



Dear Parents,

Spring is in the air, and kids are busy preparing for upcoming assessments and presentations. We've got a busy couple of weeks ahead of us before we begin the final push after spring break.

## What's happening in Class

In reading, we've been reading about earthquakes, and looking evidence in the text to support our thinking. I have reworked the groups again in order to be able to meet with readers more regularly. Our **Persuasive Writing** unit is under way. Kids have listed possible topics, created planners, and written introductions. In **Math**, we're finishing up the first of two units on **Fractions**. We'll be taking the test next week. The next unit will be on **equivalent fractions, decimals, and simplifying fractions**, followed by a unit on **Geometry**. In **Social Studies**, our unit on **Government** is coming to a close. We've learned about how our government is organized, and what the role of each branch is. Study guides will be coming home next week for the test. We'll use our learning to help complete our new country projects. We'll finish the year with a couple of **Science** units on **Moon Phases** and **Energy Transfer**.

## Upcoming assessments

I'll attach the study guide for the Government assessment that we'll take next week. Be sure to help kids with homework on Monday and Tuesday evenings, in preparations for the first of 2 fractions assessments in math.

## Planetarium change

In addition to attending the planetarium, we'll also be taking a walking tour of the [Grand Rapids Public Museum](#). This means that I will be looking for parent volunteers to accompany small groups. **Please let me know if you'd be interested in helping out on Friday, June 3.**

## Donations requested

We are out of hand sanitizer, and kids have been going through tissues like it's a contest. **Any donations of tissues or hand sanitizer are appreciated.**

## Genius Hour Update

Mrs. Johnson has been helping out on Thursday afternoons, which has been a great help in moving kids closer to goals. Please let me know if you're available and wouldn't mind helping with crafts, websites, circuits, construction, editing, or helping kids stay motivated during this final push before we present in 2 months. We usually start just after 2:00, and go until 3:30.

After spring break, I'll send a survey so you can indicate which time works best for you on Tuesday, May 17.

## Spring Reading changes

Many of you have already turned in your Whitecaps reading calendars, but there's still time before next Wednesday's deadline to get them in. I'll ask for March reading totals in a couple of weeks, and we'll plan on celebrating the first Friday we're back in school, on April 15.

\*\*We'll end the year with a special 6 week session that will include 3 weeks in both April and May. Details coming home soon!

## Reminders

- **Thurs, March 31 – Sports apparel day**
- **Fri, April 1 – Sun, April 10 – Spring Break**
- Wed, Apr. 20 – Lansing trip
- Thurs, Apr. 21 – Quincy spring Concert
- **Fri, May 13 – Field day**
- **May 17 – Genius Hour Presentations - Afternoon and Evening sessions**
- Thurs, May. 26 – Camp Geneva Trip
- **Fri, June 3 – Trip to Planetarium**
- Wed, June. 8 – Lighthouse Café

As always, if you'd ever like to discuss anything happening here at school, please feel free to contact me. **Quincy Elementary**  
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Sincerely,  
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