

March 2019

Greetings Skyline Families,



March is already here Skyline Families! Can it even be true? Wow! Time is moving faster and faster it seems. We are doing great here at school. We've got strong learning taking place each and every day, Exceptional Explorers being recognized and celebrated moment by moment and our curiosity about the world continues to grow!

This year in the Lake Stevens School District we have implemented two new math programs: Ready Math is our core set of materials and iReady is a technology based math component supporting the growing of our mathematicians and our core materials. As a staff, we continue to learn more and more about the inner workings of these programs including, how we can best utilize them to meet our student's mathematical needs and just how they were designed to ensure we grow and develop the very best mathematicians possible each and every day.

Walking into math within our classrooms is a vibrant, exciting time of the day! Gone are the days of silence, papers, and pencils. The math world in the classroom is full of language, collaboration, peer to peer discussion, feedback and support, productive struggle, passion and so many strategies for building conceptual understanding of the mathematics behind the numbers. While so many of us, who are now adults learned through algorithms and quick equations, our young mathematicians are the ones truly making sense of those numbers and know why and how the algorithms actually work. It's most exciting to see kids talking rich, academic math talk in the classroom. From agreeing and disagreeing with their peers to providing an alternative strategy for solving a problem, the solution seeking, problem analysis and genuine deep thinking taking place is AMAZING! Seeing this structure of math in all of our classrooms Kindergarten through Fifth Grade is a gift I am so fortunate to be able to see and want to make sure I share with all of you. Math is taking off here at Skyline and it's so exciting to watch!

While our math structure is ever evolving and the rich discourse from kids is on the rise, we still continue to need the basics as the strong foundation of math as well. The basics meaning, those addition, subtraction, multiplication and division math facts that we all remember. When our kids know their math facts and can manipulate number equations quickly, it supports all of their work moving forward. It also supports their cognitive stamina so that the richness and rigor of the math is where they can spend their brain time and the decoding of quick facts enables fact fluency to take less work in the process. There's so many strategy based ways to learning math facts and thinking past the world of flashcards. If ideas for math facts is something you would like support with, please reach out to our staff for ideas.

Our goal is to enrich our students lives through numbers, patterns and numerical discoveries. While math may or may not have been everyone's favorite subject, the potential for our young learners in the world of mathematics is endless and wide-open. We create incredible mathematical opportunities for our kids and they discover that they can truly do the impossible!

Skyline Families, I wish you a wonderful month of March. With spring nearing in, there is always so much to look forward to and get excited about! Thank you each and every day for sharing your little one(s) with us here at school! Together, we're the very best Explorers around!

March Smiles,

Tori Thomas, Principal

**What's Happening in the Skyline Library Program?  
Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Mielke**

**March**

**We have been busy learning in the library this month! (when we haven't been playing in the snow at home)**

	<p><b>The winners of the Skyline Sno-Isle 3rd grade reading challenge will be competing at the Semi-Finals at Cavalero on Tues. March 6th!</b></p>
	<p><b>Mrs. Petillon's first graders engineering penguin boats!</b></p>
	<p><b>Mrs. Washo's fourth graders engineering balloon cars!</b></p>
	<p><b>Mrs. Steiner's second graders problem solving a classroom "escape room" using clues!</b></p>



# Important Information!

## Kindergarten Information Night

Thursday, March 7th @ 6:30 PM

### Family Access Information

Parents have the ability to check their students grades, attendance, and student information online using the Family Access system in our Skyward database. When a student is registered in the school district, parents are assigned a login and password for this Family Access database. To obtain your login and password parents must have an email address on file with the school. Then follow these simple steps:

Go to the Skyline Elementary Website, <http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/skyline>

1. Click on the Skyward Link (located in the blue bar in the middle of the screen)
2. A LSSD Skyward window will open asking for the login and password.  
Click on the **Forgot your Login/Password?** button.
3. Enter your email address.
4. If your email address is on file with the school/office, the system will send you your account login and a link to reset your password.

If you experience difficulty and/or don't have an email on file, please contact the Skyline office @ 425-335-1520.

### Extended Absence SKYLINE ELEMENTARY

Attendance at school is a top priority here at Skyline. Prior notification is required for absences of 3 or more school days. During absences, students are encouraged to read nightly, work in online programs such as i-Ready, and (if desired) to write or draw about his/her experiences. Our extended absence form is available on the Skyline Website, <http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/skyline>. Please return this form to the Skyline Front Office at least One Week prior to your child's absence

**Here at Skyline we believe that we are Better Together!**  
Showing up to school every day helps you start living out your dreams!  
Show up! Every day Counts!



## **EVENTS TO REMEMBER**

- 3/7            KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT- 6:30 PM**
- 3/8            DONUTS WITH DADS- 8:00-8:35 AM**
- 3/8            early release- 1:35 PM**
- 3/10          DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**
- 3/12          PTA SKATE NIGHT- 6:00-7:30 PM**
- 3/15          early release- 1:35 PM**
- 3/20          FIRST DAY OF SPRING!**
- 3/22          early release- 1:35 PM**
- 3/22          PTA FAMILY DANCE NIGHT 6:30-8:00 PM**
- 3/25          MUSIC CONCERT- 4TH GR 6:00 PM / 5TH GR 7:00 PM**
- 3/27          SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT SKYLINE- 6:30 PM**
- 3/29          SKYLINE SPIRIT DAY- PAJAMA DAY!**
- 3/29          early release- 1:35 PM**
- 4/1-4/5      SPRING BREAK**

**HAVE A FUN AND RELAXING SPRING BREAK!**