

**March
2022**

Orange City Elementary Newsletter

TK and Kindergarten Sign Up

Kindergarten Visitation

- Next year's Kdg. and TK groups will visit on Friday, April 29th from 8:10 am until 11:00 am. There will be no school for this year's kindergarteners that day. Any visiting Tker or Kdg. student can ride a normal bus route that morning but parents need to pick up their child at 11 am.

If you have a child who turns five by September 15th of 2022 you are asked to please sign them up for either Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten on the school website, www.mocfv.org. We are fortunate to have such a program like Transitional Kindergarten here at our school for those students who are of age to attend kindergarten but may need another year to gain more skills and maturity. Our Transitional Kindergarten program has two classrooms both of which are morning sessions.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held March 17th and March 22nd from 4-8 pm. You will receive a slip home noting your day and time on Friday, Feb. 25th. We prefer that conferences be held in person but if that does not work for you please contact your child's teacher to set up a virtual conference. Thank you and we look forward to visiting with you about your child's progress!

Head Start

Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Head Start is currently accepting applications.

Head Start offers education activities, health resources, nutritious meals and family support. Your child will leave Head Start more prepared for Kindergarten, excited about learning and ready to succeed!

Give your child a Head Start in life. For more information call: 1-800-859-2025

Early Head Start

Early Head Start is a FREE family resource program for pregnant mothers and children under the age of 3. If you are interested in learning more about the Early Head Start program, please call 712-722-3611 for more information.

Parent nominations for GOALS for next school year are due by March 25th. A parent nomination form is available in our school office. The program is for 4th and 5th graders so nominations are for students currently in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade.

We look for a good imagination, advanced vocabulary, long attention spans, originality, and creativity. Current GOALS students do not need to be re-nominated. If you have further questions please contact the school office.

Important Dates

March 11th	Report Cards go home-End of 3rd Quarter
March 17th	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:00-8:00 pm
March 22nd	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:00-8:00 pm
March 24th	Marsville- 4th grade
March 25th	No school
March 28th	5th grade parents-Outdoor Education meeting in the gym- 7 pm
April 7th	3rd grade Music Sharing Night- 7 pm
April 15th-18th	No School- Spring Break
April 29th	TK & Kindergarten Visitation Day (NO school for current Kdg/TK)
	Early Dismissal- 1:15 pm- Teacher In-service Day

Friday Early Dismissal Dates: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 4/1, 4/8, 4/22, 4/29 - Early Dismissals are at 1:15 PM



Reading Strategy of the Month

March

Determining Importance

Determining Importance is our fifth reading strategy of the month. As readers, we use determining importance to identify key events in a book or passage. Determining importance helps us to recognize (as we read) when the meaning is unclear. It is also a skill that is used throughout life.

Reading and determining importance together provide an opportunity for you to spend time sharing literature with your child. You can help your child practice summarizing by doing the following as you read together:

1. Read one or two pages from a book together. Stop and share your summary with your child. This will help them see the things you feel are important about the text. Ask your child to do the same. Continue Reading and sharing your summaries. The more like a conversation this is, and the less like a test, the more enjoyable it will be for you and your child.
2. Read an article or couple of paragraphs from a magazine or newspaper. As you read, decide together what information is important and what is redundant or trivial. Your child will learn from your modeling how to separate the important ideas from the extra information.
3. To extend your child's thinking beyond just the summary, ask him/her to summarize while adding his/her reaction to the writing (i.e. including themes or moral of the story). As you and your child summarize what you are reading, you may find yourself also recalling tricks or strategies you use as a reader to help remember key ideas. These are helpful tips to share with your child to uncover the mysteries of reading.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Feb	28 Feb Day 6	1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4 Early Dismissal 1:15 PM	5 Mrs. Sharar's Birthday
6	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3 Early Dismissal 1:15 PM	12 Mrs. Lambert's Birthday
13	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM	18 Day 2 Early Dismissal 1:15 PM	19
20	21 Day 3 Mrs. Kamstra's Birthday	22 Day 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM	23 Day 5	24 Day 6 4th Grade Marsville	25 No School	26
27	28 Day 1 5th Grade Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting 7 PM	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4	1 April Day 5 Early Dismissal 1:15 PM	2