

MARCH 2022

# CROC TALK

Dear Crystal Lake Families,

Our **FAMILY Scholastic Book Fair NIGHT** was a success! We had a wonderful turnout and the children (and parents) seemed to enjoy shopping at the book fair. Thank you to all who attended—and to our teachers and Dividend volunteers who helped run the book fair that evening.

**FSA** testing begins next month. As parents and caregivers, you can assist us by ensuring that your child is well rested and arrives at school on time. A good breakfast each morning is also a must. Breakfast will continue to be free to all students on testing days so plan for an early arrival if you would like your child to eat breakfast at school. (7:25-7:50) Students arriving after FSA testing has started will not be allowed to interrupt their classes and will need to take the test during make-up times. Testing will begin each day at 8:00 a.m. A copy of the Crystal Lake Elementary assessment schedule is below.

Are you signed up for **Skyward Family Access**? If not, please ask your child's teacher for a form. Skyward allows you to access up-to-date information about your child's progress in each subject. You can set up "missing assignment" email alerts, and you will also be able to update your information online. The app works well on mobile devices and utilizes a 4 digit pin that allows you to see your child's progress quickly and easily.

Finally, please use **extreme caution** when driving on campus and make sure children take the safest route as they walk/bike to and from school.

Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely :

Mr. Carver

Crystal Lake Elementary School  
Spring 2022 Testing Schedule

Subject	Grade(s)	Testing Date(s)	Length of Each Session
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 (Paper Based)	K - 5	February 7 – February 25 (Make-Up Days: 2/28 – 3/4)	Varies Based on Subtest
FSA (Florida Standards Alternate Assessment)	K - 5	February 28 – April 15	Varies Based on Subtest
FSA ELA Writing (Paper Based)	4 & 5	April 5, 2022 (Make-Up Day: April 6 - 15)	One Session - 120 minutes
FSA ELA Reading (Paper Based)	3	April 6, 2022 April 7, 2022 (Make-Up Days: April 7 – 15)	Session #1 - 80 minutes Session #2 - 80 minutes
FSA ELA Reading (Paper Based)	4 & 5 4 & 5	May 2, 2022 May 3, 2022 (Make-Up Days: May 3 - 13)	Session #1 - 80 minutes Session #2 - 80 minutes
FSA Math (Paper Based)	3	May 5, 2022 May 6, 2022 (Make-Up Days: May 6 - 13)	Session #1 - 80 minutes Session #2 - 80 minutes
FSA Math (Paper Based)	4, 5	May 9, 2022 May 10, 2022 (Make-Up Days: May 10 - 13)	Session #1 - 80 minutes Session #2 - 80 minutes
Science (Paper Based)	5	May 12, 2022 May 13, 2022 (Make-Up Days: May 13 - 20)	Session #1 - 80 minutes Session #2 - 80 minutes

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Dates to remember :

March 8 SAC Meeting 6:00 pm

March 11 Field Day

March 14 -18 Spring Break No school

March 21 No School Teacher Work Day

March 22 School Resumes

March 23 3rd Quarter Report Cards On Skyward

March 24 Fun Run Fundraiser Kick Off

March 25 Squad Rally (Virtual)

April 1 Fun Run Event

## **KINDERGARTEN**

This month in Reading we will be working on asking and answering questions, sequencing, finding the topic and key details in a story, opinion writing, adding details to our writing, and comparing and contrasting stories.

In Math, we will be working hard on adding and subtracting to 10! Science will be all about the Earth, Moon, and Sun!

## **1ST GRADE**

Spring is right around the corner in first grade!! My oh my how our time together is flying by!! In reading we are learning about story elements, retelling and comparing and contrasting texts. Math fun will continue with place value and comparing numbers. In Science news we will be learning about the necessities of life. Our Field Day is Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Spring Break is March 14<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to mark your calendars!!! Please make sure to check your child's planner every night!

## 2ND GRADE

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." -Dr. Seuss.

The month of March is bursting with opportunity to create lasting memories in second grade. Our students are looking forward to several exciting events such as Field Day on March 11th. We hope everyone has an amazing Spring Break and uses this time away from school to create some extra special memories with their loved ones!

## 3RD GRADE

This month 3rd grade will be reviewing and practicing FSA skills in Reading. We will take a mock FSA Reading test on 3/9 so students will know what to expect.

In Math, we will continue with fractions.

Science finds us learning more about plants.

We will travel the USA in Social Studies as we learn about the 5 regions in our country.

Have a great Spring Break!

## 4TH GRADE

Our 4th graders are busy writing 4 paragraph essays! We are so excited with their progress! They dig into several sources and use evidence (from the texts) and elaborations (from their brains) to craft the essays.

In other news, our math students will be completing the measurement chapter with angles this month! A new tool - the protractor - will be introduced. This is always an fan favorite!

Science is all about recognising that humans need resources found on Earth and that these are either renewable or nonrenewable.

Social Studies are working on the Seminole Wars and other battles that impacted the settlement of Florida.

## 5TH GRADE

### ELA and Social Studies

Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will continue their journey through the American Revolution using first and secondhand accounts detailing the perils George Washington and his faithful soldiers faced during their stay at Valley Forge. They will also continue to hone their opinion and informational writing skills in preparation for FSA writing in April.

### Math and Science

March finds 5<sup>th</sup> graders in a Fraction Frenzy! Before March ends they will know how to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators as well as multiply and divide fractions. In science our students will be reviewing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade skills when we tackle Earth and Life Science Fair Game standards.

