

# Cowgill Elementary School Newsletter

March 1, 2019

Betty Vassmer, Superintendent/Principal

## Principal's News



Dear Cowgill Families,

These last two months have certainly reminded us all that we are still in the winter season. But I for one can now say, "I am soooo ready for spring and to see the grass again." Thank you to parents for your understanding and patience when our district needs to make these safety decisions.

This year's snow days have been unprecedented and have required us to reschedule many of our days. As stated in our original calendar from the beginning of the year, we have always intended on placing our make-up days at the end of the year to maintain a consistent calendar for all our student, parents and staff. However, we have added April 12th as a make-up day, in order of our 4<sup>th</sup> graders to be able to go to their rescheduled Jefferson City and our K-2 to attend the "Big Bad Wolf" hearing in Kingston. Originally we were scheduled to be out May 6th, but our ending date is now May 20th. Spring concert has changed to April 2nd; Pre-school graduation will now be Wednesday, May 15 @ 10:30 and 8th-grade graduation will be May 15th. We have made confirmations with the charter bus companies today, and May 16th will be our Omaha Zoo trip, and Watkin's Mill will be May 20th. We will try to keep you updated and as always if you look at our website <https://www.cowgillr6.com> to get up-to-date calendar and menu information.

We were finally able to hold our basketball recognition awards ceremony last Thursday. It was a great night to recognize our outstanding athletes as well as with our 8th-grade student's goodbye and good luck as they finished their careers here at Cowgill.

Mid-quarter grades for 4th through 8th grade will be mailed home today, Tuesday, March 5th. If you have any questions or concerns or did not receive your child's grade report, please don't hesitate to contact us here at school. You can also log in and monitor your child's grade through our online system, call into the office, and we can get this set up for you.

Cowgill R-VI will be screening three, four, and five-year-olds during its Preschool/Kindergarten Roundup on April 9th. Children who will be three by August 1st are eligible for the 2019-2020 preschool programs. Students now attending preschool will need to sign up for kindergarten screenings. The screening checks vision, hearing, growth, speech, and language development. The Dial-4 assessment will also be administered. A child's birth certificate, immunization records, and social security card should be brought to his or her appointment. Contact the office to schedule an appointment.

Don't forget to spring forward this Sunday as it is the beginning of Daylight Savings.

Yours in Education,

*Betty Vassmer*



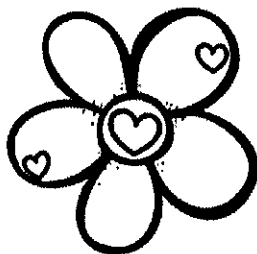
# March



1 <sup>st</sup>	No School
8 <sup>th</sup>	Dental Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup>	Day Light Savings Time Begins
14 <sup>th</sup>	Donuts with Dad 7:45 a.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	No School
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Education Meeting 6:30
21 <sup>st</sup>	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
29 <sup>th</sup>	No School

# February

Miss Morgan



# Newsletter

Pre-K/ Guidance

## This Month we Learned about...

- Xx, Vv, Qq, Ii
- Pink
- Heart
- 7 and 8

## Monthly Theme

My Body

## Next Month we are learning...

- Kk, Jj, Oo, Uu
- Green and Purple
- Diamond/ Rhombus

## Monthly Theme

Spring

## Reminders:

- Be sure to dress your child according to the weather.
- Although we have had some really nice days remember that it is still winter!!

## • 100<sup>th</sup> day of school:

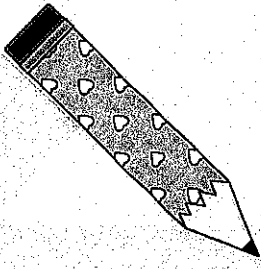
We will be celebrating 100 days of school on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>!

## • 101<sup>st</sup> Day of school:

PRESCHOOL will be celebrating Miss Morgan's favorite day of the year! A day of celebrating 101 days of school with my favorite SPOTTED friends!!! We will be watching 101 Dalmatians and dalmatian crafts! Preschool students can wear spots for the day or Dalmatian attire to help celebrate!

## Nutrition:

This week we are starting nutrition with the MU Extension. We will be learning nutrition 1 time per week for the next 6 weeks. Be sure to ask your student what we are learning each week! The PK class loves their nutrition class!



# Mrs. Peters' Class Happenings!

## What we have learned:

### **Reading:** Main Idea and Details

We have learned about asking and answering questions and making predictions. We learned that good readers ask questions to learn more about the book they are reading. We learned about the question words and how to ask good questions that go along with the book. We have learned that predictions are a guess about what is going to happen in the story. We have learned that you can make predictions by using the front cover and the illustrations.

### **Writing:** Types of Writing

**Math:** K-Addition/Subtraction    1- Addition/Subtraction

### **Science/Social Studies:** Famous Americans

## Upcoming Events

March 1<sup>st</sup>- No School  
March 7<sup>th</sup>- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Donuts with Dad  
March 15<sup>th</sup>- No School  
March 21<sup>st</sup>- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
March 29<sup>th</sup>- No School

## News from Mrs. Peters

I think we are finally back into the school routine! The kiddos have been working so hard and are really doing a great job!

We have started using Seesaw in our classroom. I sent home information on how you can subscribe to your student's page. We add to these every day! The students love showing off their learning and would love for you to see what we do throughout our day.

Please let me know if you need another form to sign up for this amazing app!! We are utilizing it daily and the students would really appreciate that support from home! It is a wonderful tool we are using.

Don't hesitate to contact me:  
[efarabee@cowgillr6.org](mailto:efarabee@cowgillr6.org)

# This Month in: Miss Prewitt's Class

## We are learning:

Math: During math the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade has been working on telling time to the minute and regrouping with subtraction. The 3<sup>d</sup> grade has been working on division and making the connection between division and repeated subtraction.

Handwriting: We are working hard with making sure that our handwriting is legible.

Social Studies: During this month students have been working with maps and the parts that make up maps. Also they can tell you why they need to be able to read maps.

Science: This month have started working with weather and climate.

Writing: This month we have started learning about Informative Writing.

Reading: This month we have started working with nonfiction stories. Students know what a nonfiction story is. Also the parts of a nonfiction book. We will be working with using context clues.



News  
Specials:  
Monday-Art  
Tuesday-Music  
Wednesday-P.E.  
Thursday-Library  
Friday-Team Building

Month of February  
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# MRS. D'S FEBRUARY 2019 NEWS

## Language Arts

We are working on our first big research paper in LA. They are finding so many fun facts and now they will put them in a written paper and then present them to the class. I can't wait to see all their hard work put together.

## Math

We are continuing our division and multiplication skills. The rest of the quarter will be working with fractions, area and perimeter.

## Science

-We have finished up our unit on energy and will now move on to sound waves. We will learn how sound travels and about the different frequencies of sound.

## Social Studies

They have been loving our current unit on the 13 colonies! We have learned about John Smith and Pocahontas. Ask your child about the true Pocahontas story versus the movie version. We will continue this unit through the end of the quarter.

I can't believe how Mother Nature has treated us this year! Doesn't she know that we have work to do? I hope that all that is behind us and we can buckle down and finish out the quarter strong!

We will be going on a field trip to Jefferson City, Missouri, on March 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be visiting the capital and Lunge Nature Reserve. Look for more information and permission slips soon.

## Important Dates

March 6<sup>th</sup> - field trip

March 14<sup>th</sup> - donuts with Dad

March 21<sup>st</sup> - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

**Within the Walls of Mr. Walser's Classroom**

**I hope everyone is enjoying this “great” weather we’ve been having.**

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade has begun learning algebraic concepts. They have been quickly picking up these concepts and I’m very proud of how they have been doing.**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have been working very hard in pre-algebra. Students have just finished up Unit 2 and are now starting a new unit with exponents. They are continuing to persist through these problems everyday.**

**In science, we have finished our unit over space. The students had many good discussions about our future with space. They all did very well on their tests and I was happy with how everything went. We are now starting to learn about the periodic table with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and the water cycle with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Winter certainly hasn’t given up yet. Continue to ask students about how they are doing in math. Hopefully we are done having snow days and we can get back into the routine of school.**

**If you ever need anything, please don’t hesitate to ask. You can contact me by phone, 660-255-4415 or by email at [swalser@cowgillr6.org](mailto:swalser@cowgillr6.org).**

**Scott Walser**

# Classroom News from Mrs. Witmer

## What We Are Learning in Mrs. Witmer's Math Class.....

The students just finishing up Unit 2 in Pre-Algebra and did fantastic!!!! They all made A's or high B's on their final test! I am so proud of them since this was by far the longest unit of the year! It included all of the standards for Expressions, Equations and Inequalities which all of the students need to know for Algebra, so there was a lot of material to cover!

Our new unit is on Data Analysis and Probability. We have been learning about exponents so far and over the next few weeks we will be working on the different types of graphs to finish up this short unit.

Hopefully the snow days are behind us and we can get back in a rhythm of learning! We only have a couple of months left until summer break, but the students have a lot of math concepts to learn before that time! If you see your child begin to struggle and fall behind, please contact me and I will see about getting them in for extra help before or after school.



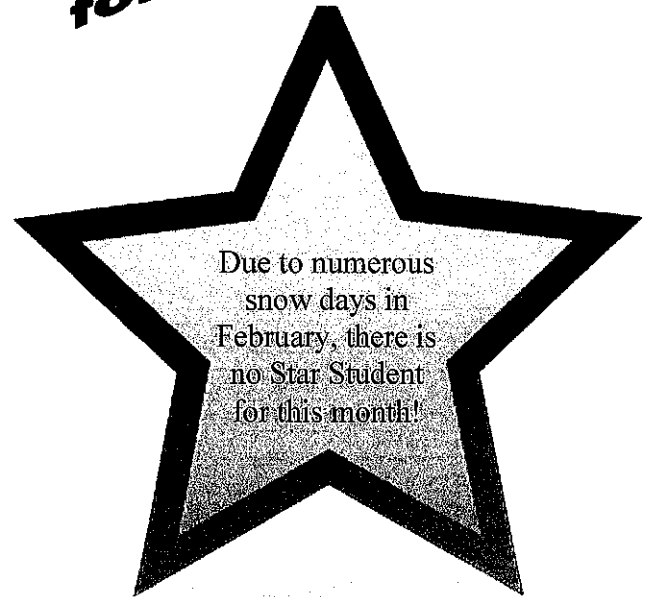
### Contacting Mrs. Witmer

Feel free to contact me anytime ☺

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## Star Students for February



### Dates to Remember in December:

- March 1 - No School
- March 15 - No School
- March 29 - No School