

# Kelley Class News



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## Teacher-to-Parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the sweet Valentine cards and gifts! Doesn't love feel wonderful. I know that there are so many things that students have given up during these COVID times. I am so glad they get to celebrate the fun of Valentine's Day and feeling the love from classmates and teachers. Also, I hope your child told you all about the 100th day of school. I know they loved wearing the shirts. I have former students that are in the upper grades that still wear their shirts. It will be a lasting way to keep memories.

We are starting to see the antsy behavior when students start to get comfortable with the routine of school. It seems like there is more playful behavior that is distracting students. For some it is behavior that is best for outside (chasing, tagging, spinning) for others it is trying to "talk" to each other when they should be doing something else (whispering, notes, pictures). We have had to talk to the students more often about focusing on learning. Are you seeing the same things at home? It might be a good time for all us (school and home) to talk about using Habit 3: Put First Things First-I work, then I play. I love that habits. They work!

Just a reminder that we don't have school on Friday or Monday. These are days off for your child and there is no work that needs to be done. Hopefully they will get some time to run around and enjoy a little warmer weather!

Have a good week!  
Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. King

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### Specials

Feb 14-Feb 17  
**Art**  
Feb 22-Feb 25  
**Leadership**



### Reminders...

- Bring a water bottle to school
- Bring a snack to school
- Bring a face mask to school (and a spare)
- Check the weather!
- Charge your device every night
- Bring back your take home books

## Week-At-A-Glance

**Literacy:** We will focus on birds' beaks. Students will learn how birds use their beaks to survive. We will be doing fun activities to find out how birds use their beaks in different ways. Students will be writing more independently as they write about how birds use their beaks to survive. In skills, students we be learning about open syllables. These are syllables that have the long vowel sound. Students are doing much better in chunking 2 syllable words then spelling.

**Math:** We are learning to add to different kinds of numbers. 2 digit multiples of 10 (30+20) and 2 digit plus 1 digit with regrouping (58+7). For both of these types of problems, students need to show their thinking. We are further applying what they have learned about place value.

**Positivity Project: Love:** You value close relationships with others and being close to people.

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw! Balance feels best!

**Growth Mindset:** This week we will focus on this fixed and growth mindset  
Fixed Mindset: **I don't understand.** vs Growth Mindset: **What am I missing?**  
(giving up vs. problem solving or asking for help)

# What's Happening

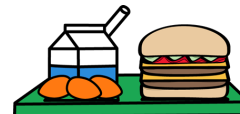


## Changes to Food at School

We have changes to food brought into school which includes birthday treats. Any food brought in needs to be: 1) commercially prepared, 2) individually packaged, 3) allergen free. Cupcakes would not fit this since cupcakes aren't individually packaged. You might consider the following: pencils, small party favors, individually packaged snacks without peanut butter or nuts—fruit snacks. I know this isn't as fun as cupcakes, but we want to be sure to keep

## Meal Benefits Application

We have not yet reached our goal! Did you know that we are able to have more resources and more staff based on the number of students that receive free/reduced lunches? Please help us keep the resources and personnel we have in our building. Apply today, don't wait! Benefits can be found at [www.wcpss.net/meals](http://www.wcpss.net/meals). Help our school continue to receive this funding by completing an application online at [MySchoolApps.com](http://MySchoolApps.com). Paper applications can be requested by calling 919-588-3535. Need help completing these applications? Contact the school office, we will be glad to assist you. Remember your child receives free breakfast and lunches this year. This may not be available next year. Apply today!



## Dr. Seuss' Birthday-Read Across America

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. This has been an annual event in my class for over 20 years. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions about food, we won't be enjoying our green eggs and ham. We will be sharing some great books written by Dr. Seuss. So dig out your Dr. Seuss books and bring them in. Please write your child's name on the book so we won't forget to send them back home. We will also participate in Read Across America. This is a time when we have guest readers read to the class. In the past we were able to invite parents in to read with the students, but alas, COVID! We would like to have parents be guest readers. I'm going to check whether we have to do this virtually. I'm hoping you can come in and read. I will get back to you on this.



**Welcome Chloe!**  
She joined our class on  
February 8th

### Mark Your Calendar



- Feb. 18:** Teacher Workday
- Feb. 21:** Holiday, No school-President's Day
- Feb. 22:** Interim reports go home
- Mar. 2:** Dr. Seuss' birthday. Read Across America
- Mar. 4-13:** Green Book Fair (through Quail Ridge Books) Great books and fundraiser!

