Mio AuSable Elementary

February & March 2023 Newsletter

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WINTER GEAR

Please practice with your child as he/she will need to get winter gear on and off independently in about 5 minutes or less. Practice what goes on first, next, etc. This will help your child maximize his/her recess time!

Be sure to write your child's name in all of his/her outside gear!

THREATS

Threats and/or threatening behavior will not be tolerated. Please speak with your child about the reality and severity of threatening language.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES IN FEBRUARY

The first is through the Oscoda County Library – Prime Time and it is FREE! The second is the chance to earn a GLOW party here at school! On February 3, your child will bring home information regarding the Heart Challenge and how he/she can earn a GLOW party at school!

<u>SLEEP</u>

Regular sleep routine that includes a before bed routine is critical for success. Children ages 5-11 should be getting a solid 10-13 hours of sleep every night. This helps brain function and reasoning skills! Making sleep a priority is a WIN for everyone.

Testing Updates

Students in kindergarten through 5th grade did NWEA in January. Students in grades K-3 also did the DRA. This is a 1:1 reading assessment that helps pinpoint areas of strength and weakness in literacy skills. Please praise your child for his/her perseverance on these assessments!

M-Step is just around the corner. Students in grades 3-5 will be taking this State assessment beginning in early April. More on this will come as the testing window draws near.



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, Jan 27 – report cards will be sent home in folders

Friday & Monday, Feb 17 & 20 – no school for students

BOOK FAIR Feb 27-March 3

Thursday, March 9 – NOON DISMISSAL and Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, March 10 – NOON DISMISSAL

Thursday, March 23 – end of third marking period

Friday, March 24 – Monday, April 3 – Spring Break

> Be sure to connect with your child's teacher on SeeSaw!



REMINDERS FOR ALL

- This time of year can be challenging for families. If you are in need of weekend food, please reach out to the office or your child's teacher. We have some extra weekend
 FOOD BAGS that can be sent home weekly to help!
- Please respect that we are asking parents to drop off and say morning good byes outside the entrance doors. This is not only for safety but to help to alleviate morning congestion. Thank you!
- If your child is arriving after 8:05 am he/she MUST be signed in by an adult. The elementary begins at 8:05 am.
- While at school, children should NOT be wearing smart watches that can call, text, or record. If there is an urgent need please reach out to the office or your child's teacher. These devices will be treated as cell phones are in the elementary.

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