



Monthly Monsoon

Santan Fourth Grade

March 2016

Kudos to **Bago Lugogo** and **Ashton Segura** in Mrs. Gardner's class. Both of these boys have put forth great effort in improving themselves both academically and behaviorally. Consistently, I witness Bago and Ashton staying focused on classroom tasks and working to give 4th grade quality work. I have also seen a big improvement on their self-control and keeping each other in check. Way to work together boys!! I am proud of your efforts and you should be too!!

Kudos to **Julia Pitman** in Mrs. Aboud's class for always going the extra mile to complete quality work. Her attention to detail is a wonderful example for all! Kudos to **Lexi O'Neal** for bringing an insightful perspective to all activities, being a great friend, and striving to always do her best. Her bright smile and creative spirit warm our classroom. Kudos to **Kayla Ruby** who has made many strides this school year both academically and organizationally. All classmates benefit from her insightful and amazing questions. Keep up the hard work! Kudos to **Keith King** for his perseverance, artistic ability, and creative writing skills. Thank you for being a loyal friend and inspiring student!

Kudos to **Chandler Kirk** and **Claire Tammelleo** in Mr. Madan's class who strive to reach their full potential each day in class. Chandler is courteous and shows good manners in the classroom, while turning in quality work consistently. Claire is an enthusiastic learner who is a great friend to others and an awesome helper around the classroom. Thank you both for all your hard work!

Kudos to **Cory Reynolds**, **Zoe Matalon**, and **Isabelle Garcia** for being superb students in Mr. Navarro's class. Cory has amazed me with his academic efforts and the progress he has made throughout the last month. Zoe has demonstrated responsibility with managing her schoolwork, student council, and extracurricular activities while also helping out in the classroom. Isabelle has kept a positive attitude and put forth lots of effort during the last several very hectic weeks. You guys are awesome!

Kudos to **Calissa Moore**, **LiElla Helterbran**, and **Samantha Teague** in Mr. Sloan's class for demonstrating great work ethic in the third quarter. The three of you have done a great job of working hard in the classroom, and you have displayed the right attitudes necessary to be successful students. Keep up the tremendous work and finish out the year strong!



Curriculum Corner

We have begun preparation for the AZMerit tests. Fourth grade students will test in Reading, Writing, Math, and Science. We are discussing test taking strategies as well as reviewing all of the concepts we have discussed throughout this year. The reading test will include; vocabulary, making predictions, forming inferences, and comprehension. For writing, students will be given passages to read and then asked to respond in writing using supporting evidence from the texts. Some of the math concepts will focus on fractions, geometry, multiplication and division, and solving multiple step problems. The science test will cover plant and animal adaptations and classification, electricity, magnetism, Earth's processes, water and weather, and using the scientific method.

Being Our Best for AZMerit!

To make sure we are completely prepared for AZMerit tests, we want to make sure our 4th graders are at their best. Here are a few suggestions for the students:

Eat and Sleep - Eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast and get a good night's rest to properly fuel your mind.

Relax – Have a stress-free morning and try not to be nervous. The more agitated you are the more difficult the test will seem.

Be There – Make sure you attend school for AZMerit testing and that you arrive to school on time.

Come Prepared – If you have one, bring a commercially published dictionary and thesaurus. Pencils will be supplied.

Upcoming Events

March 5th – Spring Break

March 22nd – 4th Quarter Begins

March 25th – No School, Spring Holiday

March 29th – AZMerit Writing Test

March 30th - AZMerit Reading & Math Test, Part 1

March 31st - AZMerit Reading & Math Test, Part 2

Specials Schedule

Monday 2/29 – Day 6
Tuesday 3/1 – Day 1
Wednesday 3/2 – Day 2
Thursday 3/3 – Day 3
Friday 3/4 – Day 4

Monday 3/21 – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 3/22 – Day 5
Wednesday 3/23 – Day 6
Thursday 3/24 – Day 1
Friday 3/25 – NO SCHOOL

Monday 3/28 – Day 2
Tuesday 3/29 – Day 3
Wednesday 3/30 – Day 4
Thursday 3/31 – Day 5
Friday 4/1 – Day 6

Read Across America Week

- ❖ **I Mustache You to Read Day**
Monday 2/29 – Mustache Day
- ❖ **Fox in Sox Day**
Tuesday 3/1 – Crazy Sock Day
- ❖ **Cat in the Hat Day**
Wednesday 3/2 – Wear Red, White, and Black
- ❖ **Who-ville Hair and Hat Day**
Thursday 3/3 – Crazy Hair or Hat
- ❖ **"Oh, the Thinks you can Think!" Day**
Friday 3/4 – Dress up like your favorite book character

Websites to help your child prepare for AZMerit:

<http://azmeritportal.org/students-and-families/>

<http://www.azed.gov/assessment/files/2013/02/sciencestudentguides-grade4.pdf>