



# Sarb's Squad's April Newsletter



## \*Math\*

We are continuing Unit 8-Fractions Equivalence and Ordering. We will test on this unit next week. Our study of fractions will continue in Unit 9 with the study of addition and subtraction of fractions. Please continue to practice multiplication and division facts at home everyday! The class is currently tested on 50 facts for 90 seconds.

## \*Writing\*

April is Poetry Month. We will be writing a variety of poetry types. Palos East will be sharing their favorite poems over the intercom during our morning message. The students are welcome to

bring in any of their favorite published poems to share with classmates. Sharing poetry will help to increase fluency while sparking a creative writing ideas.

## \*Reading\*

We will soon begin Unit 4 –Fact or Fiction? We will address the following essential questions: Why do we need government?

Why do people run for public office? How do inventions and technology affect your life? How can you explain what you see in the sky? How do writers look at success in different ways?

The comprehension skills we will focus on are cause & effect, point of view, and theme. The Comprehension Strate-

gies will be ask and answer questions, and making predictions.

## \*Book Project\*

The students will create a “Non-Fiction Informational Brochure “for their next book project. They will have the freedom to choose any non-fiction topic to present to the class. Details will soon be coming home. The final project will be due on May 8th.

## \*Disney Nature Movie\*

On May 1st, we will be going to the AMC Crestwood Theatre to see the Disney Nature Series Movie: Born in China. Please return the signed permission form and \$6 fee to school. We will be able to have two chaperones accompany us. If you have not chaperoned a field trip this year and are interested in joining us, please notify me by mail or note.

## Palos East

April 11, 2017

## \*Agriculture in the Classroom\*

On May 3rd, we will have an in-school field trip. Our special visitor will be the Cook county Farm Bureau. The presentation is called “Agriculture in the Classroom”. Your child will learn all about agriculture in Illinois which is the #1 industry in our state. For more information and activities, visit : [www.agintheclass.org](http://www.agintheclass.org)

## Important Dates To Remember

- 4/13 Spring Pictures
- 4/14 No School
- 4/21 12:00 Dismissal School Improvement
- 4/28 April Reading log due
- 5/1 Disney's Born in China Movie Field Trip
- 5/8 Informational Book Project due

