



Kiel/Sisco School News



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Read Across America

Remember those catchy rhymes in "The Cat in the Hat?" Remember how they come right back to you when you read a Dr. Seuss book to a child, along with the exhilaration of reading them out loud in rhythm? Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating successful, lifelong readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school. Put on your "Cat in the Hat" hat, and take the Readers Pledge,

I promise to read each day and each night.
I know it's the key to growing up right.
I'll read to myself, I'll read to a crowd.
It makes no difference if silent or loud.
I'll read at my desk, at home and at school,
On my bean bag or bed, by the fire or pool.
Each book that I read puts smarts in my head,
'Cause brains grow more thoughts,
The more they are fed.
So I take this oath to make reading my way,
Of feeding my brain what it needs every day.

Many thanks to KEHSA for sponsoring our Bodacious Books Assembly on March 2nd. This assembly promotes the joy of reading! Students are inspired to discover how exciting books can be and they can't wait to read more! Characters come to life as students had a chance to become one of their favorite characters. We also thank the many parents who came in to read to their child's class. The students enjoy being read to and having their parent come in and read to their class was a real treat!

Congratulations to Sophia LaBanca for winning the art poster contest My School is Unique Because... "Everyone Shines". The contest was sponsored by the Morris County Council of Education Association (MCCEA). Sophia's artwork will be on the front cover of the MCCEA calendar, framed and presented to her at the Rockaway Mall Exposition opening ceremony on April 19th. She will also receive a \$50.00 gift card. Great job!

Character Trait of the Month: **Courage**

Courage is the strength to follow your conscience rather than the crowd. It is having the determination to do the right thing even when others don't. Courage is attempting difficult things that are worthwhile.

We show courage when we:

- Tell the truth
 - Face our fears
 - Stand up for someone being picked on
- Parents model courage when they:
- Lead by example
 - Face their fears
 - Defend an unpopular but worthy idea

The following books are good examples of meeting a challenge without giving into fear:

- MacLachlan, Patricia **Sarah, Plain and Tall**
- Piper, Watty **The Little Engine That Could**



*Happy
1st day of
Spring—
March
20th!*



**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day
March 17**

March is Youth Art Month

It is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs. This year artwork from Kiel/Sisco Schools will be represented at Saint Clare's Hospital, Dover Campus, 400 W. Blackwell Street. Stop by and take a look!

We express Gratitude:

- **Thanks to all our students and families who made a donation to our Haiti Relief effort. In total we collected \$948.07 and sent a check to the American Red Cross of Northern NJ.**
- **Thanks to all our families for the generous donations in support of our Jump Rope for Heart activity. \$3,000 was raised.**
- **A note comes from Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Member of Congress, sharing his appreciation for our participation in the Valentines for Veterans project.**
- **Thank you in advance for your contributions to the Food Collection going on during the month of March. Donations will directly benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County. Check for further details in the flyer posted in this week's Friday Folder.**

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

The Challenge is On!

Mrs. Hart and Mr. Opiekun have made a promise to the Kindergarten Students. If the students collectively read 1,000 books Mrs. Hart will wear her pajamas on March 31st. If they read 2,000 books Mr. Opiekun will come to school in his pajamas! If they read 3,000 books then all students be allowed to wear their pajamas to school! Each week they will tally the number of books read to see how they are doing. Can they do it?

Thanks to your generosity during our Field Day T-shirt sale, enough money was raised to purchase a supply of snowshoes. Mother Nature has also cooperated in supplying us with the necessary snow! All students had the opportunity to participate in the snowshoe unit outdoors. A great time was had by all while students trekked thru the snow! A big thank you also goes to Mr. Pasieka for organizing the sale and the purchase of the snowshoes.



KEHSA News

See the new line of Spring Spiritwear merchandise! Info and order forms can be found on the Kiel/Sisco website and in the Friday Folder. Reserve your tickets for the Spring Tricky Tray Fundraiser on March 25th at The Villa in Mountain Lakes. KEHSA provides so many worthwhile programs and activities that would not be possible without your support!