



The Book Fair will take place February 11-21. We are still in need of volunteers. If you are able to lend a helping hand, we'd greatly appreciate it. Please sign up using this [link](#). Also, the **Book Fair Family Night will be February 13th** from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM during our Global Family Night.

Scholastic Book Fairs is now offering **eWallet** as a secure, cash-free way for your child to shop the Fair. There is no charge to set up an eWallet. Simply create an account and authorize a spending limit to have funds immediately available for your child to choose the books they wish for! Follow this [link](#) to set up your account. Any funds not used will go back to your credit card when the Fair is over.



To stay up to date be sure to read each issue of the "Rockin' Croc Times."

CHOMP Update

The students are doing a great job CHOMPing in the hallway and during transitions. I have received many compliments from the other teachers about how great they are doing. This makes me so proud. Although there are still some areas to improve in the classroom, such as using their time efficiently and following directions. I appreciate your continued support.

CHOMpliments: We currently have 193 CHOMpliments

IMPORTANT DATES

February 11-21, 2020 – Book Fair

February 12, 2020- Class Book Fair
Preview Day - 1:30 – 1:45

February 14, 2020: Class Book Fair Buy
Day – 1:40 – 2:00

February 13, 2020 – Book Fair family
night

February 13, 2020 – Global Family
Festival

February 14, 2020- Field Trip money
due

February 25, 2020 – Club Pictures

Pick of the Week: Avery

Character Trait Nominee: Ava

Backpack Buddies

We need your help collecting donations for our BackPack Buddy Program. This program provides food for students in our community for weekends and extended holidays/track out. You can sign up to donate or volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4ca5ac2daafc1-february>

Thank you for your support. Please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions!

Newsworthy Announcements

Sycamore Creek Chess Team

Who: Students 2nd Grade and Up
When: Thursdays Jan 30 - April 16
Time: 3:00pm to 4:15pm
Fee: \$110

Sign up for the competitive chess team at school! Students will learn chess fundamentals and strategies that enhance learning skills and critical thinking. We will build confidence and have the option to compete against other local schools. Novice students and experienced players are encouraged to sign up as we will have two levels.

Questions? Improve@TriangleChess.com or (919) 272-8017

Online Sign Up:

- 1) go to www.TriangleChess.com
- 2) Click In School on upper right
- 3) Click Join A Team on right side



Parents at Sycamore Creek are trying to get flashing school signs/lights in front of Sycamore Creek. They need 700 more signatures. Please consider showing your support.

[Petition Get Better Signals for our School Zone](#)

Wake Up and Read Book Drive Now-Thursday, Feb. 13.

Please donate new or gently used children's books to benefit families with children in Wake County. Drop off books in front of the gym in barrels. If you have any questions please contact Andrea Lyons alyons@wcpss.net

Global Family Festival

Click [HERE](#) to Watch the Global Family Festival Introduction in English and Espanol.

We are already getting excited about our second annual Global Family Festival! This special Sycamore Creek event will be on February 13, 2020 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Mark your calendars now! Our school community will be celebrating the diversity of our students and families. We would love for your family to share more about your heritage, culture, and traditions. Each family presenting will have table space to present cultural artifacts, demonstrate arts and crafts, offer language lessons, etc. If you would like to participate, please sign up below and we will contact you with more information. Please sign up before December 20, 2019. As a reminder, the following are prohibited; incense, candles, hot plates, homemade food or beverages. Any food being served must be store bought, wrapped, with an ingredient list.

The SCES Book Fair is right around the corner and we are looking for parent volunteers. If you have time to help out from February 10th - February 21st, please sign up at the link below. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948a4af238-volunteers1>



5th Grade In-School Field Trip: Storm Chasers

Dive into the jet stream and join us for some storm chasing fun. Students will be "shocked" as they get struck by safe lightning! Learn about global weather patterns and use real weather instruments to measure precipitation, wind speed and more as we explore the marvelous world of meteorology.

Essential Standard: 5.E.1.1, 5.E.1.2, 5.E.1.3: Understand weather patterns and phenomena, making connections to the weather in a particular place and time.

No permission slip needed as this takes place at school. The cost is \$9.00 per student.

♦ Online payment is open now! If you would like to pay with cash or check, payments will be collected February 3-14, 2020 (tracks 1,2,4). All payments are due by Friday, February 14th.

Curriculum Update

Math: In Math this week our students continued their study of adding and subtracting decimals. This week students practiced using expanded form to decompose the decimal then add/subtract the digits in each place value. On Wednesday, students completed an "Analyze This" activity in groups. The students continued to practice the skill of adding/subtracting and comparing/ordering decimals on Thursday. All of this practice prepared the students for their math quiz on Friday. In the next few weeks we will be studying fractions.

Reading: This week in reading, the students learned more about the historical time period in which Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball. They read several sections in their "Promises to Keep" text and identified the main idea and supporting details in order to write an effective summary for these sections. We began our anchor charts outlining the various factors that contributed to Jackie's success in breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball. On Wednesday, the students took their mid unit 1 assessment in which they were asked to main ideas, supporting details, write an effective summary and identify the verbs and their tenses in a sentence. Each of these tasks had been practiced and reviewed in the Module lessons.

Social Studies/Science: In Social Studies this week our students continued their new unit of economics. They watched a video that explained the Gross Domestic Product. They have notes in their Social Studies packet that can assist them in better understanding this concept. Students worked in pairs reading about this topic and completing guided notes that went along with it. We will finish this unit next week and will begin Science the following week. Your child will engage in many activities during this unit that will help them understand many elements relating to ecosystems, food webs, and food chains.

OBJECTIVES



I Can Statements:

I Can... In order to bring purpose to what your child is learning, we post I CAN statements on our board daily. It is important that your child is continually utilizing these to evaluate their understanding. You can check in with your student by discussing the following statements.

Math:

I can add and subtract decimals using drawings, models, or methods based on place value.

Reading:

Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details.

I can engage effectively in collaborative instructions.

I can draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Items needed for Class:

Clear 2 Liter bottles

Prize box items