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IMPORTANT DATES

March 24-28th: Spring Break



Upcoming Field Trips:

April 29th = Mizzou

May 8th = Planetarium at Rock Bridge Highschool (No parents needed)

May 14th = Runge

Information and Events

* Comet Carnival: On Friday, April 25 Paxton Keeley Elementary School will hold its annual Comet Carnival. We will need over 450 volunteers to help "man" games and booths in order to make this evening successful, so we are asking all parents to join us! Volunteers who spend just 30 minutes at the Comet Carnival will get their name entered to win one of 5 fun gift cards from places like Target, Starbucks, Shakespeare's Pizza and more! Students, Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Neighbors and Friends are all welcome to help. Please forward this information to anyone who you know who might want to participate. There is no advance preparation necessary. Games/booths come with simple and easy to understand instructions. Sign up now! It's easy. Just go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E49AAA829A4FF2-comet and select the classroom/activity shift(s) of your choice between the hours of 4:45-8:15 PM. Volunteers will have a great time being a part of this fun community event!

Thank you so much for your help.

Rosemary McCain,

Comet Carnival Volunteer Chair

* <u>Friday Folders:</u> There will be no Friday Folders sent home next week due to spring break. If there are any papers that need to be sent home, they will be in your child's homework folder. Thank you for understanding.



What We've Been Doing







- Math: In math we started our mental subtraction unit. We are working on solving word problems with mental strategies. We will learn the algorithm of subtraction regrouping when we get back from spring break.
- * Writing: This week we started our opinion writing unit. Students learned what an opinion is and realized their opinion can always be right if they have reasons and examples to support their thoughts. We completed many opinion writing prompts. Team Ronzio also paired up with Ms. Gutshall's class to write an opinion piece about why their selected book should go to round two of our March Madness Book Tournament.
- * Reading: This week in shared reading we focused on identifying main characters, supporting characters, problems and solutions by reading <u>I Can Read! I Can Read!</u> Ask your child what the surprising twist was in the book. Reading groups have also been working hard on developing creative ways to share what they read/learned in their book club. See our website for their reading responses.
- Science: We continued our changes in matter unit by conducting experiments with solids, liquids, and mixtures. On Thursday and Friday we completed two afternoons of lab rotations. Students had a science packet where they recorded their observations and conclusions for every experiment. There were six experiments that students conducted with their small science group. Ask your child what their favorite experiment was in the rotation.
- Word Study: In word study we focused on the long "o" sound that was made by the digraphs "ow" and "oa."
- * <u>Mystery Readers</u>: Team Ronzio has been enjoying all of our mystery readers! We look forward to hearing new books and learning about our mystery readers by asking questions.