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The Wildcat Journal



Dates to Remember

Boys Basketball Game @ Maple	Feb. 7th
Mid Terms Go Home	Feb. 8th
Jump Rope for Hear	Feb. 10th
Muffins with Mom	Feb. 17th
School Open	Feb. 20th
Black History Program	Feb. 23rd

Reminder To All Parents

Update your telephone numbers or address for your child in the school office. We always need this for emergencies.

Spring Hill's Beliefs



2017 Cheerleaders

- China Beasley
- Tyanna Horsman
- Emily Izquierdo
- Jocelyn Johnson
- Nav'iah Miller
- Kiyla Parham
- Lizy Rubio
- Bryanna Symonette
- Coach: Tiffany Embry

We Believe...

- in mutual respect throughout our school.
- a positive attitude will encourage a strong work ethic and a supportive school climate.
- a professional learning community will enhance our collaborative culture; provide a focus on student achievement and learning by all.
- all staff members and students will have high expectations for themselves and one another.
- all students can learn in a variety of ways and at different rates based on their individuality.
- all students must be challenged and given opportunities to develop and expand their knowledge.

PSO Meeting

Thursday

February 2, 2017

12:00



BOX TOPS REPORT for the 2nd Quarter

Mrs. Slentz's 2nd grade won the Box Tops collections for the 2nd Quarter. Tyler Ellis was the student who brought their class to the winning position. He brought in nearly 300 Box Tops! Here are the class totals for the 2nd Quarter-KWortman 0, 1Williams 122, 2Slentz 292, 2Stone 50, 3Spencer 42, 3/4Riley 50, 4Hammond 0, 5Carter 29, Deakin 83, Dimmitt 225, Howard 106, Niemeir 46. As you can see, our numbers are VERY LOW this year. Please help our school earn money by looking for Box Tops on items that you purchase. If you need another list, send a note to Ms. Larson.

Another Easy Way to Earn \$ for Spring Hill

Order a **FREE DUKE Energy Kit** by going to **MyEnergyKit.org** or call **1-855-386-9548**. The kit includes an LED Light Bulb, shower head, night light, glow ring, & other surprises. You DO NOT have to be a DUKE customer to receive the kit. If Spring Hill families order 100 kits, the school will receive \$200! You get a free kit, & your child's school gets \$200. Take the My Energy Kit Challenge. It's easy. Information about this can also be found on the Spring Hill Facebook Page, as well as photos & videos from the Duke Energy Conservation Show.

Just For Parents



Special Day

Spring Hill's Purpose

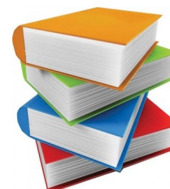
Muffins With Mom



Black History Program
Thursday
February 23, 2017
6:00 PM

February 20, 2017
Presidents' Day
School is Open!

To improve the education of every student while challenging each child to become a lifelong learner.



Friday
 February 17, 2017
 8:15
 In the Cafeteria
 See you there!!

Spring Hill News



Preschool

The 5th grade class will be visiting River Valley Middle School on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 9:15. Black History at-home projects are due on Monday, February 20, 2017 and will be included in your child's presentation at the Black History program on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at both 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Come join us!

Preschool has been working hard since coming back from break. We had a blast celebrating 100 days of school and counting out 100 items around our classroom and practicing one to one correspondence. We have currently been having fun working on our nursery rhyme unit where we have been practicing rhymes and breaking apart sounds in words. Be on the lookout for news about Camp Kindergarten as we prepare for the upcoming year!



Special Needs News

We will be studying planets, 5 senses, and emotions/feelings over February. We will be finishing Star Testing as well.



I can tell that my students are working on those vocabulary words. Corbin, Kaydence and Sophia have already earned their treat! Keep up the good work. We are acting like a bunch of inchworms and are measuring everything in the classroom using non-standard units like paperclips, toothpicks, pennies, dominos, dice and cubes. Have fun doing this at home. Please remember to read twenty minutes every night!

4th Grade News



We are starting out the New Year with positive attitudes! The students are working hard and are continuing to master their multiplication facts. Remember to practice with your child every night! It is extremely important for them to know their facts as this is a lifelong skill. The fourth grade is working hard on their Black History projects and will be bringing home a Black History homework project soon. As teachers, we have been working hard to stay positive and to have growth mindsets! The students have been watching motivational videos to encourage persistence in challenges that may occur. We are off to a great year! Thank you parents for helping to make our job easier by working with your child at home on math facts and nightly reading.

Spotlight on Second Grade

We hope you are enjoying the mild winter weather we are having. This quarter we are working on informative writing. The students are enjoying researching an animal of their choice and learning interesting facts. They will be learning how to write an informative report. In reading, we are introducing cause and effect. We continue to focus on asking and answering questions before, during, and after reading. Students should be reading at home every night for approximately 20 minutes. In math we have been working on telling time to the nearest 5 minutes. Be sure to have your child practice telling time at home. Our new focus will to be subtracting with regrouping. This is a difficult concept, so lots of practice is needed. It is very important that children continue to practice addition facts often so they learn to say them quickly in order to be successful in math. Our PRIDE word of the month is Initiative – 'I see what needs to be done . . . and I do it!' Give your child a good word when he or she shows initiative. We are very proud of the second graders and all their hard work!



Special Area News

Art Since February is Black History Month, students are working on projects related to the countries in Africa and the instruments of Jazz. 5th gr.-clay African Masks, 4th gr.-Jazz instruments in the style of artist Romare' Bearden, 3/4th gr.-Prints of African symbols, 3 gr.-Baobab Trees, 2 gr.-Male Lions, 1st gr.-weaving & printing Kente' Cloths using paper, Kinder.-Giraffes & African Necklaces. These are all great projects. Be sure to ask your child about what they are creating.

Music K-2nd grade students are learning the Star Spangled Banner. They are learning about its history and the words, the appropriate way to show respect when it is played/sang. They are really learning a lot. Ask them to sing what they know for you, why it was written, & how to show respect. **3rd-5th grade** are quickly learning the songs for the **Black History Event on Thursday, February 23 at 2:30 & 6:00**. Please mark this date on your calendars & plan to come. There will be projects the students have worked on in class, art projects, & you will get to see the program. They are getting very excited about performing for you.

PE Students just completed activities using the Omnikin Ball. It's a giant 47" pink ball. The 4th & 5th grade learned the Kin-Ball game. 3rd-K played a game similar to Volleyball, Indiana Jones, & Boulder Rolling. The Omnikin Ball is a favorite of most students. You can find videos & photos of activities with this ball on the SH Facebook Page.

A note from the teacher:



First, I want to say a big thank you to all of the families that helped their child collect 100 items for the 100th day of school. The students had fun sharing what they collected. Here are some of the skills that we will be working on in February: addition and subtraction to 10, main idea and supporting details of a story, short vowel sounds and ending sounds, informative writing, and nouns and verbs. These are great skills to reinforce and practice at home. Also, please encourage your child to read daily and complete their Book-It Calendar. Students will be expected to read at a level 4-6 at the end of the year. Students can also access <https://www.kidsa-z.com>. This is a great site that the students use in the classroom. The leveled readers are one tool we use in the classroom to practice and they can access it now at home. I have sent your child's login information home. Please remember you can contact me at (812)288-4874 or email me at lwortman@gccschools.com. Ms. Wortman



Time is flying by so quickly and we are learning an immense amount of information. We have been working on using what we call "Treasure" words to spice up our writing. We are writing stories with at least 5 paragraphs now and have learned to indent and have good voice in our stories. In math we are trying to master fractions and geometry. Please be patient with your student as this is some difficult work. You can help your child out by making sure to practice multiplication facts with them every night. They will need to begin to memorize these facts in order to help them with fractions and the harder math that is ahead. Don't forget the Black History Project is coming up. Your child will be bringing home a project to complete at home very soon. Please make this a family project and sit down with your child to discuss what they have learned. They are a wonderful group of students.

Library News

A huge thank you to Ms. Candice Leavell and Mrs. Carla Mattingly for donating books to our library. The students were very excited to be able to check out and read the new titles from their favorite series and authors.

Students have been very motivated and are eagerly earning SO many Reading Counts Points through Scholastic. I am so proud! When a student accumulates 100 Reading Counts Points they receive a book of their choice to take home, a Pokémon ball and their photo is displayed proudly on the 100 Club Bulletin Board in the hallway.

Please remember to turn in all your overdue books- students cannot check out again until those are returned.

Keep up the great reading everyone!