

Dolphin Pod Post

Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School

Upcoming Dates:

4/3-4/10 Spring Break
4/11 Town Hall
4/12 PTSA Meeting
4/17 Zoo Field Trip
4/18 Report Card Distribution
4/21 No School
4/27 Take Your Child to Work Day

Updates/Reminders

-Donations of snacks, tissues, and black dry-erase markers to support the needs of our classes are always very appreciated!

-First grade will be going on a field trip to the Smithsonian National Zoo on Monday, April 17. Please see below for a few important reminders:

-The cost of the field trip is \$14 per student. If your child does not turn in the permission slip and money, he/she will not be able to attend (and they will be expected to be at school).

-Please make sure your child gets a good night of sleep, eats a hearty breakfast, and wears comfortable shoes for the field trip. It will be a long day with lots of walking. This field trip is rain or shine, so it is important to dress properly for the weather.

-If your child is packing a lunch from home, please put it in a disposable bag with his/her name on it. We will be throwing these lunches away after eating, so please do not send in lunch boxes or containers.

-If your child is buying lunch from school, please keep an eye out for a message from your child's teacher. We will need to give the cafeteria a head count prior to April 17.

-If you are planning to chaperone the field trip, you will need to complete the required MCPS volunteer training before being allowed to join us (if you haven't already). You must verify you are trained and cleared to attend with our secretary, Nicole Nichols, BEFORE April 12.

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English Language Arts

In reading this month...

We will work on Unit 7. In this unit, we'll explore how the past affects the present and future by reading and comparing selections about historical events and people. We'll read a variety of genres including informational texts, realistic fiction, and poetry. If you click on the link below, you will find activities that will provide opportunities for you and your child to build on the work we're doing in class.

[Click here for the Unit 7 Family Letter](#)

Math

In math this month...

We will work on Module 4, where students will consider part-whole relationships through a geometric lens. In Topic A, students will work to identify the defining parts, or attributes, of two- and three-dimensional shapes. In Topic B, students will combine shapes to create a new whole: a composite shape. In Topic C, students will relate geometric figures to equal parts and name the parts as halves and fourths. The module closes with Topic D, in which students apply their understanding of halves to tell time to the hour and half-hour.

[Click here for Eureka Math Tips for Module 5](#)

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Science and Social Studies

In science this marking period...

Students will observe plant structures, and relate their features to their function. Students will also connect changes in daylength to plant structures. Additionally, students will observe the features of bean seeds, and construct an explanation of their function by planting seeds and observing their growth.

In social studies this marking period...

Students will engage in lessons about the economy. Specifically, we will discuss different types of resources, goods and services, and markets that can be found within both a global and local economy. Students will also learn about how transportation plays a role in the economy, as well as the different forms of transportation in which goods are moved from one place to another.

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