



Our mission at Saratoga is to help each student achieve success as we serve and support students and parent educators.

FEBRUARY'S CHARACTER FOCUS IS RESPECT

Welcome to a new year! Can you believe we are 1/2 way through the school year? This month's character trait focus is one that really encompasses so many of the other traits we have already learned about, *RESPECT*. Showing respect means that you are *attentive and compassionate*. We are learning that it is important to show respect to all others and our differences, to our classroom space, to Earth, to our belongings, and to respect others' time. These are all great things to reinforce at home.

TO PRACTICE RESPECT I WILL:

- Value others.
- Respect differences.
- Use good manners.
- Not bully or harass others.
- Treat others the way I want to be treated.



The MONKEY is back! Please take a couple of minutes to complete the Survey Monkey about our

upcoming Family Story Time. The link was sent to your email. Thank you to those who have already responded. This is a great way for us to plan activities that work for everyone (or at least most!)

Highly Capable Notice:

Nominations for Stanwood-Camano School District's Hi-Cap Program will be accepted from Feb. 9-26. For more information, you can visit our website: <http://sarweb.stanwood.wednet.edu>

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2 **FIELD TRIP** K-2 Group went to The Cat in the Hat Play!
- Feb. 11 @1:40 Mrs. Callender's Thursday music workshop performed a rhythm routine.
- Feb. 12-15 Mid-Winter Break
- Feb. 16 K-2 Group gets a guest speaker in Science!
- Feb. 18 **FIELD TRIP** Grades 3-5 will go to the Sparks Museum in Bellingham.
- Feb. 19 @1:40 Mrs. Callender's Friday music workshop will perform a "stomp" routine
- Feb. 20-25 WINGS Progress summaries.
- Feb. 26-Family Field Trip to Hibulb Cultural Center *See note on page 2.

Future Dates/Events:

- March 3-4-NO SCHOOL, teachers to attend WALA Conference.
- March 10th-Parent Partnership Advisory Team meeting 2:30
- March-TBD Beyond 8th Grade meeting for current 8th grade families.
- March-TBD Family Storytime

Winter MAP reports have been sent home with your child. This is a great time to review what is working (or not), celebrate gains, or seek additional support in areas of concern. Please contact Mrs. McDaniel or your teacher-consultant if you have questions about your child's MAP test results.

Tuesdays at Saratoga!

Mrs. Baker

Science: This month we will be continuing our study of animal homes, habitats and Ecosystems. The students will be working on a diorama of a savannah habitat. We will also have a guest speaker who recently returned from Africa on a photographic safari. He has some great pictures, artifacts and stories to share with the kids. A first hand account is almost like "being there". In addition, the second grade students will be working on an animal study and presentation, using the computer for research.

Computers: First grade students will be introduced to typing agent this month. This is beginning keyboarding skills. It would be great if they could find some time to practice this at other times too. It works like most computer games, in which you would complete a skill to move to the next level. As you know, it takes a lot of practice to be able to type on the computer. Half of the workshop time is spent learning coding. They seem to be having fun.

Mrs. Buller

Math: This month's math focus will be *TIME*.

Kindergarten Art: Students enjoy this opportunity to show off their creative side by using different art techniques and mediums.

Mrs. Callender

Language Arts: Students enjoy this time to learn about letters, sounds, and literature with Mrs. Callender.

Performing Arts: Second graders have been working on a performance of Tikki Tikki Tembo. They performed on Tuesday, February 9th.

Family Field Trip:

Deanna has organized another great field trip opportunity! This is a guided tour of the Hibulb Cultural Center in Marysville. It will be for K-2 students, older siblings are invited to join as well. (This field trip won't be as appropriate for much younger siblings, so just "big" kids this time.)

Arrival is 1:30 and the field trip begins at 2. Admission is \$6 (parents and students). It should be about an hour and a half guided tour with including introductory film and storytelling. There will be additional time for a scavenger hunt through the exhibits.

If anyone would like to join (and hadn't already let me know via the school Facebook page) please be sure to email me with your total number of students and parents. Deanna Kitchen Twigandvine@gmail.com

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