

GARDEN PLAIN
ELEMENTARY

The Owl



UPCOMING DATES...

VOLUME 24

February 28, 2020

3/3 - Tornado Drill
@ 10:00

3/4 - HSO Meeting
@ 7:00 in the Li-
brary

3/8 - Daylight Sav-
ing Time Starts
(Spring Forward)

3/9 - Preschool
Parent Day; Track
Practice Begins

3/10 - Preschool
Parent Day; Am-
bassador Meeting
@ 12:39 in the li-
brary

3/13 - End of 3rd
9-weeks; Middle
School Incentive
Field Trip

3/16 - 3/20 -
Spring Break

Campbell's

Hoot & Holler

Monday, March 2nd is Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss Day. Our middle school students in ELA class will be reading and doing fun activities with our younger students. Their classroom is decorated and ready to go for a fun day with kindergarten through 2nd grade students. Check out Twitter and Facebook on Monday for pictures.

Starting in kindergarten, if a student reads 20 minutes a day at home (on their own or by someone else), they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by 6th grade and on standardized

tests, they will likely score better than 90% of their peers. (Source: <http://readdbq.org>) If you compare these numbers to students who read five minutes a day, they drastically change to 282,000 words they hear per year, 212 hours of reading by 6th grade, and score better than 50% of their peers on standardized tests. It's amazing what 15 more minutes will do for a student's vocabulary. Please make reading at home important!

Thank you to all families and businesses who have been donating items for our annual HSO BINGO fundraiser. Items for the baskets and silent auction are greatly appreciated! Please have items for baskets turned into the school by March 4th.

Thank you everyone and we're looking forward to hanging out with our school family on March 29th for some BINGO fun!

The end of the third nine weeks is quickly approaching. Teachers and students have been using their full weeks of school to help complete their yearly standards. Students have been reviewing for state assessments and preparing for their upcoming tests. State Assessments will start the end of March and run through April.

Have a great Leap Day tomorrow and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Jenny Campbell,
Principal

Owl Families

We discussed how doing random acts of kindness release dopamine and serotonin in the brain. The students were given a calendar for March and chose some RAK to do throughout the month on their own and as a family. Ask to see their calendar.

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books Team on a great season!

