

# THE CURRENT

*Wells Elementary School Monthly Newsletter*



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## **Valentine's Parties Friday, February 12th.**

The Elementary will be celebrating Valentine's Day Friday, February 12th. If not already, our teachers will reach out to parents about class counts and ways that they can help with the Valentine's Parties for their student.

Unfortunately still at this time, we are closed to visitors and will not be able to invite family and friends to the classroom parties.

We would still love your help in making this a memorable day for our kids. If you choose to send party supplies or goodies, please be sure that they are store bought and/or individually wrapped.

## **District COVID Procedures Continue.**

We continue to push caution throughout the district in response to COVID-19. In doing so, we are continuing our process of reinforcing and educating our students on hygiene and cleanliness practices.



## COVID Cont.

We again ask that parents use caution and be aware of any symptoms that their student may have before they arrive to school. If they are showing symptoms, please keep them home and contact the school.

We are working hard to keep our district safe and we greatly appreciate the work of our parents and guardians to help us ensure this. We are constantly receiving updates and guidelines from the CDC, State of Texas, and TEA. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have a question concerning procedures and clarifications.

## How Can You Help?

What we have learned from the way school ended last year?

1. Our students are behind with school ending early due to COVID-19.
2. Our students came to us reading a 1/2 to a full grade level lower than when they left us last year.

How have our teachers been working to address this?

1. Specified targeted instruction on struggling concepts within the classroom.
2. Small group pull outs.
3. One on One rotations with classroom teacher.

How can you help us out at home?

Elementary is the fundamental building blocks of your student's education. We must ensure that the educational base is solid. If blocks of our base are not solidified, it creates holes in our educational process. So what more can you do?

Math:

Primary (Grades PK-2) - Number recognition, beginning adding/subtracting, initial place value. Work with your student on grouping and regrouping. Adding things and subtracting things around the house.

Elementary (Grades 3-6) -

Multiplication, Division, Fractions, Word Problems.

As our students get older, it becomes very important to not only understand the mathematical process, but to also to be able to see how math works within word problems.

Reading:

The best fix is read with your student and to them. It is just as important to model best reading practices to your student as it is for them practicing on their own!

Primary: (Grades PK-2)

Phonics (Letter recognition and sounds). Picture books are great to help the reader understand the story and to use context/picture clues to read more difficult words.



Resources:  
Teacher Connection:  
Remind  
SeeSaw  
Teacher Email

Educational Resources @ Home  
ABC Mouse - online  
Student Istation - online  
Khan Academy - online  
PBS Kids - online  
Cool Math - online  
National Geographic Kids - online

## How Can You Help Cont.

Reading:

Elementary (Grades 3-6)

Push your student to read with you every night. Listen to how they are reading and what they are struggling with.

**Ask them questions over what they have read** in order to check for their comprehension of the passage. One of the main issues we see with state assessment testing is overall "reading stamina." Students are expected to read multiple selections and as they work towards the end, they become tired/rush through the selections.

## Show Support & Ask Them!

Ask them daily how they are doing and if they need help.

Parental/Guardian support is key in students continuing the learning process at home. Please stay in contact with our teachers. They can key into your student's struggles and some strategies to help close their learning gaps. Check on your student's grades. You can check how your student is doing by accessing the Parent Portal through the Wells ISD Website.