



DCS 1st Grade News

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or the DCS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Discovery-Charter-School-229740553881291/>

Upcoming Dates and Events

- **Late Start**
March 1st and 15th
April 5th and 19th
- **K/1 Literacy Night**
Thursday, March 2,
5:30-7pm
- **No School In-service**
Friday, March 10th
- **Trip to Aldo Leopold Nature Center,**
Friday, March 17th
8:15-11:30am
- **Science and Technology Night**
Tuesday, March 21,
5:30-7pm
- **Trip to Overture Center,** Monday,
March 27th 11:00-
2:30pm
- **DCS/CES Music Concert**
Thursday, April 6th
- **Early Release**
12:30pm on April 12th
- **Spring Break**
April 13th - April 18th
- **Family Science Night, CES/DCS**
Friday, April 21st 5:30-
7:30pm

Read Across America Week and More

Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2nd. All week there will be school wide events to celebrate his birthday.

On Monday, students can wear red and white. Monday morning all the students will meet in the gym for our ASMM. Our next CARES topic, empathy, will be introduced to the students. Tuesday is mixed up clothing day and Wednesday is hat day.

Thursday is silly sock day and Literacy Night. The 4K, kindergarten and first grade teachers have planned a night of fun reading and writing activities for our students and their families. When you enter the school please stop at the registration table to get more information about the different stations that will be setup around the building. Don't forget to put your child's name in the book drawing. An announcement will be made when it is time for families to head to the gym to see the magician. During the performance the magician will use storytelling, juggling and magic to inspire students to read.

Friday is pajama day. Please remind your child to keep their slippers and stuffed animals at home. At 8am all classrooms will Drop Everything And Read for fifteen minutes. On Friday, a UW engineering professor will talk to the DCS classes about bridges and engineering.

The DCS teachers have started planning for the Science and Technology Night. More information about this event, including how your child can participate, will be sent home soon. Permission slips for our upcoming trips will also be coming home soon.

Information Writing

The first graders have been working hard to publish their information writing pieces. The third graders came to our classroom and shared their digital animal diary stories. They also talked to the first graders about how they published their writing. Last week, the third graders came to our classroom for a lesson on peer revising. The first graders read their writing while their third grade buddy listened and thought about the information. The buddies made suggestions and the first graders decided if they wanted to change their writing or not. I created a Google Classroom and the students have been typing their writing in a Google document. The students will be working on the illustration for their writing during art and computer.

Math

We are about half way through Unit 6. During the next math lesson, the students will be introduced to My Reference Book. The book is a resource that students can use to learn more about the math topics from our math lesson. The book is designed for children to read with an adult. You can access an electronic version of this resource at home on the Everyday Mathematics website. A link to this website can be found under web resources on the DCS 1st grade page. If you're trying to access the website through the CES student links, make sure to click on the link at the bottom of the page under my name. Please let me know if your child does not remember their login or password.

Reading

We have started to read, how to books, to prepare for our next writing unit. Each day we watch a Making Stuff clip from National Geographic Kids to learn how something is made. Thank you for reading with your child, signing the reading log and making sure the book bags come back each day!

T-shirts and Science

In science, we are still learning about woodland creatures and working on our Sun, Moon and Stars PLTW Module. We hope to begin the project portion of this module soon.

Last Friday, the student used stamps to paint animal tracks on their t-shirt. With the help of an adult the correct animal name was written under each track. We hope to use what we learned about tracks and woodland animals during our trips to the woods. We will plan a day when all the students can wear their t-shirts. Thank you to all the adults who volunteered to help with this project!

*Unless someone like you
cares a whole, awful lot,
nothing is going to get
better. It's not.
-Dr. Seuss
The Lorax*

