



Danbury Elementary

We Reached Our Goal! Math Fact Fluency

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Back in October, I shared with you one of our school goals: For the 2015-2016 school year and by February 19th, we would increase our school-wide percentage of math fact knowledge by 31%. This increase would illustrate 85% of our school population knowing their required grade-level facts. The required facts include:

Grade	Required facts
Kindergarten	Addition facts to 5
1 st Grade	Addition facts to 10
2 nd Grade	Addition facts to 20
3 rd Grade	Multiplication facts (0,1,2,3,5,10)
4 th Grade	Multiplication facts (3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)
5 th Grade	Multiplication facts (3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12)

I am pleased to share with you that through the hard work of our entire school community, we reached and exceeded our goal! Way to go, DES! You should be proud of this achievement.

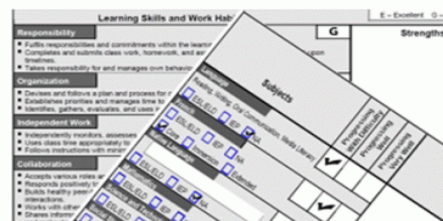
Grade	Kinder	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade	School Wide
February 2016 % of facts know	99%	92%	93%	96%	85%	92%	93%
% of facts known in fall	26%	56%	58%	66%	57%	63%	54%

Have a great weekend and I can't believe they are talking about snow for Monday! Progress reports are coming home today, too.

Ann



**Elementary
Progress
Report Cards
Go Home
TODAY!**



PE with Mrs Frost

Our school is making a difference! Congratulations to DES and thank you for supporting the American Heart Association. Our "Jump, Shoot and Save" fundraiser was a true testament to those who want to help save others.

This year our school went beyond all previous years and raised a total of \$1,162 for the American Heart Association. Our top fundraiser is David Sorrell in Mrs. Barbour's 2nd grade class.

Here's what our previous fundraising donations looked like:

2012-2013	\$485
2013-2014	\$883
2014-2015	\$890
2015-2016	\$1,162 WAY TO GO!



All students had a great time participating in the event during their PE classes by jumping rope and shooting hoop. If you look in the lunchroom you will see the four jump rope for heart banners that hang proudly! Prizes for those who collected donations have been ordered and will come in a few weeks. Thanks for all your efforts DES!



Annual Penny Hunt & Hide-n-Seek Night



Friday, March 18th

6:30-7:30pm

Wear your green!

Prizes

Family Night

PTO Event

2nd & 3rd Grade News

Newfound Nutrition

Lunch Menu Week of March 21-25, 2016

Monday

Hot Dog
Carrot Sticks
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Breaded Cheese Sticks
Brown Rice
Broccoli Florets
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Chicken Fajitas
Refried Beans
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Thursday

American Chop Suey
Breadstick
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Friday

Cheese Pizza
Tater Tots
Cucumber Slices
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25
(reduced \$0.30)
Lunch \$2.50
(reduced \$0.40)
Milk \$0.35

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We have been busy writers this past month! The second and third graders were able to experience what it takes to publish a piece of writing. Through Scholastic, we created our own class book that is now at the publishers to transform it into a hardcover book. Through this process, the student first started with a rough copy of their Someone We Admire story. From there, they edited their story multiple times, practiced writing their final copy in their best handwriting, and then wrote their story on the actual paper that will be in the book. Then, they were able to illustrate their story. Just like the writing, they practiced their picture first before the final copy. Seeing how many steps they needed to take to publish, the class really understood how important it is to take your time when writing to create your best piece of work.

We have also been practicing for the Smarter Balance test with the third graders. Through this practice, they are seeing the different types of questions asked and how important it is to add as many details as they can to a piece of writing. The third graders will start their test on Monday, March 28th and will finish Friday, April 8th. This will be a long two weeks for these students. It is important for them to always understand to bring their best effort to this test to show what they truly know.


We also experienced some new science lessons. We opened up the Physics of Sound science kit. Through this kit, the class worked with different materials to explore sound, how it's formed, and how to change the pitch and tone of a sound. We worked with tuning forks, long gongs, a water phone, a xylophone, kalimba, and a string beam. The took notes and answered questions on how the sound changed based on which item they were using.



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March 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29 Welcome back!	1 Project Promise Field Trip	2 Ski Program Make Up Day	3	4	5
6	7	8 PTO Meeting 4:30	9 Early Dismissal @noon	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17 	18 Annual Penny Hunt 6:30pm Progress Reports Sent Home	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Alice in Wonderland 12:30	29	30	31		