

## Snow Make up Days

Due to our snow days we had to take on Friday, Jan. 12th and Wednesday, Jan. 17th we now have to use our snow make up days we put in our school calendar. **Our snow make up days will be on Friday, March 8th and on Friday, May 24th.** An undated calendar is attached to this newsletter.

***Thank you to our Evaline School Board Directors for their dedication and service, we appreciate the time you take out of your busy schedules to guide our school!!***



## Safety city

On Monday, January 29, grades TTK - 2nd will travel to Richie Brothers and attend a Safety City tour. They will learn about all types of safety including traffic, railroad, bicycle, school bus, and fire safety. This is an activity-based learning field trip, so please have your student wear comfortable clothes and shoes to jump, crawl, and move in.



## Drop Off and Pick Up Safety

We would like to remind all parents and guardians to slow down and look around when driving on school property. We would also like to remind everyone to please stop at the stop sign when coming through the drop off/pick up driveway. We have staff and other drivers coming through the main drive, please stop and look before pulling through. We would also like to ask that you drive very slowly when entering the portable parking lot. We have students and staff that may be crossing at that time. We are just trying to remind everyone to be safe and alert when driving on school property. Thank you so much.



## Important Dates!!



### JAN.

### **SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH**

Tues. 23rd: School Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

Fri. 26th: End Of Semester

Mon. 29th: Safety City field trip - TTK - 2nd grade

**Mon. 29th - Fri. Feb 2nd: School Spirit Week**

### FEB.

Fri. 2nd: Lion Pride Day 11:30 Dismissal

Thurs. 8th: Report cards mail

Fri. 9th: Stone Soup

Tues. 14th Valentines Day Party

**Wed. 14th - Thurs. 15th: Spring Conferences 11:30 dismissal each day**

Fri. 16: Staff Development - 11:30 Dismissal

Mon. 19th: No School - Presidents Day

## Mon. Jan. 29th - Fri. Feb. 2nd School Spirit Week

Monday - Sports Day

Tuesday - Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday - Class Color Wars,

**TK/K-red, 1st/2nd-yellow, 3rd/4th-green, 5th/6th-orange**

Thursday - Western Day

Friday - Evaline Pride Day, Deck out in all Blue

## Library Books

We all had such fun doing the holiday play this year! I'm very happy to return to our regularly scheduled library lessons!

Every week your kiddos get the chance to explore books that pique their interests. They can keep these books for as long as they need them, and a maximum of 2 books out at a time is our rule. It can be tough, though, to get into the habit of returning library books when you are done reading them. This is an important skill to build, and the reward for remembering is a chance to check out more books! Please encourage your child to read and return their selections. Please let me know if you have any questions at

[igravette@evalinesd.k12.wa.us](mailto:igravette@evalinesd.k12.wa.us) . Happy reading!



## **TK and Kindergarten**

**Mrs. Tinnin**

Kindergarteners are working on sounding out and writing four-letter words and learning that an 's' can also make a 'z' sound. They continue working on writing sentences focusing on starting with a capital letter, finger spaces in between words, and a period at the end. They illustrate the sentence showing they understand what they read.

TK is learning about plants and basic plant parts. They are still learning the letters in their name, M, and A. They practice writing their names while saying the letters. TK is also working on matching pictures or items with the same beginning sounds.

In math, kindergarteners are learning to subtract two numbers. They are learning how to read a subtraction number sentence and matching it to a corresponding picture. TK is working on the numbers 6, 7, and 8.

Please remember TK and Kindergarten have a snack every day before first recess. This helps them make it to lunch. Please send a healthy snack that is easy to eat and clean up. You can send a couple of weeks' supply if that is easier. I have saltines for students who do not have a snack.

## **First and Second Grade Explorers**

**Mrs. Mittge**

Winter weather prohibited us from finishing our Martin Luther King, Jr. studies so we began the week finishing our unit on this inspiring American role model.

We also took a step back in math to review our numeric investigations. We spent some time at the beginning of the week to review counting and modeling numbers in first grade and solving 2-digit subtraction problems in second grade. We will be wrapping these units up in the next couple of weeks.

First graders will be working with I initial blends. Second grade will look at more ways to make long e. They will focus on the vowel team ee.

Please continue to read aloud for 20 minutes with your child. I am seeing huge gains from students who are doing this reading as well as the weekly story problems and reading fluencies. I am also seeing strengths from students who are confident artists, so if you have some free time, please color, draw, do some play dough with your Evaline Explorer.

## **Third and Fourth Grade Classroom**

**Mrs. Mars**

It's hard to believe but we are almost half way through the year! Students started their mid-year testing this week to show everything they have learned so far. They will be finishing these next week.



On Tuesday we talked about Martin Luther King Jr. and the important role he played in history. We then talked about how these lessons are still relevant to us today and how we can help to improve the lives of those around us.

## **Fifth and Sixth Grade Classroom**

**Mr. Burlingame**

This week we combined the topics of temperance, civil rights, and Martin Luther King Jr. into a large lesson on the importance of making your voice heard to prevent social injustice. We looked at why the civil rights movement was needed, why the prevalent attitude towards certain racial groups existed at the time, and how people like Martin Luther King Jr were instrumental in changing those attitudes.



With the end of the semester rapidly approaching, please make sure that students are reading and getting ready for their AR tests at school. Remember, AR is part of the ELA grade this year!

## **Special Education-Title1/LAP- Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Mrs. Duren**

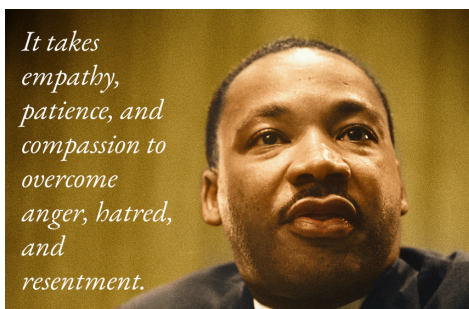
***Our TTK / Kindergarten Class showing off their Empathy Rainbows they created this week in SEL Class.***



***This school year, your students have already had the opportunity to learn about, and use many important character traits including Respect, Responsibility, Gratitude, and Creativity. They have also had many opportunities to practice strategies and skills associated with each of these, such as during our fall field trips, our Annual Food Drive, our Feast, and our Winter Play.***

***As we resume classes this month, one of the questions that students raised when asked what they thought our next character trait to cover would be was “Haven’t we learned enough to be okay people?” This led to a great discussion on what constituted “enough” and what was the definition of being “okay”. It is true that being responsible and respectful are admirable and positive character traits as well as important leadership qualities, and that demonstrating gratitude and creativity will get you far regarding having success with many interests and goals, as well as having healthy and fun connections with other people. So isn’t that enough... and if not, then what is missing?***

***This month your students are learning about one of those key missing traits while focusing their learning on the importance of knowing what it's like to “walk in another person's shoes.” In other words, to understand and connect with other people's feelings. This is in fact our working definition of the character trait we call Empathy, which is January's focus character trait. At the heart of being a student of character is the core belief that every person should be kind and nice - and that a key aspect of being kind and nice is understanding and caring about how other people feel. Just ask any 5 year old to describe what to do to be a student of character, or to excel at any character trait we present to them, and the universal answer they instinctively give, even before any lessons are given, always includes these descriptors - being kind and nice.***



***As we remember Martin Luther King Jr, and all the things he did to benefit our country this month, I want to leave us all thinking about this quote, which further emphasizes the importance of having Empathy in our lives: “It takes empathy, patience, and compassion to overcome anger, hatred, and resentment.” So let's take a lesson from our youngest learners, and remember the importance of being kind and nice - and to always care about others and what they are going through and feeling.***  
***Mrs. Duren***