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**WE HAVE THE  
POWER!**

## March News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that spring is right around the corner! I would like to thank all of the students that dressed up to celebrate Dr. Suess and the families that attended our *Everyday Heroes* literacy event. We had an exciting spirit week filled with lots of great books! You can continue the love of reading at home by:

- Encouraging your student to participate in our reading contest this week.
- Reading regularly- Try to read to your child everyday. You might schedule this for 20 minutes before bedtime as a peaceful way to end the day.
- Take turns choosing books- Your child might want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn to introduce new titles and add variety.
- Let them participate- Ask your child to turn the pages while you read, or finish sentences.
- Be playful- You can use different voices for different characters.

You don't have to be an expert reader. Your child will love it when you read aloud because it's time spent with you.

Our third nine weeks ends on March 14th and SOL Testing will begin in May. Please help by scheduling appointments around the scheduled testing dates:

May 1st- 5th Grade Math  
May 2nd- 4th Grade Math  
May 3rd- 3rd Grade Math  
May 8th- 5th Grade Reading  
May 9th- 4th Grade Reading  
May 10th- 3rd Grade Reading  
May 15th- 4th Grade VA Studies  
May 16th- 5th Grade Science

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Brown

### Other Important Information

- Thank you to the families who are helping keep our front parking lot safe during busy arrival and dismissal times. Please remember these important traffic rules:
  1. Drivers should follow the **ONE WAY** traffic pattern. If you park to walk your student in, you must join in the traffic pattern to exit the parking lot.
  2. Drivers should not pass other cars in line.
  3. Students should exit in front of the vehicle.
  4. When parking and entering/exiting the school, please use the crosswalk in the middle of the parking lot.
- Drop off time begins at 8:25. Please do not drop off students prior to that time as there is no supervision.
- Children are dismissed from the office if you pick them up before 3:35. **You will be asked to present a Driver's License whenever you check a student out or plan to visit the school.**



### Important Dates

**March 5th- 9th- Winter Reading Contest**  
**March 5th-16th- Spring MAP Testing Window**  
**March 7th- PTA Blood Drive**  
**March 8th- PTA Funquest Night**  
**March 16th- PTA Art Day #4**  
**March 20th- PTA Meeting/3rd Grade Performance**  
**March 21st- Report Cards sent home**  
**March 29th- Reach for the Gold Claire Parker Foundation Fundraiser Event during PE**