Delta South Elementary



**Bunny Business** 

<u>Groundhog Day:</u> Wednesday, February 2

<u>Kindergarten Fieldtrip</u> Friday, February 10

<u>Valentines Day:</u> Tuesday, February 14

Preschool, Kindergarten, & 1st Valentine's

<u>celebration</u> Tuesday, February 14

Presidents Day: Monday, February 20 No School

<u>PCCR Conferences:</u> Wednesday, February 22 Thursday, February 23

Big Smiles Monday, February 27

Cat in the Hat Day Thursday, March 2

<u>Spring Photos:</u> Wednesday, March 22





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# Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We will be sending our mid-winter reading and math Acadiance scores home during PCCR's. Attached to the results will be ways that the school is helping your student reach their goal of reading at their level. Teachers will talk about your student's progress during PCCR's but feel free to contact the school with any questions!

I have added some tips for helping students to read at home!! We know that learning to read is a process where some kids learn easily and others struggle and need extra help.

# How to Help With Reading at Home

The first step to helping your child with reading is knowing what areas need improvement. There's a lot that goes into reading, from sounding out words to understanding what you read.

If you're not sure what's hard for your child, talk to the teacher. Ask about the skills your child has difficulty with and how you can best help at home. Check out these ideas:

- Get a tip from a teacher on helping your child to read smoothly.
- Download a worksheet that helps kids remember elements of a story.
- Learn about technology that can help with reading.

Your child might also need extra encouragement. Start by explaining that everyone has challenges and strengths. Praise your child for working hard at reading. Point out how much your child's reading has already improved. And let your child know it will keep improving over time.

There are also ways to make reading less frustrating and more fun. You can reduce frustration by choosing books at your child's reading level (rather than at grade level). Also, give your child a choice about what to read, whether it's books, blogs, or graphic novels. Dedicate some reading time for your student everyday at about the same time.

# Slam Dunk Reading Challenge

Reading minutes are growing. Last month, a bunch of our classes earned rewards for their reading calendars! Each class which has read 15,000 minutes so far had donuts delivered to their classroom compliments of our Parent Volunteer Group. We even have a class with over 30,000 minutes! Mrs. Priest's class in the preschool is unstoppable! Please encourage your kiddos to keep reading each night and to bring their

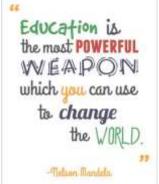
calendars back at the end of each month. We've almost read enough minutes as a school to earn a dunking party at the end of the school year!

We are so excited about how well the reading minutes have been accumulating. Minutes can be calculated by doing any Language Arts activity that is done at home. They can be calculated when the child is reading or being read to. Any type of reading

at home counts towards their daily minutes, including: books read before bedtime, paper books sent home by teachers for homework, and even books read on YouTube! This month, find a way to get your children to read at least 5 minutes each day.

Also, a huge THANK YOU to our PVG for providing such fun and delicious rewards! Happy February!

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## Book Fair

Delta South Elementary Book Fair Feb. 20—Feb. 24 In the Media Center

WOW, I can't believe it is already February! This year sure is flying by. We will be having our spring book fair February 20th - 24th. We are excited to offer some of the new books coming out. Those of you who are still working hard on your reading bingo so keep up the good work! Only a couple months left. It needs to be turned in between Feb 13th - 28th.

"Reading is a means of thinking with another person's mind; it forces you to stretch your own."
-Charles Scribner Jr.

#### **PCCR Conferences**

Our PCCR Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 22 and Thursday, February 23, There will be NO SCHOOL both days for Preschool and 1/2 day Kindergarten students. Full Day Kindergarten and First Grade will be 12:45 p.m. for town students and 12:50 for bus students on Wednesday, February 22. No school for any student on

Feb. 23. We will send out a link to sign up for a conference times the week of 2/13-2/17. Please plan to attend.

These conferences are an important part of your child's education. We appreciate everything you do to make your child's education successful!

# DSES Requests

We are accepting next year requests. Please come to the office and fill out the form for next year's placement. The requests need to be on the form provided. They will be kept confidential. We will try to honor all requests. We will accept requests/concerns until March 17, 2023. After that time we will then close the window for requests. If you wish to speak with Mr. Rawlinson come in and/or make an appointment.

## **DNES Teacher Requests**

It is that time of year Delta North Elementary begins to prepare for the next school year. Matching each student with the right educator equals a win-win situation. Parent requests must be in writing and in to the main office or emailed to Mrs. Bliss. THE DEADLINE FOR PAR-ENTS TO REQUEST FIRST AND SECOND CHOICES IS MARCH 17, 2023. Requests need to be submitted in letter or email form, stating reasons for the request, and listing first and second choices. All requests will be kept confidential and will be honored to the best of the

school's ability. Please be sure to state a second teacher choice in the event your first choice can not be honored. Requests will be honored in the order received so be sure to get yours in early! Mrs. Bliss will try to ensure all classes are equal in size and contain students of different ability levels. She feels this method of placement gives equal opportunities. Students will know who their teacher is for the 2023-2024 school year at the end of this year. AFTER **NOTIFICATIONS ARE** SENT OUT, NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE.

#### Art Exhibit

Delta South Elementary presents, Utah's Hogle Zoo annual art show featuring artworks of animals and the wild. The goal of this exhibition is to bring together the works of serious artists who are interested in displaying their view of wild animals, plants and places with which we share our world. Prehistoric people depicted animals on cave walls in an attempt to gain power over their hunt. The ancient Egyptians drew and modeled animals with great care based upon the observation of nature. Wildlife artists such as lames. Audubon have been instrumental in raising public awareness of endangered species. We hope by focusing more attention on the wilder side of nature that the public will gain a greater awareness of and appreciation for wildlife.

## Delta Area Chamber of Commerce Reading Program

Congratulations to all of the students that met their goal and read or were read to for 400 minutes or more during the month of January! These students will receive a certificate for a free (I) 10" cheese or pepperoni pizza from Red Rabbit Grill.

The certificate must be redeemed by Tuesday, February 28th.

Students that read or are read to 400 minutes or more during the month of February will earn a certificate for **Pat's Place Bowling &** 

Pat's Place Bowling & Arcade / (1) free game / (shoes extra)

Don't forget to turn in your January reading calendar to the office by Friday, February10th.

We would like to thank our sponsors for supporting our school and students!

