie Hamilton
Knuppel: Kyle Kimble
Mailhos: Emily Deaton
Anderson: Katherine Hinrichs
Viverito: Princeton Lebranch

Kindergarten

Housewright: Rhett Virdue
Toussel: Olivia DiBenedetto
/Kinsley Byrd
Starlone: Lia Davis
Ernst: Sophia Hanrahan

- NSE Spring Book Fair is coming soon! Save the date: **March 4-11.**
- Please refer to the parent letter/flier that went home with students to see your child's book fair day according to his/her library enrichment schedule.
- Check out the two QR codes/links to visit Scholastic's NSE Book Fair Homepage and Volunteer Google Form.





Building Blocks of Communication:

Parents often want to have good relationships with their children, but sometimes it can be difficult to know where to begin. Life is busy and it is difficult to even find the time to think about improving your relationship with your children. What does a parent do?

One of the biggest keys to a good relationship is spending time with your children. Sharing in fun brings people closer together. It is important, even in the busy world we live in, to set time aside for your children. Start today and make family night a regular occasion in your house. When kids are young there is nothing better than spending time with you, their parents. Here are a few ideas on how to fit quality time in with your kids.

- **Homemade Pizza Night:** This is fun for kids, parents can roll out the crust and each person in the family can put the toppings of his/her choice on a personal size pizza.
- **Game Night:** Take one night a week or one night a month and make it game night. Kids love to play games and they learn sportsmanship at the same time.
- **Movie Night:** Take one night a month and make it family movie night. Let a different person select the movie each night, pop some popcorn and hang out in the living room together.
- **Family Fun Bag:** Sit down and make a list of all the fun things you want to do together. Write each one on a sheet of paper and place them in a bag. Draw one slip out each week or month and do what is on the slip on family fun night/day.

As always, feel free to contact me for more if you have any questions or concerns!

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How Can You Support Your Child's Learning at Home:

- **Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your children.**

What we say and do in our daily lives can help them to develop positive attitudes toward school and learning and to build confidence in themselves as learners. Showing our children that we both value education and use it in our daily lives provides them with powerful models and contributes greatly to their success in school.

In addition, by showing interest in their children's education, parents and families can spark enthusiasm in them and lead them to a very important understanding-that learning can be enjoyable as well as rewarding and is well worth the effort required.

- **Monitor your child's television, video game, and Internet use.**

American children on average spend far more time watching TV, playing video games and using the Internet than they do completing homework or other school-related activities.

- **Encourage your child to read.**

Helping your child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child to succeed in school-and in life. The importance of reading simply can't be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects. More importantly, it is the key to lifelong learning.

- **Talk with your child.**

Talking and listening play major roles in children's school success. It's through hearing parents and family members talk and through responding to that talk that young children begin to pick up the language skills they will need if they are to do well. For example, children who don't hear a lot of talk and who aren't encouraged to talk themselves often have problems learning to read, which can lead to other school problems. In addition, children who haven't learned to listen carefully often have trouble following directions and paying attention in class. It's also important for you to show your child that you're interested in what he has to say.

- **Encourage your child to use the library.**

Libraries are places of learning and discovery for everyone. Helping your child find out about libraries will set him on the road to being an independent learner. Remember that libraries also offer a quiet place for students to complete homework, and are often open in the evening.

- **Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently.**

Taking responsibility and working independently are important qualities for school success. You can help your child to develop these qualities by establish reasonable rules that you enforce consistently, making it clear to your child that he has to take responsibility for what he does, both at home and at school, showing your child how to break a job down into small steps, and monitor what your child does after school, in the evenings and on weekends. If you can't be there when your child gets home, give her the responsibility of checking in with you by phone to discuss her plans.

- **Encourage active learning.** Children need active learning as well as quiet learning such as reading and doing homework. Active learning involves asking and answering questions, solving problems and exploring interests. Active learning also can take place when your child plays sports, spends time with friends, acts in a school play, plays a musical instrument or visits museums and bookstores. To promote

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active learning, listen to your child's ideas and respond to them. Let him jump in with questions and opinions when you read books together. When you encourage this type of give-and-take at home, your child's participation and interest in school is likely to increase.

Fomente el aprendizaje de su hijo en la casa

- **Demuestre una actitud positiva con respeto a la educación.** Lo que decimos y hacemos en nuestras vidas diarias les puede ayudar a desarrollar actitudes positivas hacia la escuela y el aprendizaje, y a desarrollar la confianza en sí mismos como estudiantes. Al demostrarles que valoramos la educación y utilizamos nuestro conocimiento en la vida cotidiana, les damos un ejemplo muy poderoso a seguir, lo cual contribuye mucho a su éxito en la escuela.
- **Aliente a su niño a leer.** Lo más importante que usted puede hacer para ayudarle a su niño a tener éxito en la escuela-y en la vida-es ayudarle a leer. No podemos enfatizar demasiado la importancia de la lectura. La lectura ayuda a los niños a superarse en todas sus materias. Más aún, es la clave para el aprendizaje de toda la vida.
- **Hable con su niño.** Hablar y escuchar cuidadosamente son dos destrezas que juegan un papel muy importante en el éxito escolar de su niño. Los niños pequeños aprenden las destrezas del lenguaje que necesitarán para tener éxito aprendiendo a leer a través de lo que escuchan a sus padres decir, las charlas entre los miembros de su familia y cómo son alentados a responder. Por ejemplo, los niños que no escuchan mucha conversación o a quienes no se les alienta a hablar y participar, suelen tener problemas al aprender a leer, lo cual puede causar retrasos en su desarrollo escolar. Además, los niños que no han aprendido a escuchar con cuidado frecuentemente tienen problemas siguiendo instrucciones o prestando atención en clase. También es muy importante que usted le demuestre que le interesa lo que el niño dice y piensa..
- **Anímalo a usar la biblioteca.** Las bibliotecas son lugares de aprendizaje y descubrimiento para todos. Al ayudar a su niño a descubrir la biblioteca usted lo iniciará en un camino seguro hacia el aprendizaje independiente. Las bibliotecas también tienen un gran número de recursos para estudiantes de todas las edades, como material de referencia, computadoras y muchos tipos de libros, ¡sin mencionar que ofrecen un lugar tranquilo para estudiar y hacer la tarea! Servicios de la biblioteca para niños de edad escolar describe los servicios que las bibliotecas ofrecen a los estudiantes.
- **Aliente a su niño a ser responsable y trabajar independientemente.** Tomar mayor responsabilidad y trabajar independientemente son cualidades importantes para el éxito escolar. Fomenta la responsabilidad, la independencia, y el aprendizaje activo ofrece algunas sugerencias para ayudar a su niño a desarrollar estas cualidades.
- **Fomente el aprendizaje activo.** Los niños necesitan participar en actividades de aprendizaje activo al igual que en actividades de aprendizaje independiente como leer o hacer tarea. El aprendizaje activo incluye hacer y responder a preguntas, resolver problemas y explorar intereses. El aprendizaje activo también se realiza cuando su niño participa en actividades deportivas, juega con sus amigos, actúa en una obra de teatro de la escuela, toca un instrumento musical o visita museos y librerías. Para promover el aprendizaje activo, pida que su niño comparta sus ideas con usted y respóndele.



March is National Nutrition Month!



Eating healthy foods can help prevent many medical problems, not only in adults, but also in children. Being overweight, heart disease and diabetes are problems facing young children in today's world. These are serious problems with potentially deadly consequences.

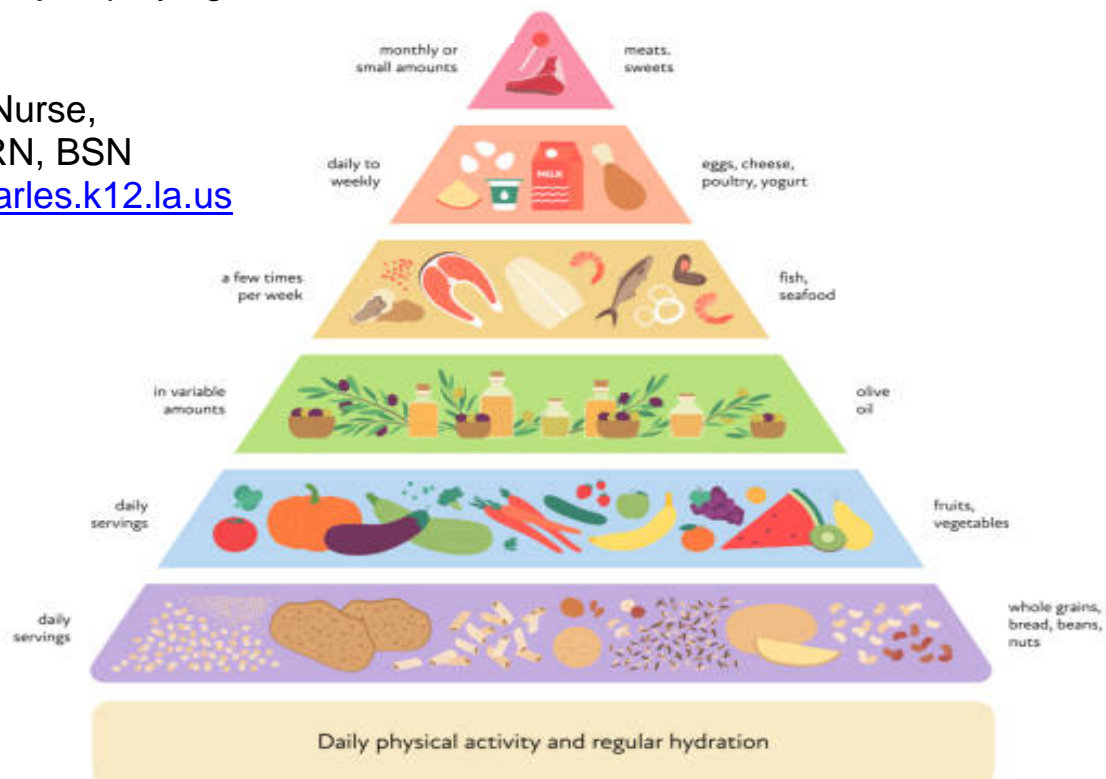
Making healthy choices for the whole family is important. Children imitate not only what you do, but also what you eat. Try new foods and encourage your children to do the same. Eat your fruits, vegetables and whole grains. You will not only feel better, but you will set a great example for your family.

Please remember to check with your doctor before making changes in your lifestyle that include exercise. Check with your child's doctor concerning specific diet needs, such as food allergies and difficulty tolerating certain foods.

Healthy choices include:

- 🍎 A variety of foods
- 🍎 Whole grain products, like breads and cereals
- 🍎 Vegetables and fruits (5 a day)
- 🍎 Water, milk and real fruit juice
- 🍎 Foods that are low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol
- 🍎 Foods that are low in sugar and salt (sodium)
- 🍎 Exercise to balance the foods you eat, like running, jumping and just playing outdoors!

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Our February Students of the Month are SWEET!

We hosted our February Students of the Month Recognition. This award honors students who demonstrate the qualities of C.A.R.E.S. (Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self Control). One student from each homeroom is selected monthly. They also had a surprise visit from a family member. Student of the Month recipients receive a special T-shirt they can wear any school day and a special treat. Congratulations to all of our outstanding students!



Black History Month Program



March

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Students may wear a favorite team shirt w/jeans or uniform bottoms.	2
3	4  10:00 am Book Fair	5  Book Fair	6 Book Fair	7 Book Fair	8 Book Fair Students may wear a favorite team shirt w/jeans or uniform	9
10 	11  10:00 am Book Fair	12 In person Kindergarten registration all week 9:30 AM-12:30 PM	13 2nd grade performance LPAC 6:30	14	15 Happy St Patrick's Day! Students may wear a green shirt w/jeans K/PK Morning with the Mudbugs Early Dismissal. Students will be dismissed at 12:45.	16
17 	18  10:00 am	19	20	21	22 Students may wear a favorite team shirt w/jeans or uniform bottoms.	23
24 31	25  10:00 am	26	27	28	29 	30