



John Johnson Elementary

March

February was a great month at John Johnson Elementary. Our students worked hard to master grade level standards. Students are participating in Jump Rope for Heart in PE, and some of our students presented a Black History Month program during our last assembly. As always, JJE administration, teachers, and staff are grateful for the wonderful support of JJE parents.

Help needed!!

Mrs. Edwards and Ms. Thomas are in need of bottle tops (coke, water, pepsi, etc.). All sizes and colors are welcome! They will be using these for 4th grade and after school art projects. Tops can be sent to their room or left in the office.

March 5, 2018

Cell Phones

Please do not use your cell phone during morning drop off or afternoon dismissal. We need all drivers alert for the safety of our students. Thank you!

PK Registration was a success!

Registration for Pre Kindergarten was held on Tuesday, February 6th. We had lots of parents come and register their student for PK for the 2018-2019 school year. We do have some more spots available. If you have a student who will turn 4 years old by September 1, please come and register. Documentation required will be your child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residence, and Medicaid/Peachcare/Food Stamp Card/TANF or SSI Letter. PK has limited enrollment, so come early to make sure that your student will be part of our PK for next year.

Safety Plan

JJE is continuously working on safety at our school. We have once again looked at our safety plan and made a few adjustments that we think would work better. Please be aware that in the next few weeks we will be having a lockdown drill to see how well our plan would work. Please do not be alarmed if you see or hear of our drill. We want to be as prepared as possible if something were to happen at JJE.

Arrival and Breakfast

Remember that students are "Late at 8!" This means that students must be in the classroom when the bell rings. Our on-air announcements are completed by 8:00 so that instruction can begin promptly. Breakfast is available and free for all students. Students wishing to eat breakfast at school need to be here by 7:45 in order to have time to eat and be ready for class to begin at 8:00.

Students should not be dropped off out front until 7:30. If you arrive early, please wait until the bell rings before exiting the car. An adult or safety patrol member will help with this.

Georgia Milestones Assessment

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) is a comprehensive assessment system. Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in English Language Arts, and Mathematics. Students in grades 3 through 4 will take End-of-Grade (EOG) assessments in these content areas. JJE students will participate in the Georgia Milestones between April 16-20. It is very important that your student is at school each day, rested, and ready to do their best on the EOG.

For further information or questions, you may contact your child's administration or Chip Davis, Director of Assessment at 229-240-2039.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are still on sale for \$16 until March 9th. Please place your order. There will be no extra books ordered.

PTO News

PTO has several upcoming Spring where help is needed. If you are able to help with any of the following events, please contact Katie Marzolf at katie@inland-stores.com.

JJE Color Run- March 24th

JJE Dairy Queen Night- April 24th

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- May 3rd

4th Grade Graduation- May 21st

Crazy Hat Day

Crazy Hat Day will be March 9th. The cost will be \$1.00 to participate. All the proceeds will go to Jump Rope for Heart. Hats will be judged by the following categories:

- Biggest Hat
- Most Unique Edible Hat
- Funniest Hat (bought or made)
- Most Creative (child created)

THANK YOU!

The Mills family of ATM Farms was recently awarded an America's Farmers Grow Communities donation of \$2500.00 and directed the donation to John Johnson Elementary. We will now be able to purchase needed technology items for our school.



Upcoming Events:

- March 8- Elementary Parent Conferences 5-7pm (by invitation)
- March 9-End 3rd 9 weeks; Early Release 1:00pm; Crazy Hat Day
- March 11- Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 12- Professional Development Day- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- March 13- Begin 4th nine weeks; Early Learner Workshop at WBE 6:00pm
- March 15- Report Cards issued- Grades K-4; Spring Pictures
- March 22- GMAS Parent meeting 5:30 for 3rd and 4th grade parents
- March 24- JJE Color Run
- March 29- Elementary Choral Concert- Grades 3-4 6:30 pm WBE
- March 30- Top Dawg; Egg Drop for 1st Grade; PK and K Egg Hunt
- April 2-6 SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL
- April 16- Testing window opens for Georgia Milestones Grades 3-4
- April 20- Spring Fling- 4:30pm JJE Softball Field
- April 24- JJE Dairy Queen Night 6-8pm
- April 26- Kindergarten registration
- April 27- Early Release 1:00pm; Top Dawg 8:10am

Grade Level Information

Pre-Kindergarten

Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-K will be at 12:00pm on Friday, March 30th. Please be looking for information that will be coming home.

Kindergarten

During the month of March, Kindergarten will be very busy! Our month will be filled with many fun and educational activities. We will use what we have learned about STEM to construct leprechaun traps. We will also be focusing on math and literacy through a camping theme with should be quite fun. We plan on making and devouring smores.

On March 30th at 10:00am we will have our egg hunt. We will begin collecting CLEAN gallon water and milk jugs to construct baskets. If you are able to help make these ahead of time, please let your child's teacher know.

Sight word testing will start on March 5th. Please continue to work on your child's sight words and SRA words each night.

1st Grade

Wow! The end of 3rd nine weeks will be March 9th! On March 8th, we will have parent conferences. Please be on the lookout for a note from your student's teacher if a parent conference is needed. Please remember to check with your child to make sure that they have all their school supplies (crayons, glue sticks, pencils, and scissors). Since we have started taking assessments online, it is imperative for your child to have working headphones. Please ask your child or look for a note from your child's teacher. The school has headphones for sale for \$1.00.

In Social Studies, we will begin studying about Ruby Bridges, and land forms.

In Science, we will continue to study light and begin our unit on plants and animals.

In Math, we continue to study tens and ones and then start addition with 2 digit numbers. We continue to have weekly tests in Grammar and Spelling in ELA. Writing is such an important component of our curriculum. We will continue to write across the curriculum, and as stated in a note sent, we will now be taking grades on the student writing. We continue to emphasize the importance of daily reading with your student. Our reading goal for each month continues to be 10 books. We are pushing to have all of our 1st graders on grade level. If your teacher sends home extra work, please make sure you take the time to work with your child. Report cards will go home on March 15th. Please sign the envelope, and return it back to your child's teacher. Our Egg Drop will be right before Spring Break. Each 1st grader is required to make an egg drop project. A letter will be send home for further explanation. Please e-mail your child's teachers for any questions or concerns. We appreciate all your help!

21st Century

Please remember students that participate in the 21st Century Program have agreed to be present for the morning and afternoon portion of the program.

Healthy Tip:

Here's an easy, healthy snack that you can make quick and easy.

Crackers with Chocolate Hazelnut Spread and Banana

Divide evenly, spread 2 crisp bread crackers with 1 tablespoon of chocolate-hazelnut spread. Top with 1 sliced small banana. 214 calories/ 6g fiber/4g protein/7g fat

2nd Grade

As we are swiftly approaching the end of the 3rd 9 weeks, we are still working hard on the following content:

Math: Continue adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers, money, word problems, and adding 4 2-digit numbers.

Science: STEM Project: "Muddy Mats" and push, pull, and force.

ELA: Continue opinion writing, Author's purpose (inform, persuade, or entertain), and formal and informal language.

Social Studies: Jimmy Carter- positive character traits

Please continue to encourage your child to reach their goal of reading at least 10 books a month.

Continue to study for weekly Math and DOL quizzes.

3rd Grade

In March, we will be continuing to learn new skills and review old ones. The Georgia Milestone Assessment will be in April. If you would like to know what math skills to review, look in the math section of your child's binder. They are suppose to be putting all their daily math papers and any review and study guides in the Math section of their binder. Continue to work on multiplication facts, multi digit addition and subtraction. Students are given an agenda note each day to copy. These notes are to remind them what to do but also to let parents know what your child needs to be working on. Please check this nightly. If they are not writing it down, please speak with them about this.

4th Grade

March brings a STEM project that introduces students to the field of Civil Engineering- a branch of engineering concerned with the design and construction of public structures (buildings, roads, bridges, tunnels, amusement park rides, skyscrapers, and stadiums). One of the greatest challenges for Civil Engineers is designing structures appropriate to the environmental conditions in a particular region. Civil Engineers must ensure that the structures they design will be stable, strong, and safe- able to withstand wind and rain, the wear and tear of everyday use, and even earthquakes and hurricanes. Students will use the Engineering Design Process to learn about different types and properties of bridges. They will also design a bridge made from paper and other materials.

They will test the strength and stability of their bridge, analyze their test results, and improve their design.

Social Studies will bring about the exploration of the Western Expansion in America with emphasis on the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the acquisition of Texas (the Alamo and Independence), Oregon (Oregon Trail) and California (Gold Rush and the development of mining towns).

Students will be focusing on folktales and biographies while learning about prepositions, prepositional phrases, adverbs, prefixes, and suffixes in Language Arts.