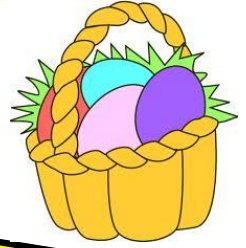


# APRIL NEWSLETTER

April is a very busy month! Easter weekend is fast approaching and Earth Day is on April 22nd. Our school is performing the musical "The Rockin' Tale of Snow White" at the end of April! Have a great month!



## Lottery Fundraiser

Students will be receiving envelopes with information about our school lottery along with tickets to sell. This is an exciting opportunity for students to raise money for our school to support many different programs at Fieldcrest (including athletics, arts, technology, etc.). The lottery runs from April 4th to May 4th. Tickets are



\$2 each or 3 for \$5 and there are some wonderful prizes! Please read the information sent home carefully for more details. Thanks for your help and support!

## Donations Much Appreciated

Thank you very much for all of the generous donations of supplies for our classroom! We are still in need of Kleenex boxes and plastic spoons.

## Teddy Bear Exchange!



Our class has the exciting opportunity to exchange teddy bears with a class in Taiwan! We will be writing about our adventures with the bear and learning about another community in the world. Check the website for updates!

## Literacy Night is Coming Up!

Fieldcrest will be hosting a Literacy Night on May 3rd. More details will be sent home shortly!

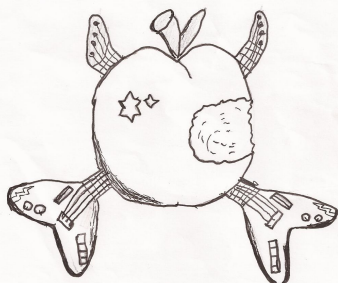
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- **Springster Day Apr. 5**
- **Lottery Tickets Go Home Apr. 5**
- **Easter Long Weekend Apr. 6-9**
- **Scholastic Orders Due Apr. 18**
- **Snow White Musical Evening Performances Apr. 25-26**
- **Literacy Night May 3**

## The Rockin' Tale of Snow White!

Fieldcrest is very excited to be putting on a musical called "The Rockin' Tale of Snow White." It is a fun twist on the classic tale of Snow White, featuring some amazing songs and talented acting by some of our junior and intermediate students. The primary choir (which includes many students in our

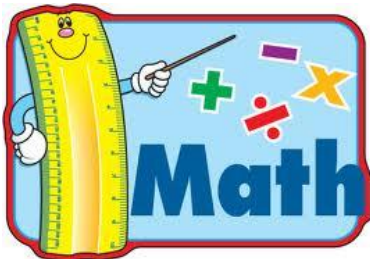


class) will also be performing several songs in the musical! The musical will be performed at Bradford District High School. All primary students will have the opportunity to watch the play during the day on Tuesday, April 24th. We also encourage families to come to one of the evening performances on **Wednesday, April 25th** and **Thursday, April 26th from 6:30-8:30**. Tickets will be \$5.00 and all proceeds will go towards supporting the arts at Fieldcrest. The choirs and cast have been working very hard to prepare and it is going to be a wonderful show!



# What Are We Learning In April?

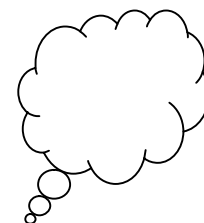
## Math: Two-Digit Addition and Subtraction



We will be reviewing some of the skills students have learned about in our previous number sense and numeration units including **representing, comparing and ordering numbers to 100**. We will also be reviewing the addition and subtraction strategies we learned about before the winter break. Students will now be focused on **adding and subtracting two-digit numbers** (e.g.  $34 + 12$ ) using math materials such as base 10 blocks and hundreds charts, and also using paper and pencil methods.

## Reading: Making Predictions

In reading we will be focusing on **making thoughtful predictions** (guesses) as we are reading a text. Students are encouraged to use clues from the pictures, title, author's style, personal experiences and common characteristics of certain kinds of text (for example, fairy tales usually have a happy ending) to help them make their predictions.



## Writing: Point of View and Persuasive Writing



Students are doing a great job writing paragraphs! Our next goal is to work on **persuasive writing**. This is the writing we do when we want to convince someone or persuade them to consider our opinion. We will start by thinking about how people can have different **points of view** on the same topic. For example, in the story The Lorax, the two main characters (the Lorax and the Once-ler) have very different points of view about the use of trees. Students will have a chance to write persuasive letters to their teacher, their principal...and perhaps even their families at home!

## Class Website

Remember to check our class website regularly for updates on what we are learning about and fun math and language activities to try at home! You can also find information about our Teddy Bear Exchange and listen to student comments on our VoiceThreads!

[www.msferguson2.weebly.com](http://www.msferguson2.weebly.com)

Happy Learning!  
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