

Clear Stream Chronicle

“Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.”

Bob Talbert



A Message from the Administrators...

Read Across America

On Tuesday, March 2, our students celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. Since Dr. Seuss has played such an integral part in helping generations learn to read, this day is called "Read Across America." Our Sixth Grade students went over to WAKC and read to the younger children, made "Cat in the Hat" hats and prepared snacks that replicated The Cat in the Hat's hat. Guest readers arrived all day to read their favorite Dr. Seuss books to classes in CSA. "Green Eggs and Ham" seemed to be the most popular book. Ms. Brennan's First Grade class made green eggs and ham as a snack. A great time was had by all! Thank you Dr. Seuss!

Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert will take place on March 16 at 7:30 PM. This year it will be held in the Shaw Avenue Auditorium. We feel that this space is more conducive to a concert atmosphere and there is ample seating for all. There will be additional information sent out regarding this positive change.

Practice ELA Tests

On March 10 - March 12, Grades 3 - 6 will be taking a Practice ELA Test. This test will enable the students to have a sense of what the true testing environment is like; in addition, it gives the teachers another way of using assessment to guide instruction.

PBIS Assembly

We will have 2 assemblies on Friday morning, March 5 to introduce the 2nd theme for this year. The STARS team will present the "Honesty" theme to Grades 1 - 3 at 9 AM and Grades 4 - 6 at 10AM. We have completed "Tolerance" and we are all looking forward to moving ahead and embracing "Honesty."

Black History Month

During Black History Month, our classroom teachers discussed the contributions that African-Americans have made to our country. Among those discussed were Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, Harriet Tubman, George Washington Carver, Benjamin Banneker and President Obama.

See you next week!

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Ms. Galgano

Ms. Galgano teaches Third Grade at Clear Stream Avenue. If she was not a teacher, she would be working for the FBI because she thinks the jobs look very interesting. She likes helping kids learn and she especially enjoys teaching literacy. Her favorite color is blue and pizza is her favorite food. Traveling, learning how to cook and kickball are her hobbies. One day she would like to travel to Spain. Her birthday is April 15.

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PTA Updates...

Most parents will agree that finding friends is not the primary reason they send their children to school. Instead, we send them to learn and earn good grades for a better future. Nevertheless, finding the right niche can help a child feel happier and enjoy going to school more, experts say.

Making friends is an important part of our children's school experience and may even have an impact on their grades. For some children, making friends comes naturally, while others have a very hard time fitting in. Generally, "just about every

child struggles socially at some time and in some way" says Eileen Kennedy-Moore, coauthor of The Unwritten Rules of Friendship.

Here are some steps that she suggests to help your child through a difficult social time:

- Don't rush to solve your child's problem. Just listen and give an extra hug.

- Remind your child that disagreements are normal and are part of friendships.

- Offer advice, as some kids pick up social cues easily, while others need help.

- If the situation is ongoing and causing distress, get professional help. A school counselor or pediatrician is a good place to start.

Upcoming Events

- March 10 - Pre-School Meeting - WAKC - 1:30 PM
- March 16 - Spring Concert - **Shaw Avenue** - 7:30 PM
- March 18 - PTA Meeting - 7:30 PM
- March 24, 25 - 11:15 AM - Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences

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