



DESERT HAPPENINGS

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January 20	January 21	January 24	February 3	February 7
No School—MLK, Jr. Day	3rd Quarter Begins	Walk-a-Thon Kick Off	100th Day Celebration	5th & 6th Wax Museum

After School Care

As many of you have heard, Mrs. Reina had surgery on Wednesday. She is recovering as expected, and is thankful for prayers and support.

Mrs. Criselda, Mr. Rivas, and Mrs. Irma will be taking care of the children.

Mrs. Chriselda has worked for DAA in After School Care for five years and has valuable experience.

Mrs. Irma is our Hot Lunch cook. She started with DAA in the 1990s working in After School Care. Irma then started the Hot

Lunch Program. On Fridays, she will be making burritos and quesadillas. She also works with Primary age children at her church.

Mr. Rivas is our Teacher's Aid, and his wife teaches our Primary Grades. Mr. Rivas has been with DAA for two years, and is acquainted with the children. He also has experience working with youth.

Safety First

Watch for Children!!!

Just a reminder that the area located in front of the school doors is for loading/unloading only. Please do not park your car or leave it unattended. If you need to get out and enter the school, please pull into a designated parking spot.

For those who wait in the parking lot for their students, please be advised that children should not be crossing the street. You need to cross the street and meet them at the sidewalk. We don't want students, especially the youngest ones, running into traffic.

Walk-a-Thon Kick Off

We are working on the Walk-a-Thon which is taking place on Friday, February 28. The Monies earned will go towards school projects. Kick Off for this fundraiser begins January 24. Snacks and water will need to be provided and also we need volunteers to help. More information will be sent home soon.



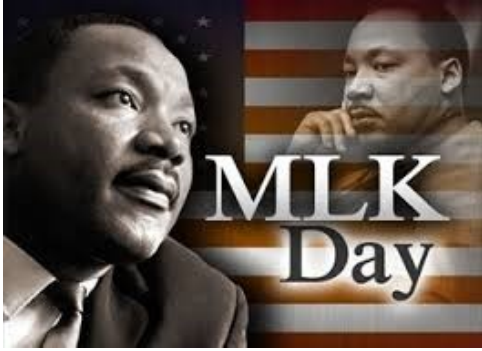
1st Semester to End

With the end of our 1st semester next week, here are a few inspirational thoughts to get you through!

- Do not give up! The beginning is always the hardest.
- It doesn't matter how slow you go as long as you do not stop.
- There is no elevator in success. You have to take the stairs.
- You learn something every day if you pay attention.

Burritos, quesadillas, juices and chips for sale every Friday in After School Care from January 17 to February 21. If your children are interested, please send money with them. No IOUs will be permitted.

Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Jan 20-23	No School	Quesadillas	Mac 'n' Cheese	Enchiladas



In Celebration of MLK Day, there will be no school on Monday, January 20.

MLK, Jr. Facts

- Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929.
- His birth name was Michael King, Jr.
- King was such a gifted student, he skipped grades 9-12 and started college when he was 15 years old.
- He was jailed 29 times.
- King was the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.
- There are over 730 streets in the U.S. named after Martin Luther King, Jr.
- George Washington is the only other American to have his birthday observed as a National holiday.

Bible Text of the Week

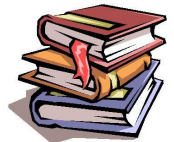
“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15 NIV

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:



5th & 6th Grade Students Working Hard



The 5th and 6th graders have been learning a lot since coming back from Christmas Break! In math the 5th graders are learning how to divide by decimals. They are also learning how to estimate to help them check their answer. The 6th graders are learning how to make fractions and decimals into percents as well as turn percents into fractions and decimals. In reading students are learning to compare and contrast between characters, they are also learning about words with s blends as well as words that have consonant digraphs. They con-

tinue to read their literary circle book and share with their group what they have read. In social studies students have picked their historical figure and going about the research process for the upcoming Wax Museum. In bible we are studying Daniel and are learning that our choices we make today can help shape us in the future. It has been a busy two weeks full of hard work and

a lot of learning. Looking forward to what next week has in store.

- Mrs. Goen

