



All-Star update

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Dear All-Star Parents,

I hope that you and your All-Star had a wonderful Spring Break. We are know back if full swing with one semester to go. I encourage you to continue to work with your All-Star everyday in an academic area. If we can teach our All-Stars to be life longer learners, they will have endless opportunities.

Your all-star did a great job during march is reading month but we need to continue to encourage our kids to read. If you are struggling to get your student to read, check out some of links on my website under the symbaloo page.

Science Need:

We are going to be using some empty 2 liter bottles for a science experiment. If you can donate an empty one, that would be great, thanks!



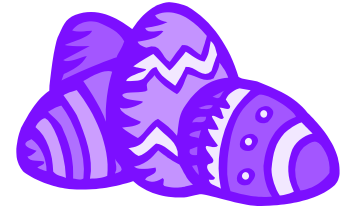
Field Trip:

Be on the look out for our upcoming field trip on the 25th to the Binder Park Zoo for Arbor Day. We will be doing some arbor day activities, will receive a tree to plant, and check out the zoo. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.



Snacks:

We have run out of snacks for the year. If you can donate some for the class for those students who forget to bring a snack that would be great.



THIS MONTH IN CLASS

- **Science:** We are learning about the water cycle and how weather affects our communities
- **Lang. Arts:** We are continuing to learn about making connection, predictions, visualizations, plots, and resolutions. We are also learning how to take notes
- **Writing:** We are focusing on writing descriptive pieces and informational pieces. We will also be learning how to write a letter.
- **Math:** We are continuing to work on telling time on an analog clock, counting money, and measuring different objects using standard and metric form.
- **Cursive:** We are starting to learn cursive. Please feel free to have your all-star practice cursive at home. A good way to practice is to write out their spelling words.

Math Tips

Here are some tips to help your all-star as we are working on some new math concepts.

Money:

- Have your all-star sort different combinations of money for 25, 50, 75 cents and a dollar
- Put out different amounts of change and have your all-star add them up.

Time:

- Work on the following vocabulary words with an analog clock: quarter past, half past, quarter to.
- Also have them work on telling time to the nearest 5 minutes.

Measurement:

- Give your all-star a ruler, yard stick, or tape measure and have them measure items inside and out-

side around your house. Work on both standard units (inches) and metric units (centimeters.)

- Also work on measuring items with a ruler starting at different points on the ruler. For example, have them measure a paper clip starting at 3 inches instead of the beginning of the ruler.