



Jenny Lind Elementary School



5025 Bryant Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430

MARCH 2021

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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SAVE THE DATE

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day **WEAR GREEN**

April 2: NO SCHOOL-Record Keeping Day

April 5-9: Spring Break

Principals' Corner

Well family, we have been back to school in person for over a month, which is hard to believe! Every day we get to greet almost 200 of our Lind Stars in person, all while making sure our digital Lind Stars are having the best possible educational experience. As the temperatures warm, it has been so exciting to see our babies enjoy outdoor recess and spend time getting to know each other again. We want you to know that your Lind family has been working hard to ensure that all staff and students follow COVID protocols, all while making the most of every classroom experience. Our Stars are excelling at keeping socially distant in the hallways and common spaces, they have adjusted well to eating meals in their classrooms and making sure to use only their own supplies in every space. While coming back to school in person after almost a year of learning at home has been a huge adjustment for all of us, we are all settling in well and learning to make the most of every moment together. March is one of our favorite months, because it provides four solid weeks of uninterrupted learning; we work hard to finish up quarter 3 and then have a well-

deserved break at the beginning of April. It's hard to believe that we are one quarter away from the end of the 2020-21 school year, but it is amazing to see how much all of our babies have grown this year. Through it all, we know that we are truly stronger together! Be well and please know that we are at Lind every day to welcome your thoughts and feedback.

Until next month,
Mr. Vue and Ms. Walker

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TO SIGN UP FOR HCTB, you'll enter your child's student ID and the school code which is: 87018

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Social Worker Update

It has been fun to see so many students back in our building this past month. With being in person we are able to provide additional support to students and families. We promise we haven't forgotten about our students and families who have chosen to stay in Distance Learning. For families that have



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chosen in person learning we will be doing the Assistance League Food Bags again this year - you may have seen them at parent pick up. We will be sending more information home about this ASAP, but feel free to call the school and ask about getting on the list for bags to be sent home on Friday's. The SEL team has been meeting with students in person and online to help students during the transition back to school and also to help process many of the events that happened in the past year. If you would like for us to check-in with your child feel free to call or email. We are here to support you and them.

Call, text or email us and we will try to respond as quickly as possible. If your question or concern is urgent, please state in your message to receive a priority return phone call.

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(call/text)

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CLASSROOM NEWS

Hi-5

In High 5 for the month of March, our academic theme is Growing Up Healthy! Students will explore the 5 senses for science, solving social problems for SEL, letter names, letter sounds, rhyming and alliteration for literacy, patterns, shapes, numbers, and counting for math.

Kindergarten

February was a month of transitions! Students are adjusting well to in-person learning. Many students are also adjusting well to a new teacher! We have also started our math unit on 3D shapes. Ask your child about 3D shapes and where we see them every day in our lives. In reading, we have started a fiction unit, "Stories Have a Message". In this unit, students will compare the messages of different stories. Kindergartners are busy using their knowledge of letters and letter sounds to write their own sentences. We are having so much fun playing outside!

1st grade

The 1st graders have been working so hard! In math, we are working on solving story problems using multiple strategies. Students have been working hard to complete 60 minutes of Dreambox and Lexia each week. In Reading, we are on Unit 6. The central question is "What can we learn from a mistake?" Students are working to identify the central message, sequence events, and describe characters while reading folktales. Keep up the hard work!

Mrs. Washington, Ms. McNeill, Ms. Goodrum, Ms. Bailey, & Mrs. Schreiner



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2nd grade

Second grade has started Unit 4 in reading where we talk about point of view and understanding perspectives. We are also focusing on writing opinion pieces with three reasons to defend our answer. In math, we have continued to work on place value and we are about to start rounding! We love seeing our students in person and on-line every day.

3rd grade

Quarter 3, which began on Monday, February 8th, has brought some new and exciting changes to the third grade! Students returning to in-person learning were split into two classrooms: Ms. Stolhanske and Miss Setterberg. The students who remained in distance learning continued with Miss Mariah. We began with two weeks of continued distance learning for all. On February 22nd, some of our students returned back to the building. Our teacher team would like you to know that all students have been doing wonderful at adjusting to their “new” normal. Since the quarter began at the beginning of February for math, the students have taken a Unit 2 final, a Unit 3 pre-test and have been working in Unit 3, where the students explore solving problems with equal groups. This will help them develop a flexible understanding of equations. They will use operations to interpret data. We will finish Unit 3 right before Spring Break. In reading, we have been studying comparing points of view. Our units always begin with an essential question that is referred back to through the three weeks of study. This unit’s essential question is, “What makes people view the same experience in different ways?” Together we will read and compare different versions of stories to analyze point of view. We will finish up the month of March in Unit 5, which is focusing on Advancements in Technology. In this unit, students will read and compare selections about advances in technology to understand the value of innovation. Reminders for students/families in and of the third grade: 1. Study your spelling words throughout the week (and complete any homework associated with it) 2. Please have students bring in water bottles or bottled water

to have throughout the day. Due to Covid-19, we are not using water fountains. 3. Dress for the weather (still may need gloves/hat/light jacket) and for the playground after a snow melt. Think about rain boots/extra pair of shoes /pants in case of mud or wetness after playing outside. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with us!

Ms. Stolhanske, Miss Setterberg Miss Mariah

4th grade

4th Graders have been working hard on getting our routines established and back into in-person learning. We have been working hard on our math skills in multiplying 3 by 2 whole numbers and division review. In literacy we have been discussing nonfiction text structures, parts of a sentence and personal narratives for writing. Students have been doing a great job and we will continue to work hard to get us ready for State Testing in April!

5th grade

Last month in 5th grade for literacy we focused on using key details to help us find the main idea in an informational text. We also worked on being able to summarize a text in our own words. In math we completed Unit 5 focusing on Data (determining landmarks using line plots and bar graphs) and for grammar, we focused on different parts of sentences (Predicate, Subject, Noun, Verb, Adjective, Adverb, Pronoun)



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Specialists

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It is great to be back in person with students in the gym. We are using a larger space for one class of students. We are navigating through our share of challenges in a pandemic. We have a color-coded system of dots on the floor for students to be in a variety of activities safely.

TWO tips:

1. Send students with a clear water bottle that can open and close quickly. We are not currently using drinking fountains. Students need a water source in the gym!! We have Blue numbered dots for the water bottles to rest.
2. I discovered the fiber (paper based) masks are easier to move around and exercise in. Students can have two masks at school. I would like to see a blue/white disposable mask or fiber based for PE. Students can store that mask on the shelf of their locker for the next day of PE.

Students are in the same specialist for 2 weeks. We will rotate the specialists every two weeks

JOKE CORNER:

Why did the student eat his homework?

Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake



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