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Our Marlborough Elementary School Invention Convention is next Tuesday, March 3rd. We are excited to see the 'problems' identified by our children and their inventions to solve them. Creating an Invention Convention project takes a significant amount of time, creativity, and energy and we love the enthusiasm that is shared during the presentations. We will be sure to share a list of inventions that were created this year!

On the back of today's letter, please find information about Read Across America Week – one of our most favorite weeks of the year. During this week, we focus on honoring the life of Dr. Seuss through reading, reading, and more reading. We will have our school wide Drop Everything and Read event on Monday – an event usually reserved for Friday, however, since Dr. Seuss' birthday is Monday, we thought this would be the perfect day to stop for a time in our school day and all enjoy the gift of reading. We know that spending time reading books that we love would be the best way to honor this fabulous author.

Reading is an integral part of every day, in every grade. From the stories about dinosaurs that are being explored in our PreK classroom to an analysis of mood and tone on a variety of famous songs in sixth grade, our children read every day. However, reading stretches into all aspects of the curriculum. Learning to read and understand topic specific vocabulary is an integral part of reading in the content areas. In science, for example, our 3rd graders have recently been learning about how scientists have identified, based on examinations of a variety of skull structures, what different creatures such as dinosaurs, looked like. Vocabulary building skills make the reading of non-fiction text easier.

Proudly displayed in two hallways in school, the March Book Madness brackets have been hung. One bracket will contain the picture books and one will contain the novels. Each week, based on student voting of favorite books, a new section of the bracket will be completed, all the way to the Championship round and an eventual Book Champion. We are excited to see which book wins in each category.

Even with the lovely weather this week, we know that we are still in the winter season. With all the news stories about health-related topics, we wanted to share that we read all information shared by the CDC on a regular basis. We continue to remind everyone the importance of good handwashing (with soap) and hygiene rules like sneezing into your elbow and covering coughs. Along with our nightly cleaning, we do a deeper cleaning on the weekends.

We hope that everyone has a fabulous Friday and a good weekend.

Dan & Kim

Upcoming Events:

2/27 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm

2/28 – Marking Period 2 ends

3/2-3/6 – Read Across America Week

3/3 – MES Invention Convention

3/3 – BOE Budget Presentation to BOF – 7:00 pm

New Fliers:

Community – [MECCA Summer Camp](#)

School - [Read Across America](#)

Community – [Internet Safety & Social Media](#)



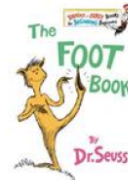
Marlborough Elementary School
Celebrates

Read Across America Week

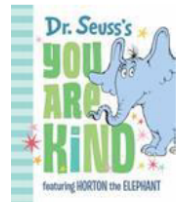
March 2, 2020 - March 6, 2020

We will be collecting soup for the Marlborough Food Bank all week long

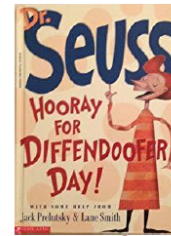
Monday: Wear mismatched shoes! D.E.A.R.



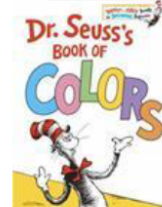
**Tuesday: This is National "I Want You to be Happy Day!"
Show Random Acts of Kindness toward others today.**



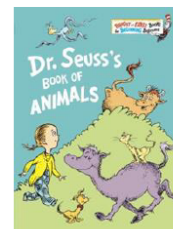
**Wednesday: Hooray for Diffendoofer Day
Dress from a different decade (20's, 50's, 60's, etc.)**



Thursday: Wear as many colors as you can!



Friday: Wear animal prints or dress up as one!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
DR. SEUSS!**