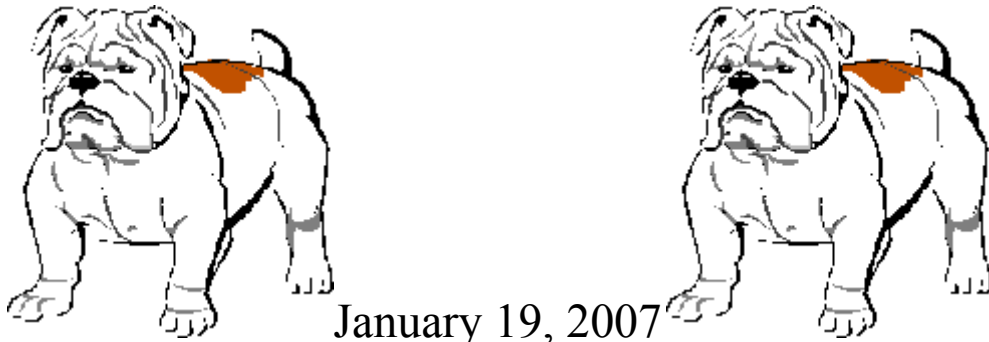


Brookshire e-mail



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Brookshire Week-At-A-Glance News

January 20-26, 2006

Saturday:

Sunday:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

“How Food Effects Learning,” Glenridge Middle School, 6-8:30, \$5 charge

Thursday:

Camp Wekiva, 5th grade

Friday:

Camp Wekiva, 5th grade

Looking Ahead:

February 1, Progress Reports go home

February 3, Brookshire Carnival, 10 AM to 2 PM

DON'T MISS OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!

Healthy School Team and Brookshire PTA present: "How Food Affects Learning"

Learn to maximize your child's learning with food and nutrition. Come hear
LeAnn Nickelsen M.Ed. (Certified Educator and Brain Research Trainer)

Wednesday, Jan. 24th 6:00-8:30

Glenridge Middle School Cost only \$5.00 Registrations are available in the front office or email request to
nutritionseminar@hotmail.com

Complimentary childcare will be provided for Brookshire families (K-5) in the Brookshire Media Center.
RSVP to lfhamner1@aol.com for childcare.

Dear Principal,

United Arts will be providing you with fliers promoting ArtsFest to distribute to the teachers, students, and parents at your school and in your community. We hope you will encourage everyone to take advantage of this event which offers 244 FREE arts and cultural events in 54 locations throughout Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. There is no cost to the community – this event is provided by generous gifts from sponsors and donors.

United Arts created a special flier for Orange County Public Schools that lists a few larger events as well as a phone number and Web site to learn more about the free ArtsFest events. Please help spread the word about this opportunity to your school and community so they can experience and learn about the variety of quality arts and culture activities available right in our own backyards.

Dylan Thomas
Director, Community Relations
Orange County Public Schools

Brookshire Helps Ronald McDonald House

Brookshire will be collecting pop-top tabs for the remainder of the school year to help the Ronald McDonald House. Please send in your tabs to the office or media center.

On Saturday February 17th Golden Rule Foundation is hosting the Hannibal Square Community Center mural dedication. The students at Brookshire contributed art work to this wonderful project. The following classes were involved: Mrs. Franz, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Byrd, Mr. Franco, Mr. Veritek/Maguire, all of 1st and second grade and several 5th graders.

The mural dedication begins at 10:00 and ends at 12:00. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Jenni Franz at franzj@ocps.net by Wednesday January 24, 2007.

This week Kindergarten will work on the following: manners & rules, letter/sound 'Qq', sight words 'here' &

'is', '-it' word family; math activities=counting, numerals, patterns, graphing, shapes, sorting; themes=Martin Luther King, Jr., snowmen; 100th Day of School celebration Thursday, Jan. 18th!

First Grade Facts:

First grade is having an unusual visit this week! A horse from the Black Stallion Literacy Project will be coming to campus! This will be followed by a corresponding field trip in February. We are sure that the students will be very excited to meet and learn about the horses!

2nd Grade

Last week we had an adventurous field trip to the zoo. The TWO to the ZOO program was a special program providing exciting learning experiences in the Zoo's Education Classrooms. This field trip offered the

opportunity for the students to observe many animals in their natural habitats. A big “**Thank You**” to all the parents that chaperoned on this trip.

4th grade Newsletter

Greetings Dedicated Parents,

Our Little Bees Are Buzzing Along

Please spell: schottische \sha-tish\, or knish \k-nish\, or julep \joo-lip\

These are a few of the very interesting words listed in the 48th Annual Spelling Bee publication produced by our very own Orlando Sentinel. We are proud that all of our children have received this resource and look forward to learning and practicing these words. Encourage your 4th graders to adopt these words into your everyday language. Also encourage them to utilize these decadent words in their FCAT writing and watch a simple essay evolve into a sizzling essay. This publication arrived in our world at the perfect time. So, keep buzzing along and master as many words as you can!!!!!!!

Watch out Golden Globes, our 4th graders are earning awards too!

Hot off of the press..... Listed below are the qualifications for earning the prestigious awards for grades and attendance.

- **Principal’s Honor Roll**-All A’s, **no** U’s or N’s, 3 tardies or less
- **A/B Honor Roll**- All A’s and B’s, **no** U’s or N’s, 3 tardies or less
- **Spike Award**- Must not be on the Principal’s Honor Roll or A/B Honor Roll, must have increased in at least one letter grade and maintained the other grades (cannot go up in one grade and down in another)
- **Perfect Attendance**- 3 tardies or less

Welcome Wonderful Writing

As we approach FCAT, practice effective writing skills with your child. Here are some things to review:

1. Capitalization
2. Punctuation
3. Starting the opening paragraph with a “hook” or “grabber” sentence that draws the reader. (Find stories, books and other essays that model this and share with your child)

4. Vivid language (describe the details- what did it look like, how did it smell etc.) (convert weak verbs to strong verbs- instead of writing, "I walked to the store." Write, "I scurried across Lakemont Avenue toward the 7-11 convenience store.")
5. Planning for 10-15 minutes
6. Writing for 30-35 minutes
7. Incorporating appropriate humor and personal voice
8. Have fun!

5th Grade

The 5th graders are very busy as they prepare not only for next week's Wekeiva trip, but also researching for the oration competition. Our students will be able to showcase their research, writing, and speaking skills as they prepare a speech on a "Great American Leader". Make sure to ask your child whom he or she and what makes that person a great leader.

William D. Prince
Brookshire Elementary
Computer Teacher