

Friday, March 6, 2015

RE: Week of Monday, March 9, 2015

Just a few things...

- Wahoo! We completed our written portion of the ISTEP this past week. The kids dove into it with both feet. I am very proud of them- only a few "almost" panic attacks. However, a little deep breathes and we were back on track in a jiffy. We were scheduled to take our IREAD-3 on Tuesday, March 10, but the testing window changed. We will take it on Thursday, March 12, instead. We will be done before lunch on that day. Your child may bring a healthy snack for that day if they choose. Remind them to get their rest and to eat a nutritious breakfast.
- We watched our personal safety video today and then we talked about listening to our "gut". I reminded them to always seek a trusted adult in times of uncertainty or the need of guidance- no matter how uncomfortable the conversation may be. Their safety is the #1 priority.
- We should finish reading "Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters" on Monday- maybe Tuesday. The main character, Justin, is quite a worry wart. A few kids checked out the sequels to this book. I love when kids get hooked on reading. Our vocab/spelling test will be on Monday, March 9 as planned. Our next read aloud will be from the "I Survived" series. The genre is historical fiction. We will read "I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. The new list is posted on weebly.
- The deadline for ordering a yearbook was last week. The PTO extended the ordering, so you may still be able to place an order online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) (use the code 8881815).
- March "20 Together" calendars went home this week.
- Last call to turn in the Six Flags "Read to Succeed" reading logs. Six Flags extended the deadline to Wednesday, March 11.
- The wrong information about Riley Week and the Cooks Corners Family Fun Night was sent home today. The revised note will go home on Monday. I apologize for the confusion. Riley Week with Jar Wars will be celebrated all next week. Family Fun Night is next Saturday, March 14th from 6-8:30pm at the Valparaiso YMCA.
- Information about the upcoming "Cooks Corners Makers Fair" will also come home on Monday. This is an opportunity for the children to show off their inventive, creative, and resourcefulness through arts and crafts, engineering, science, music, food, etc.

Enjoy your "spring-like" temperatures. It's supposed to be **40°** this weekend!!!! Don't forget to spring ahead with your clocks.