

Dates to Remember

- 3/1 Class Color Dress-Up Day
- 3/8 Early Release
Tie-Dye Dress-Up Day
- 3/11 4th grade Field Trip
- 3/15 Wacky Hair Dress-Up Day
- 3/18 5th & 6th Grade Field Trip
- 3/22 Sticker/Word Dress-Up Day



- 3/25 End of Marking Period

Read Between The Lines

Learning to infer, or "read between the lines," is one key to good reading comprehension. Consider these tips for helping your youngster make inferences when he reads.

Describe the setting. Pick a book, and read a few sentences to your child (without him looking). Leave out words that name the setting. *Example:* "Sand stretched in all directions . . . cacti dotted the landscape." Can he infer where the story is set? If he isn't sure, give him a hint. ("Where do you see lots of sand and cacti?")

Look for Lessons. Fables are great for reading between the line. Read one by Aesop, and help your youngster figure out the lesson. For instance, *The Tortoise and the Hare* teaches that even if you're slow, you can win if you just keep going. Have him point out parts that he used to make his inferences. ("The tortoise never stopped, and he took one good step after another.")

Use prompts. Questions that start with "Why do you think . . .?" or "How

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March is Reading Month. . .

Students will be giving a goal to reach each week, if they reach that goal they will be rewarded with prizes every Friday. Also each Tuesday in March will be a dress up day, the days are as follows:

Tuesday, March 1st is Rainbow Day, each grade level is encourage to wear:

- KDG—Purple
- 1st Grade—Blue
- 2nd Grade—Black
- 3rd Grade—Orange
- 4th Grade— Red
- 5th Grade—Green
- 6th Grade— White

Tuesday, March 8th is Tie-Dye Day.

Tuesday, March 15th is Wacky Hair Day.

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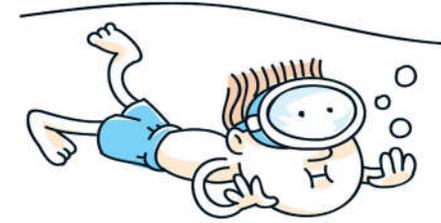
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Art News by Ms. Semark. . .

Five students from Marcellus Elementary have artwork in the Michigan Art Education Association Regional Show, being held until February 26 at the Portage District Library. Work will then travel to Lansing for further adjudication. Congratulations to the following students: Aubree Kruger, 2nd grade, Athelyia Pachovas, 3rd grade, Clare Flory, 4th grade, and Mackenzie



Bishop and Kendra Tannehill, 5th graders.



Have You Heard???

The Niles-Buchanan YMCA will launch a water safety/swim lesson program for Marcellus 3rd and 4th graders this spring. The Michigan Gateway Community Foundation is looking for donors to help support this great program. If you or someone you know would like to make a donation you can send your tax-deductible check directly to the Foundation at 111 Days Avenue Buchanan, MI 49107 or drop it off at the Elementary Office. Please note on the memo line that your gift is to the Marcellus Swim Camp. If you have any questions, you can call the Elementary Office at 646-9209 or the Administration

