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MARCH IS READING MONTH!

Each year, schools around our country celebrate March is Reading month. The staff at Millside Elementary has created a reading month calendar, full of activities and special events throughout the month to promote reading.

Recently, we kicked off the festivities and starting reading and writing about author Mo Willems. Students are enjoying all of his "pigeon" stories and the activities that go with them. Last Tuesday night, Millside hosted a Family Reading Night and everyone was able listen to special guest readers, have a snack and receive free books!



First Grader, Ryan Coker, works on making a pigeon craft during the Family Reading Night.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 3- PTO mtg at 6:00pm in the Algonquin Library
- April 5- Half day Dismissal at 12:10pm
- April 10- Student Lighthouse mtg at 8:10 am in Library
- April 12- Popcorn Day (\$0.50)
- April 12 - Report cards go home
- April 19-22-No School- Easter Holiday
- April 25-26- Kindergarten Round Up



Kindergarten Round-Up

Algonac Schools are now taking Kindergarten Registration information for all youngsters who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2019. Please call our office at (810)794-8880, extension 1701 to

register your child for Round Up. Algonac Community Schools Kindergarten Round Up will take place at Millside Elementary on April 25 and 26, 2018. We will be asking for parents to provide the following information:

- *Child's name *Address *Telephone number
- *Birthdate *Parent/Guardian name

We look forward to meeting our new kindergarten students!

Walk for Summer Reading

Millside Elementary has received a grant of \$800 to purchase books for summer reading from the St. Clair County Medical Society for our "Walk for Summer Reading" program. Each Tuesday and Thursday morning for 6 weeks beginning April 23rd, we will be walking outside from 8:10-8:30 am, helping to build healthy habits. Remember to bring your walking shoes!

Active Read-Alouds

Reading aloud with older children can be a great time for talking, relaxing, and just being together. Here are several ideas to get a read-aloud discussion going.

Help your children check their understanding of what they're reading.

Try asking, "Does that make sense to you?" or commenting, "This part sounds important. I'm going to read it aloud again."

Encourage your youngsters to think about what they read with questions like, "Do you think that could really happen?" or "What do you think the author wants us to learn?"

Connect the story to other ideas. For example, say, "Does that character's reaction remind you of anything?" Or discuss similarities between the story and a person or event in your child's life.

Predicting is a great way to build comprehension. Ask, "What do you think this part of the story is about?" or "I wonder what would happen if. .?."

Share the enjoyment of language by pointing out words that are fun to say. You'll show your youngsters that language can be very powerful.

Finally, value your children's comments. You could say, "That's what I was thinking!" or "Now I see what you're saying."

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Kindergartener, Jacqueline Narrita and her dad take a moment to rest and enjoy a snack during the Daddy/Daughter Dance.



Mrs. Gillis receives a grant for a listening station from the Citizens for Student Success. How exciting!!!

Non-Homestead Millage-Vote on May 7, 2019

On Tuesday, May 7th, voters will be asked to vote on a non-homestead millage. The millage does not apply to home owner's primary residence. The millage only applies to non-homestead properties, such as second homes and businesses. Primary Homeowner's will see no increase to their property tax rate. This is not a new tax, rather a continuation of the current rate that non-homestead properties have been levied since 1994.

The State assumes that the district will levy the full non-homestead tax when establishing the districts state funding. If the millage is not approved, the millage rate on non-homestead properties will drop to zero, resulting in the district losing approximately 3.9 million dollars annually (approx. 25% of the total budget). This ballot proposal should look very familiar to voters, as it has been on the ballot every couple of years since 1994. The Algonac community has successfully supported this millage every time it has been on the ballot. Please come out and vote on May 7th.



First graders, Lucy Bonett and Chael Amiels presented to the school board at the February meeting for school board appreciation. They were awesome!