## Afton Elementary Newsletter

## Literacy Week

Literacy Week will be March 4-7. During that week we will have a special guest reader each day reading a story that will be posted on our Facebook page. Be sure to watch with you children every night.
During that week we will have dress up days to go along with the book that is being read that day.
Monday, March 4th: Pajama Day (book - The Napping House)
Tuesday, March 5th: Camo Day (book - We Are Going On a Bear Hunt)
Wednesday, March 6th: Bright Colors Day - wear as many colors as you can! (Book The Rainbow Fish)
Thursday, March 7th: Polka Dot Day (book - The Dot)

## Book Fair

Please come support Afton Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair March 4th - March 7th. Hours are as follows, M,T,W,TH 7:30-8:00 and 3:00-3:30, Tuesday \& Wednesday evening 3:00-7:00 and all Lunch and Last recesses.

On-line Shopping Link
https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ aftonelementaryschool


## Math Facts

The following students have passed off their timed math facts.
Addition - Declan Powers Corsi, Chansy Barnes, Tydell Buxman, Emmy Day, Garner Dunlap, Daniel Hickey, Kaleb McLain, Mackenzie Klein, James Beeson, Harlon Merritt, Jaylee Plowman, Mac Allred, Lincoln Ritchie, Lincoln Bagley, Waverly Corson, BoDee Booth, Emerson Steed, Jaylee Call, Jaren Worton, Phoebe Rivard, Olivia Anderson, Pepper Jacobson, Creedence Kilroy, Vincent Hardesty, Lincoln Ritchie, Delila Wood Judge, Tucker Wallace, Kalven Taylor, Yihao Lu, and Tucker Hale.

Subtraction - Declan Powers Corsi, Kleat Bame, Jaylee Plowman, Mac Allred, Capri Rich, Merah Leavitt, Rowan Nielsen, Ramona Parry, Sophie Downs, Lincoln Bagley, Krimzon Bolinder, Ruby Boice, Anna Harris, Harlon Merritt, Capri Rich, Merah Leavitt, Llincoln Ritchie, BoDee Booth, Yihao Lu, and Drew Hathaway.

Multiplication - Harmon Draney

Division - Abe Young<br>Mixed Addition/Subtraction - Quincy Barnes, Gwen Andrus, Porter Hinton, Rex Robinson, Braxton Leavitt, Kambri Trauntvein, Zach Jessop, Rowan Nielsen, Mac Allred, Capri Rich, Merah Leavitt, Yihao Lu, Ramona Parry, Jojo Stoker, Lincoln Bagley, Emerson Steed, and Declan Powers Corsi.

## Honors

The following students have earned their honors.
1st Honors: Zane Rose, Lilly Priest, Emmie Johnson, Abe Young, Adelaide Schwab, Addie Linford, Emilia Dutton, Kali Mitchell, Shaylee Talbot, Emma Carter, Paisley Owens, Sweden Barnes, Hendrix Barrett, Maddox Steed, Seth Stauffer, Aven Lancaster, and Scarlett Sloan.

2nd Honors: Sawyer Hyde, and Eliza Henderson.
3rd Honors: Aubri Clark

## Learning Update

Kindergarten - Kindergarteners are continuing to learn new "heart words" and review how to read and write old heart words. We will keep adding new heart words to our word banks for the rest of the year! Kindergarteners will finish our informational writing unit by working on "How To" books! We will also work on implementing correct sentence structure into our writing. We are continuing to work on forming letters correctly while writing and playing word games through Heggerty. During Reading Workshop and Reading Mastery, we are working on our Super Powers! These powers include: Pointer Power or tracking the words with a finger, Reread Power or smoothing our voice out when we have to sound words out or read like a robot, and Sound Power or looking at each sound for every word.

For math we are beginning our operations unit! We are studying pictures to decide if the action is joining (addition) or leaving (subtraction/minus). We will practice acting out these stories, then we will practice telling them, and we will eventually begin using manipulatives, numbers and words, or number sentences to represent the action. We will continue to review numbers, number writing, counting, and shapes throughout the month as well.

1st Grade - Wow! We are so impressed with the growth our students are making. Throughout the month of March first grade students will be working on two digit addition and subtraction. Students are also working on place value and comparing numbers within 120. We are beginning an exciting reading unit. In this unit children will experience the power of story as they learn about empathy, imagination, envisionment, and prediction. Readers will track the events of a story, paying attention to the shifts in setting and the story events the characters experience. Students will begin to bring these ideas to their writing as we write realistic fiction. This unit is designed to teach students how to story tell and plan stories. Students will learn that characters in stories face problems, and then develop solutions. They will develop their own characters to use in the stories they create. In this unit they will deepen their partner work and continue to learn strategies to revise their writing. Children will be taught how to move from being accomplished storytellers to becoming accomplished writers of stories.

2nd Grade - March is full of fun and learning in Second grade! We are looking forward to a visit from Simplot so we can learn about mining and it's importance to our economy and our everyday lives. We are also learning about agriculture and how things are grown. We will have classes on plants from Shar Hunsaker that will begin right after Spring Break. In addition to this, we have read books and made posters about how seeds germinate and grow into the food we eat. With the coming of Spring, I know everyone is looking forward to Spring Break and a chance to spend some time in the sun. Hopefully we can continue to read and practice our basic facts so we can have all the skills we need as second graders.

3rd Grade - February was fun! It was Kindness Month, so we focused on recognizing all the CLASSY kids we have in third grade. We finished the month with a Kindness Luau for all students who got a Classy Ticket in the month of February! We rotated around classrooms for another science unit. By the end of the year, we'll have been through 6 units. We love science! Students have had the chance to spend their hard-earned school money to participate in a dodgeball tournament, learn how to make friendship bracelets, create sand art, and enter a poster contest. We celebrated the end of another reading period by going sledding on our sled hill. That was the day we experienced a blizzard and warm sun all in the space of an hour! We have some pretty amazing readers in third grade. In math, we finished our fractions unit and started working with graphs and data. We are learning more about picture graphs, bar graphs, and line plots. Those two step story problems are still hard, so we'll keep working on them! Keep reading and practicing math facts at home!



