



Jefferson April

KEEPING ENERGY HIGH FOR THE IAR IN GRADE 3

We kept the energy high during IAR testing at Jefferson with a week full of themed spirit days! We were thrilled to see such strong participation from both staff and students. To help our students feel supported and motivated, they were provided with snacks, letters, and tokens of encouragement from our 2nd graders. Each morning, students were welcomed by administration with music and a fun, upbeat start to the day. Thanks to everyone's efforts, testing went smoothly, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students and staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16th and 17th:
2nd grade field trips to John Deere Historic Site in Grand Detour

April 17th:
The "ABC": Countdown Begins

May 7rd:
1st graders visit Jefferson

May 14:
3rd graders visit Madison

"CATCH THE WAVE" SUMMER LEARNING

Jefferson Title 1 is holding a family night to kick off summer learning. The Title Team has purchased items to put together kits for ALL Title families to aid in summer learning and to help prevent the "Summer Slide."

Books were purchased that are to be used 15 minutes per day and include skills in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. The book also includes flash cards and an online subscription to an educational website. Each lesson in the book correlates to an online lesson that can also be used. Students set goals and stickers are included in the book to track progress.

Other items in the summer packet include paperback books, sidewalk chalk, dice for math games, dry erase boards, learning tools (like how to write a complete sentence, multiplication charts, and more...all in a zipper bag).

At the family night, we will walk through the books and the program with parents about how it works. Copies of additional math games included in the kit will be available for parents and students to play.

IAR SPIRIT DAYS





4TH QUARTER FOCUS: PERSEVERANCE

As we enter the fourth quarter, our commitment will be centered on perseverance. This is an especially important quality for our 2nd and 3rd grade students as they continue to grow academically, socially, and emotionally, and begin preparing for the transition to the next grade level or the next building.

As our students encounter more complex academic expectations and greater independence we hope that by strengthening their ability to persist through difficulties, we are helping them build confidence, resilience, and a positive mindset toward learning.

Throughout the quarter, students will engage in a variety of activities designed to support this goal. These will include short videos that introduce and reinforce the concept of perseverance, group lessons that encourage discussion and reflection, and hands-on activities that allow students to practice staying focused and working through challenges. Our goal is to create a supportive environment where students feel safe to make mistakes, try again, and celebrate their progress. By working together to instill perseverance, we hope to prepare our students not just for the next grade level, but for lifelong learning and success.

TRANSITION PREP FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Jefferson teachers are hard at work preparing both their colleagues and students for upcoming transitions. Staff members are collaborating to ensure a smooth experience for incoming students while also supporting current students as they get ready for the next level of their education. During the upcoming SIP day, special education teams will meet to share important information and review IEPs to ensure continuity of support. In addition, Washington regular education teachers have met with Jefferson staff to explain how students with IEPs are successfully accessing the general education environment in their classrooms. To help ease the transition process, 1st grade students will visit Washington, and 3rd grade students will tour Madison in May, giving them a chance to become familiar with their new schools.