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## Meadow Oaks Academy APK-2nd Grade Newsletter March 2015

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### Early Enrollment Packets Due

Early enrollment packets are due before March 6th. Early action reply will ensure **financial savings**. Open enrollment starts on March 6<sup>th</sup>.



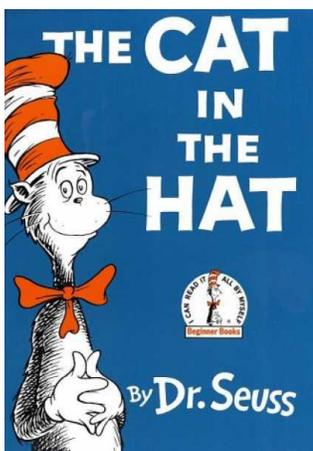
### MOA Bulletin Board

March 6<sup>th</sup> – Open enrollment begins

Spring Break Dates – March 9<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period

March 17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick's Day



### Dr. Seuss Day

March 6th, come to school with a Dr. Seuss book and dressed as a character from a Dr. Seuss Story. This will be a fun time to share our favorite Dr. Seuss writings in celebration of his birthday!



## 2<sup>th</sup> Grade News – Reading & Writing

**James and the Giant Peach** is a chapter book second graders are reading and doing various activities. As the students are reading they are making predictions and

asking questions, making the story more interesting. Students will be given opportunity to think, read and write about the many adventures of this classic children's book.



## Science & Social Studies

In science questions such as “**What is most like a fossil?**” or “**Where would loam topsoil most likely be found?**” is explored as they study rocks, plants and minerals.

Social studies continues with their units of study covering states and their capitals.



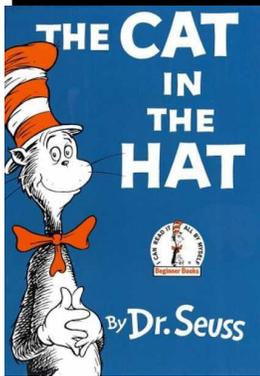
## Math

It's an exciting time in second grade as they learn multiplication facts. They are working on mastering the **8's and 9's** in multiplication, and they continue to review addition and subtraction with regrouping.

### 7, 8 and 9 Times Tables

1x7=7	1x8=8	1x9=9
2x7=14	2x8=16	2x9=18
3x7=21	3x8=24	3x9=27
4x7=28	4x8=32	4x9=36
5x7=35	5x8=40	5x9=45
6x7=42	6x8=48	6x9=54
7x7=49	7x8=56	7x9=63
8x7=56	8x8=64	8x9=72
9x7=63	9x8=72	9x9=81
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12x7=84	12x8=96	12x9=108

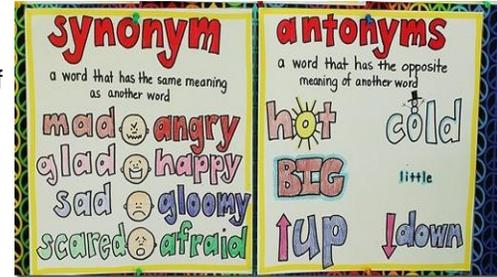




## 1st Grade News – Reading & Language Arts

First Graders will be comparing the ways that things are alike and different which helps them learn to draw conclusions in their reading experiences. They'll be examining what can be

learned about a book by looking at the cover, the title page, and the table of contents. Antonyms and synonyms will be studied, spelled and used in their writing and reading.



## Science & Social Studies

First grade will explore pictures of photos, drawings and maps. They'll begin to design their own maps from photos adding descriptions such as: top, bottom, right, left, north, south, east and west. They'll learn to read and make map keys that tell what the symbols stand for. We will take an imaginary journey through "leprechaun country" as we "map out" Ireland.



## Math

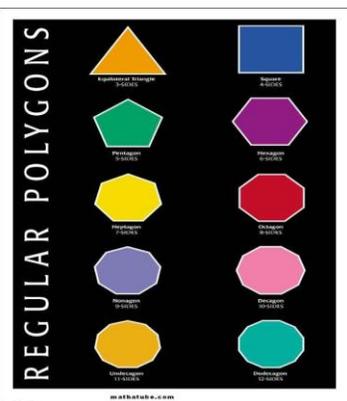
The first grade will begin a series of show, tell, do and discuss exercises that expose them to ideas about three-dimensional geometric shapes. They will look for two-dimensional figures within the 3-D shapes. They will have hands on experience constructing polygons. They'll also draw 2-D figures by joining points

with line segments using straight edges. This month we'll focus also on sorting according to attributes using "attribute blocks". They'll continue their work of making sense of data and solve number stories using "weight" data. In their explorations, geo board designs using only triangles will be created.

They love playing Subtraction Top-It with dominoes, which allows practice in finding differences between two numbers. Basic addition and subtraction facts will be reviewed using "Fact Triangles". They are really learning their family of number facts, and I'm very proud of them!

## Spelling

Please remember to review spelling words DAILY. This is very important to their learning experiences. Thank you for your continued support with their spelling work.





# Kindergarten News - March Unit **TEAM WORK!**

Teamwork is an important life skill. The purpose of this unit is to help students think about, explore and reach their own conclusions about teamwork. The students will listen to and read a variety of selections which includes nonfiction, narrative and poetry about teams and teamwork.

They will investigate what a team is and how teams work. This unit offers the students opportunities to learn more about literary features, such as characters, sequences of events in plots and settings. They will also build vocabulary by

learning new words that pertain to teamwork. They will discover that it often takes teamwork to accomplish important goals, both in school and throughout life.



## Math

Our areas of concentration in math this month will be measurement, probability and estimation.

Some of our activities will include...

...arranging items by length

...exploring tools that are used for measuring length

...matching objects to inches

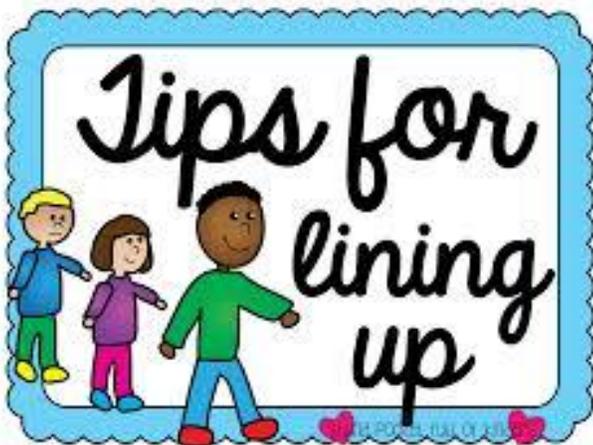
...determining which weighs more – a wet item or a dry item

...weighing ice cubes vs. water

...exploring items that may change in shape but not weight

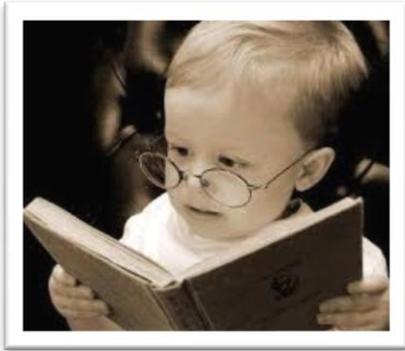
...seeing how many ways 3 people can line up

...graphing dice throws





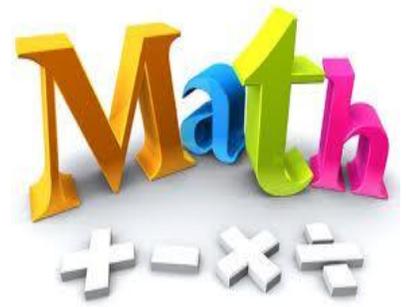
## Advance Pre-K News – Reading “LIFT OFF”



Word study is a great learning strategy for building word recognition and spelling skills. Pre-K students are learning to examine and study words for common patterns and distinctive features. Because the exercises are fun and enjoyable experiences they are processing a thorough understanding of the word structure of the English language. They understand that the way words are built is not completely random. This comprehension provides them with direct clues to meaning and spelling. Learning to look at words and study them carefully will help in developing a knowledge of word structure which in turn will equip them with with skills needed for attacking polysyllabic words.

## Math

Pre-K is focusing on addition by using pictures to obtain information in order to identify, describe, and discuss addition situations. For example, they will tell what they see in the picture, then create an addition story for the picture. This is a wonderful exploration as they discover what are the parts which make up the whole. Pre- will continue to explore symmetry, make color patterns, find number patterns, and order numbers.



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