

# Clarence Cannon Elementary

February 2008

## January Super Kids

Elliott Whitman	Douglas Horne
Cody Holtschlag	Brittney Shade
Elijah Webster	Aidan Miller
Katelyn Henry	Aida Domingo-Gonzalez

## January Good Citizens

Jon Doris	Harmon Kreuger
Kyle Smith	Shakur Brown
Jackson McCombs	Tyler Bredenkoetter
Alison McCombs	Payton Johnston
Charlie Chatman	Tre' Robinson
Kaylee Calvin	Morgan Fomera

## Kindergarten

Our Kindergartners are almost to the end of our alphabet as we study the letters Dd, Qq, Vv, and Jj. It is getting much easier to sound out and blend letters to read new words. We will also be learning some new sight words. In Math, we are working with money and soon going on to addition. Our writing activities are more varied now. We have also been learning to spell more words. We will be talking about President Lincoln and President Washington as we celebrate President's Day on February 18, 2008. We will also be talking about friends in the month of February as we prepare for Valentine's Day. We will be spending some time talking about good oral hygiene, as February is Dental Health Month. Don't forget to practice your reading at home!

## First Grade

First graders have been busy at work! I can't believe we have just celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day! In Math we are learning about place value and grouping tens and ones. In Science we will be starting Physical Science and learning doing various science experiments. Our reading and writing skills are improving every quarter. We have been learning about nouns and verbs and how to write a complete sentence. We are getting better about making sure each sentence has a capital letter and a period. During the month of February we will be talking about various events like: President's Day, Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, and Black History Month.

## Second Grade

The second graders will be moving right along this month. They will be starting the month by studying groundhogs and the legend of Groundhog Day. They will also be learning about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington and what they did for our country. They will be making valentines for Meals on Wheels and doing some Valentine's Day activities. In math they will be finishing up the chapter on adding two-digit numbers with regrouping. Then they will be starting the chapter on two-digit subtraction with borrowing. In science they will be studying about force, magnets, and electricity. February is also dental month so the talk of teeth should make its way to their homes. Time will fly by since they will be having so much fun!

## Third Grade

February promises to be a hectic month! We will take a "journey" on the Underground Railroad, while reading "The Drinking Gourd" and studying about Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, and Harriet Tubman. The students will learn some new websites that give them insight to the Underground Railroad and information about the conductors and slaves. We will focus a lot of our writing assignments on slavery, and write poems about the Underground Railroad. In math we are continuing our study of multiplication. This month we will finish learning our facts and then we will focus on multiplying 3 numbers together and on word problems using our new skills. Adjectives and pronouns will be the topics taught in English. Dollars and Sense will be coming Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Kientzy will be spending a whole day in each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom to teach a unit on careers. We are working hard and getting prepared for the MAP test coming up in April. The teachers would like to wish every family a Happy Valentine's Day.

## Fourth Grade

The New Year is off to a great start in fourth grade. We have just finished up our research on Bald Eagles. We have learned so many new and interesting facts about their history, habitat, and lifestyle. Fourth graders are working on long division; although division is getting harder students are doing a great job. We will be learning more

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about Adjective in English class. In Social Studies we will continue studying Missouri History. We will be learning about how Missouri became a state. In Science we will be starting a new chapter over Electricity and Magnetism. Mrs. Kientzy will be coming to each fourth grade room to talk about Junior Achievement. This will give students information about different careers. Quickly approaching is our Ice Cream Party, as more and more fourth graders pass their 0-12 multiplication mad minutes.

## Computer Lab

All classes will be introduced to a free download called Google Earth. This powerful tool provides features such as mapping and directions, local searches, and sightseeing just to mention a few. Please be sure to ask your child what they think. You might also want to visit the Google Earth Folder in my IKeepbookmarks to follow the growth of our investigation.

Also, BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, Mrs. McComb has volunteered to help with the walking program. See our ad in this month's newsletter or find out more details on our website.

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\*\*\*Walking Program info:

Kids On the Go Walking Program Begins Monday, February 4.

The program is open to all students Kindergarten through Fourth Grade.

The program will begin at 7:55 and end at 8:10.

Students participating in breakfast **MUST EAT FIRST!!**

We look forward to putting the "Spring" back in our step!

If you have questions see Mrs. Meives or Mrs. McComb.

We continue to encourage everyone to get signed up for "Search and Give". Microsoft and Scholastic have teamed up to create an easy way for schools to make money. Through the use of Window's Live ID search engine, we earn money by searching and using other resources on this site. It is simple to set up an account and if you use the Internet, the school earns "free" money. Once again, I like to

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concentrate on ways to improve technology in the elementary school, without having the children sell things. **Please try to get family, friends, and neighbors to participate. I am resending the information in case it got misplaced in the holiday shuffle. They simply enter 63343 in zip slot to view all of our schools. They are free to choose any of the listed school names; they all go in one account.**

## Library

February is full of exciting events: Chinese New Year, Black History Month, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, George Washington's birthday, and President's Day. We will study each of these, but the children's favorite activity will be February's RIF distribution. This program, jointly funded by Congress and the local school board, makes books available for every student in grades K-6. Each child picks a book to take home and keep forever! Fourth graders are studying print reference tools, and 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders are reading the 10 Show Me Reader Award Nominees. Fourth graders attending the literature festival must finish all requirements and bring in their \$6.00 by February 25.

## Important Dates

- 2-5 1:00 Dismissal for Teacher Training
- 2-18 NO SCHOOL – President's Day
- 2-25 3<sup>rd</sup> grade trip to Sheldon Concert Hall
- 3-4 1:00 Dismissal for Teacher Training
- 3-7 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 3-8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3-14 Spring Pictures

**NOTICE: SHOES WITH WHEELS (HEELIES) ARE NOT TO BE WORN TO SCHOOL.**

**SAVE USED CELL PHONES AND INK CARTRIDGES FOR MR. CLEVELAND!**

**WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION AND CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS.**

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