



Bulldog Bulletin

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Classroom News

February 6, 2020 Parent Teacher Conferences

March 2-6, 2020 Dr. Seuss Week and Book Fair

March 13, 2020 End of the 3rd Nine Weeks

March 13, 2020 Career Day

April 13-17, 2020 Spring Break

PRE-K

Pre-K students continue learning how to count syllables, produce rhyming words, and determine initial sounds in certain words. They should also be practicing tracking words while you read them a story. Have students show you the space between the words and count how many words are in a sentence. It is also important to have them write their first and last name a couple of times each night, making sure they leave a space between their first and last name. After they write their names, have them spell their names by pointing to and saying each letter. Students should be able to recognize and write many of the letters of the alphabet. For practice, say a letter and have them write the letter and make the sound for the letter.

Students should now be able to recognize the numbers 0-10. Quiz your child by showing them a number and asking what it is. They should also be able to identify all four basic shapes and all colors.

Please remember to send your child's folder and backpack to school daily. Also, remember that if it

is above 40 degrees we will likely be going outside so please send a coat daily.

KINDERGARTEN

We cannot believe we are half way through the school year. We will be planning another field trip soon. Details to come. We are so proud of all the hard work our kindergarteners have done this year. Please continue to read with your child at home. Thank you!

FIRST GRADE

We cannot believe we are halfway through the school year! Our students have been showing a lot of growth these past few months. We are so proud!

As we move into the new year, students will be PALS testing over the next two weeks so we can see their progress in reading. Please continue to read with your student daily. In math, we are working on fluency with addition and subtraction. Practice is key in this area so it is important that you practice math facts with your students often. As Valentine's Day approaches, be on the lookout for a letter home from your student's teacher with details concerning a Valentine's Day exchange.--

SECOND GRADE

The new year is off to a great start in second grade! In reading, we are learning about making inferences and drawing conclusions. We are currently reading fiction texts, but will move on to non-fiction in a few weeks.

Math has been fun these past few weeks! We have learned so much about each other while collecting data and graphing. Once we finish up bar graphs we will move on to probability, then to patterns.

We are currently learning about magnets in science. Ask your child the difference between attract and repel! We will finish up magnets next week and then will switch to social studies. We will learn about developments and innovations in US history. Then we will switch back to science to learn about animal habitats and adaptations.

THIRD GRADE

Welcome to the New Year! In reading, we are making inferences and drawing conclusions in fiction and nonfiction. We will be using the reading strategies that we learn to help us complete research for our upcoming research projects. We are looking forward to walking to the Patrick Henry Memorial Library in February to jump start our research project. We are having fun exploring fractions in math. We are continuing to learn about the different ecosystems and will soon be learning about Mali.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth grade has jumped right back into everything for the New Year. SOL testing is rapidly approaching so not only is your child learning new information but they are also reviewing the previously learned information. You may have already noticed that additional homework is being assigned in math, reading, and Virginia Studies in order to help with this review. Please go over this homework nightly with your child. This will help tremendously with reviewing for the SOL test.

In math, fourth grade is working on fractions. We are adding and subtracting with like and unlike denominators as well as finding least common multiples and greatest common factors. This is requiring students to once again use multiplication facts. If your child still doesn't know these facts automatically when asked, please work with them at home on learning them.

FIFTH GRADE

We continue to review material from the beginning of the year and to learn new skills. In reading, we

have reviewed how fiction and nonfiction are structured and how to use that knowledge to understand what we are reading. We will be reviewing drawing conclusions and how to make inferences. In the next few weeks, we will start comparing two passages. In math, we have reviewed adding and subtracting fractions. Now, the students will be introduced to multiplying fractions, as well as, starting statistics. (A lot of students are struggling with knowing their basic math facts (+ - x ÷ numbers 0-10), so please find a set of flash cards or a review game to practice these until they are automatic.) In science, Mrs. Herrmann's class is reviewing ecosystems and Oceans. Ms. Ginther's class is finishing up Earth Science. In social studies, we have reviewed the Revolutionary War and are starting to learn how our country expanded westward. In writing, we are reviewing our grammar and writing skills and using those skills to write to write stories and essays.

Here are some quick tips for success:

- make sure you do your assignments to the best of your ability and turn them in on time,
- when you are struggling with something, ask for help,
- make sure you are reading at least 20 minutes each day,
- make sure you are studying at least ten minutes each day,
- review your grades on Infinite Campus regularly, and
- make sure you are turning off your devices at least an hour before bedtime and getting a minimum of eight hours of sleep each night.

Report Card Link Annual School Quality Report :

<http://schoolquality.virginia.gov/schools/brookneal-elementary#fndtn-desktopTabs-accountability>



Please save the date for a magical evening under the stars!
Details to come!

SAVE THE DATE
**Under
the stars**
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND 6:30 P.M.



<https://www.facebook.com/BROOKNEALPTA/>



Music Notes:

Be on the lookout for some noises coming from the farm! Kindergarten and 1st grade will perform their program "A Barnyard Moosical" on **Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6pm!** More information will be sent home with K/1st students very soon! Thank you for supporting the music program at BES!



From the Nurse

Laura White

Please notify your child's teacher 48 hours in advance if food will be brought in for your child's classroom. All food must be store bought and have proper labeling for identifying food allergies. All foods that are brought into school must be checked in at the main office no later than 9:00 am. Foods that are brought in after this time, may be delayed in distribution that day.

If your contact information has changed, please notify the front office or update your information in parent portal. It is important for the school to have updated contact information in case of an emergency.

Here are some healthy habits to help prevent the spread of germs and to keep you healthy:

1. Wash hands often
2. Get a flu vaccine each year
3. Cover coughs and sneezes
4. Get a good night's sleep
5. Exercise, eat nutritional foods, drink plenty of water
6. Visit your doctor once a year for an annual wellness visit
7. Keep your hands away from your eyes, mouth and nose.
8. Do not share personal items (Example: Brush, comb, clothes, hats, lip balm)

Children's Dental Health Month is in February. Dental hygiene is one way to keep your body healthy. Here are a few tips on dental hygiene:

- Brush your teeth at least twice a day using a fluoride toothpaste, morning and before bed.
- Floss once a day to help remove plaque and food between teeth that brushing cannot remove.
- Visit your dentist for routine dental exams.
 - Eat healthy foods and drink water.



Remember

If schools open 2 hours late, there is no breakfast served. Eat at home.



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The Book Fair is Coming to BES

March 2-6, 2020

Parents:

Morning Procedures

Please be a rule follower and not a rule breaker! Students who are car riders and arrive to BES **before 8:10AM** must be let out in the car rider's line behind the school at the cafeteria entrance. If students are walkers, they are not to arrive at BES **before 7:40 AM**. Our staff is not required to be here before 7:35AM.

We expect our students to follow rules, so parents, please set a good example for them. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr.

Bennett or Mrs. Gunter

