



Mrs. Koch's Spring Newsletter

*I alone cannot change the world, but I
can cast a stone across the waters
to create many ripples.*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

April & May 2018

Reading Lower Grade

Phonics – oo/ew/ue/ou, ow/ou, oi/oy, base words with ed, ing, er, est, es endings, changing y to i, syllable le, suffixes ful, ly, and y, long vowel spelling patterns, prefixes un, re

Grammar – contractions, possessive nouns & pronouns, exclamations, kinds of sentences, different kinds of adjectives, adverbs

Writing – opinion writing, opinion sentences, word choices, opinion paragraphs, responsive poems, responsive paragraph, responsive essay

Vocabulary – emotion words, homographs, multiple meaning words, shades of meaning, antonyms, root words, classify/categorize,

Reading Upper Grade

Writing – narrative, opinion, persuasive argument, response essay

Grammar – prepositions/prepositional phrases, indefinite, possessive, and interrogative pronouns, writing titles, main & helping verbs, present, past, future tense, comparative & superlative adjectives

*These are just a few things that we'll be doing. Reading fluency is worked on constantly.

The Writing Corner With Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been working hard on recognizing short vowel sounds in reading and writing. We will be starting long vowels and silent e words the second week of April. We've also worked with digraphs sh, th, and oo. We'll start r controlled vowel ar around the first week in May. Kindergarten has been reading, writing, and typing up a storm while in the Writing Corner and I'm so proud them!☺



Student Council News

Thank you to everyone who donated to St. John's Helping Hands Food Pantry and to the Little Food Pantries in Washington & Union, Missouri. We collected over 1,100 items to be distributed to those in need – WOW!

StuCo will be visiting the Sheltered Workshop in Washington and filling up the Little Food Pantries on April 10 with the generously donated items.

Spring cleaners, StuCo is still collecting clean gently used and/or new shoes through the month of April. Thank you!

StuCo is hosting a blood drive with Mercy Hospital on May 7 in the gym from 2:00 – 6:00. Please take time to save a life and donate blood. Thank you☺

Helpful Websites for Your Child

Reading/Language Arts:

www.reading.ecborg

www.seussville.com

www.abcya.com

www.funbrain.com

www.pbskids.org

www.starfall.com

www.storylineonline.net

www.highlightskids.com

www.primaryinteractive.co.uk

www.sheppardsoftware

www.spellingcity.com – click on Kelly Koch for your child to practice 1st grade spelling & vocabulary words

Math: www.sheppardsoftware.com

www.funbrain.com

www.resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/maths1.html

www.multiplication.com

<http://Hoodamath.com>

<http://Mathblaster.com>

<http://MathGameTime.com>

www.mathplayground.com

www.coolmath-games.com