T.E.A.M. REPORT

Upcoming Dates:

 **PTO Meeting** – Tues., May 7 – 7:00

 **PTO End-of-the Year Picnic** – May 17 – 5:00-7:00

**Spring SLAM Showcase –** May 20 (gr. K, 3, 4) and May 21 (gr. 1, 2, 5) from 5:30-8:30.

**Memorial Day Tribute** –May 23 3rd-5th grade classes

**Memorial Day, No School** –Mon., May 27

**Olympic Day-**Tues., May 28

**Last Day of School-**Thur., June 6

**Multicultural Festival**

The 39th annual Multicultural Festival is right around the corner! On Saturday, May 4, the parade steps off from Julian Middle School at 10:00 a.m. Back at Julian following the parade, continue the celebration with performances, food, hands-on activities, workshops, and more. See you there!!

**Mrs. Madsen’s Class’s 16th Annual Charity Sale** This week some students attended Mrs. Madsen's students’ annual charity sale. The 5th grade students worked hard to create a variety of handmade crafts including tooth pillows, bracelets, and pouches. This year’s donations will go to the World Wildlife Federation and Northwestern Memorial Foundation (targeting breast cancer). Thank you for supporting their 16th annual sale! 

**Can Do Community Challenge**

For the month of April, our Whittier School Student Council will help Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry fight hunger through the annual **Can Do Challenge**. This is a friendly competition with other area schools to see who can raise the most points (earned through donated food, dollars, and volunteer hours).  You can support Team Whittier by bringing in non-perishable items and toiletries or by donating cash. There is a link on the flyer in the digital backpack. Thank you!!

**Chicago History Museum Field Trip**

We had a very interesting trip to the Chicago History Museum! We saw artifacts from the Chicago Fire, a painting of Mrs. O’Leary’s cow, climbed aboard an old train car, saw a movie about Chicago History and took a class about the Chicago Fire. The day was a lot of fun and the students were very engaged! Thanks to our chaperones, Jessica’s mom and Cole’s mom, for coming along!!

Curriculum

***Reading*** – We are enjoying the “One Book, One School” selection *The Miraculous Adventures of Edward Tulane.* The story and characters are so rich with description, vocabulary, and adventure that it has been a pleasure to read and talk together about the story. We have been focusing on character traits and how Edward changes throughout the book. We are also wrapping up our unit on mysteries that has been really fun! Everyone is reading different mystery books and a major theme of this unit is to read very carefully /deeply so that we identify suspects and refine our ideas about the suspects as we read.
***Writing –*** Yesterday we shared our adapted fairy tales with the other 3rd grade classes. It was interesting to see how many variations of fairy tales that 70+ third graders can come up with! We will finish up our original fairy tales next week and share them within our class. Our next writing unit will be free choice, but, of course, we will still need to write in small descriptive moments.
***Math*** – We are fully into our short unit on Data and Graphing. We are reading graphs, collecting and organizing data, and answering questions using the information from the data. It’s important that students continue to write complete answers to questions.
***Social Studies –*** We will continue our work about Chicago History and then move into Oak Park History to learn about the Kettlestring’s life in early Oak Park.
***Science*** – In a couple of weeks, we will begin our final unit called Weather and Climate.

\*\*Students should be reading their Book Report book and filling out the written form sent home on last Friday or this past Monday. The form is on my teacher page if needed.Thanks!!

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