

# Pearl Rhodes Elementary

## Weekly News

### March 15, 2018



**March 5 – 22, 2018**

### **First and Second Grade News**

Wow! What a winter we have had! With snow day #9 this week, some delayed starts, and the February vacation, it feels like not much has changed in the world of first and second grade. Yet somehow, our amazing students are taking these breaks in routine right in stride, and we are learning and growing together every day.

In reading and writing, we are still focused on informational texts. Students are learning to identify and use nonfiction text features, like a table of contents, glossary, and captions. In their own writing, students learned how to add more detail to their ideas by writing twin sentences. We read lots of nonfiction in our reading groups, and many of our read-alouds have centered on animal adaptations or biographies of inspirational figures. Students have enjoyed reading about people who were brave enough to overcome challenges and change the world. We talk about how these people can inspire us to be brave in our own learning and lives.

In math, we celebrated the 100th day of school by doing lots of activities with groups of 100 items, and making 100th Day crowns with ten frames adding to 100. We also helped the third and fourth graders reach their goal of 100 high fives. Besides 100th day fun, first grade has been working hard at analyzing mixed story problems, figuring out what operation to use and employing different strategies to solve. As their number sense grows, they are adding more and more strategies to their toolbox, and we love watching them use what they know to manipulate numbers in new ways. Second grade has been adding larger numbers, comparing numbers, and working with money. Next up, second grade will be learning to add more than two addends, and taking on a special project. Ethan and Hunter are excited to use their new money knowledge to count the money coming in for Pennies for Patients, doing their part for the hero squad. They will regularly track the money donated and update the school on our progress with a display in the cafeteria, so keep your eyes peeled!

Thank you to all the families who have supported our class's learning by playing math games, practicing spelling words, and reading books from book bags at home. Your support is wonderfully evident in their progress. And now, as much as we love playing in the snow, first and second grade is ready to SPRING into new learning, so we hope fair weather is just around the corner. Until then, build a snowman while it lasts!

Ms. Haskins

### **Upcoming Events**

**March 17**

Parent Teacher Conferences

**March 19**

\*\*PTO MEETING, 3:15 PM\*\*

**March 23**

NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service

**April 05**

3/4 to Pioneer Valley Symphony, GHS

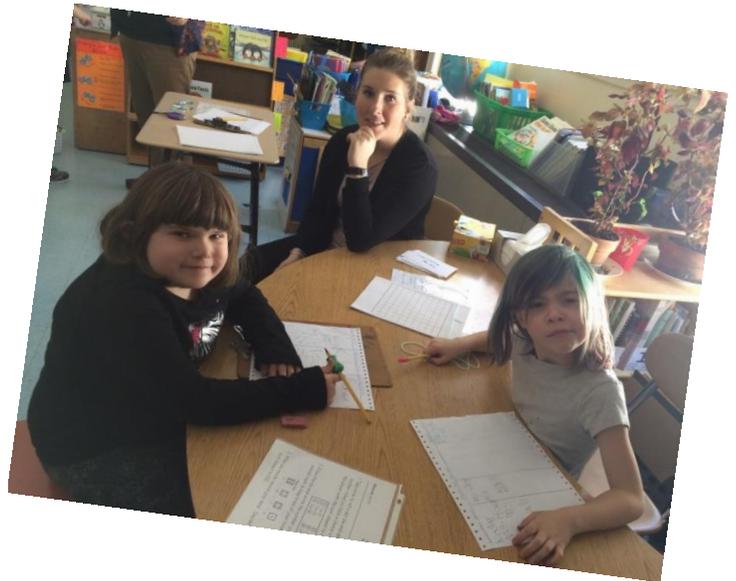
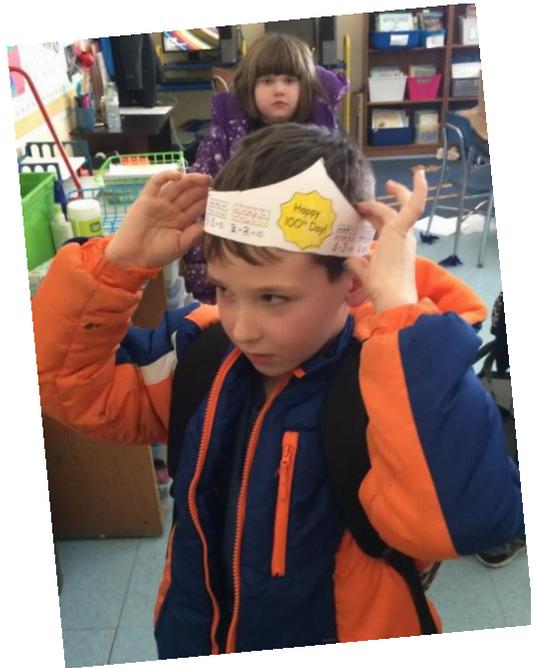


**April 16 - 20**

Spring Recess

# 2018 MCAS Testing Schedule

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS						
	<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 4</u>	<u>April 5</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 11</u>	<u>April 12</u>
<b>Grade 3</b>				Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
<b>Grade 4</b>				Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
<b>Grade 5</b>	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3			
<b>Grade 6</b>	Session 1	Session 2				
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY						
	<u>April 25</u>	<u>April 26</u>				
<b>Grade 5</b>	Session 1	Session 2				
MATH						
	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 2</u>		<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 9</u>	
<b>Grade 3</b>				Session 1	Session 2	
<b>Grade 4</b>				Session 1	Session 2	
<b>Grade 5</b>	Session 1	Session 2				
<b>Grade 6</b>	Session 1	Session 2				



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