



# DESERT HAPPENINGS

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March 12	March 12	March 20	March 23-28	March 30
Minimum Day/Teacher Curriculum Planning	Literacy Family Night	End of 3rd Quarter	Spring Break	4th Quarter Begins

## Walk-a-Thon Success—\$2,627 Raised

Thank you everyone for another successful Walk-a-thon fundraiser. As of Thursday afternoon, we reached a total of \$2,627 and money is still being counted. We were thrilled at the participation with the use of the website [99Pledges.com/fund/DAAwalkathon2020](http://99Pledges.com/fund/DAAwalkathon2020) and feel it added to the success of our fundraiser. We hope you found it a convenient & valuable tool this year. We are very excited about the money raised which will be used for Classroom funds & teacher wish lists.

Thank you to all the families

for their support—collecting pledges, donating snacks, & volunteering at the big event. Thank you students, for raising money by walking, running, & skipping around our parking lot to raise money for our school.

Remember, if you raised enough money for your Walk-a-thon shirt, you can wear it every Friday for the rest of the year.

The winners of our Walk-a-thon, those who walked the most laps and raised the most money, will be printed in next week's newsletter.



students received their Walk-a-Thon T-Shirt

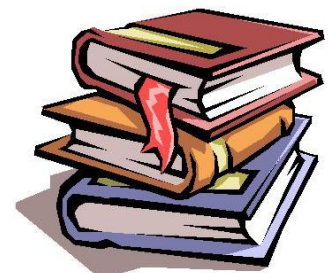
## Literacy Family Night—March 12 @ 6:30 pm

## All Invited to participate in Literacy Night's Book Exchange

As part of our Literacy Night happening Thursday, March 12. We will be hosting a Book Exchange. We are asking all families to donate unwanted gently used books. Each book you donate will give you a ticket, then you can take those tickets and "purchase" other books donated by other students & families. Please start bringing in

your books any time from March 2-March 11 to your teacher. They will collect your books and give you your tickets. Please treat these tickets like cash as they will allow you to choose "new" books to take home. We are looking for all types of books for all age levels: board books, picture books, & chapter books. They should be free of rips, tears, & stains and

reflect our Christian attitude. Please see our flyer for more information.

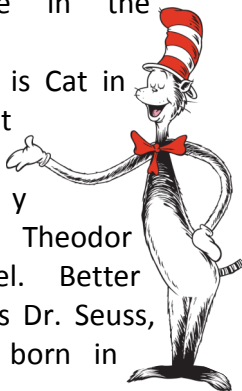


Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
March 2-5	Pizza	Quesadillas	Macaroni 'n' Cheese	Cheese Enchiladas

## Fun Facts

- March is Music in our School Month
- March is National Umbrella Month.
- On March 1, Yellowstone National Park became the first national park in the world. There are more geysers and hot springs than anywhere in the world.
- On March 3, 1845, Florida becomes the 27th state of the United States.
- On March 3, 1925 the Mount Rushmore monument is funded, starting work on carving four Presidents' faces into the mountain.

- March 2 is Cat in the Hat Day! Happy Birthday Theodor S. Geisel. Better known as Dr. Seuss, he was born in 1904.



- Canada and United States start Daylight Saving Time on the second Sunday in March

## Bible Text of the Week

There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

1 Samuel 2:2 NIV



## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

### TK/K-1st Grade Begins to Travel the Solar System

In our Tk/K-1<sup>st</sup> grade class this month, we started a new science unit on space. So far our class has learned about the sun, moon, and started their planet journals. We learned that the sun is a star and its gravity keeps the planets in their orbits. We discovered that the moon is a natural satellite and reflects the light from the sun. We also learned about the phases of the moon and completed a delicious activity to better help us understand it. Each student got 10 Oreo cookies and by using a knife they scraped off the crème to show new, cres-

cent, gibbous, half, & full moons. This week students started their Planet Journals. Each day we read about each planet, shared a fun song, and wrote 3 facts about each one. So far we know Mercury has the fastest orbit, Venus is the hottest with the slowest rotation, & Earth is the only planet with life. This space unit will be one of our larger units expanding into the next month or so. We also hope to plan an "out of this world" field trip in April using the money raised by the Walk-a-Thon.

- Mrs. Trudeau

