



March 13, 2020

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## From the Principal:



Hello Parents,

We had a wonderful visit last week from the Accreditation and Evaluation team. We have been recommended for a 6 year accreditation extension with a 3 year follow-up visit. This is great news. We appreciate your participation with surveys and we are beginning to work on recommendations and ideas you provided. Your input is greatly appreciated! I have an open door should you have any further questions and suggestions. Thanks again!

We received word from our conference administrators that all field trips have been cancelled for health and safety precautions. We're not certain how long this cancel status will remain, but we'll keep you informed. The exception is local church visits and presentations.

This brings me to next Sabbath, March 21. Students that are members of the Gentry SDA Church will be providing music for the church service under the direction of Ms. Cheryl Potter. May God's blessing be present and touch hearts.

We continue to monitor the Coronavirus alerts and updates. Should any school operations be affected, we will notify you by text and email. Last week we sent information in our News Notes regarding Coronavirus. If you missed it, I have copied the letter to page 2 for you. We are holding our students and their families up in prayer as we continue through this journey.

Finally, lost and found items are abundant. Please see if something belongs to your child. During Spring Break, we will clear all items and donate them.

May God Bless You.

## Upcoming Events:

- Mar. 16 Sign-up for P/T conf.
- Mar. 20 Track & Field Day
- Mar. 23 P/T conf.- NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 30 - Apr. 3 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL



## Pre-K & Kindergarten Mrs. Beth Kobliska



Amazeum Field Trip  
**\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

### Reading Logs

Don't forget daily reading! It's spring and might be harder to fit in, but maybe you can use weekends to catch up if necessary. Remember, if you're missing a log, you can always just text me or tell me your minutes.

### New Theme Book

We have one more book in our "Brr! It's Cold!" theme. It's called *The Emperor's Egg* and it's a charming story about the life cycle of the emperor penguin. In Bible we will hear the story of the lost sheep and the good shepherd. The memory verse is "I made you and I will care for you." Isaiah 46:4.

### Kindergarten Readers

The kindergartners are bringing home their little reading books regularly now. They are so excited to be "reading"! They should keep their books and practice reading them often. This builds fluency and confidence, both of which are so important!

### Letter of the Week

Our letter of the upcoming week will be the letter Yy.

### Snack Time

Our snack providers for the second week of March are as follows.  
Monday, March 16: Brianna  
Tuesday, March 17: Charlie/Dale

Wednesday, March 18: Cruz  
Thursday, March 19: Mia

## 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mrs. Kay Sutherland



Amazeum field trip  
**\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

Treasure Verse for next Friday is: Matthew 24:14 "And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come." (NLT)

We are collecting small boxes of crayons and summer clothes (for children 5-14) to send with my daughter Megan when she goes to L'esperance Orphanage in Uganda.

### Reading Logs are due every Friday.

Please listen to your child read and encourage them to turn in a SIGNED reading log.

In Bible class we are learning about the sanctuary God asked Moses to have built at the base of Mount Saini. **God wanted to be close to his people. He wants to be close to us.**

Show and Tell is every Monday afternoon. Please help your child bring something they have found in nature, a pet, or mementos from a family outing. Items that go along with what we are learning/have studied about in school are also great. We are talking about personal feelings and growth in reading classes. Everyone is also learning about landforms and how to stay healthy.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Mrs. Eva Hill



☺ Happy birthday, Ethan! You are a lot of fun and we hope your birthday

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was, too! May your new year be full of blessings.

😊 **Social studies state presentations** are due April 13. Sounds like a lot of creative plans are going into these projects from what the students tell me!

😊 **Next week is our scheduled Trail Keepers**  
**\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

😊 **Multiplication!** We use these facts every day! Next timed 121 fact test is on March 27.

😊 **Spelling words from lesson 25** will be tested next Friday. New spelling lists are in the Friday envelopes.

😊 **No Treasure verse quiz next Friday. We are working on memorizing "The Beatitudes" which will be due on Friday, March 27.**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."  
Matthew 5:3-10 NIV

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Mrs. Janet Lopez**



Hello families, this week in 5/6 grade was our school evaluation. Our class was so well-behaved and on task. They did a great job and we had great

results on our evaluation. Thank you students!

In Math this week the 5th grade finished their unit on multiplying fractions and 6th grade completed their unit on forming Algebraic expressions. Both grades will have a Math test next Tuesday.

In Bible we started a new unit called, "The Exiles Return." It is about the Israelites and how God is true to his promises even if his children disobey him.

In Language Arts we are finishing, "Spy for the Night Riders." We finished learning parts of speech and will now continue diagramming and daily oral language to reinforce what the students have learned thus far.

Science this week was about the earth and its layers. We did an experiment where we layered soil and then used a graduated cylinder to dig out a layered sample of soil. We will learn all the layers of the earth and make a model out of clay to represent them.

In Social Studies we learned about the Battle of the Alamo and the students wrote a news report on the event. Remember to study for MV, vocab and spelling tests given every Friday.

God Bless

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Mrs. Lisa Tonack**  
**Mrs. Tonda Smith**



📅 **Test Schedule:**  
Thurs.: Spelling Test 26  
Math Test 7<sup>th</sup> grade

📅 **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences:** Don't forget to sign up

in the office next week for conferences on Monday, March. 23.

📅 **Next AR points due:** March 26.

**Library**  
**Mrs. Jeanie Davis**



**The winner for this week is Maci! Great Job!**

The states: Kansas & Nebraska  
The questions: What is the state Insect of Nebraska?  
What is the state Flower of Kansas?  
Answer: Honey Bee / Sunflower

**Traveling the States:**  
This week we will travel to South Dakota.  
What is the state Fish?

We have some new books in the Library, check them out.

See you in the library!

**LETTER FROM 3-6-20**  
**News Notes**

Hello OAS Families,

As you are likely aware, on Tuesday, February 25th, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) gave a press conference updating the country on the current status of the coronavirus (COVID-19), and what steps should be taken moving forward. We wanted to share with you some of the steps our school is taking to prevent the spread of illness across our campus, and plan for the possible spread of the coronavirus in our community.

A pandemic occurs when a disease is spreading from a variety of sources across a large region, and the number of cases across the US is still small. However, given how quickly the global situation is evolving, we are monitoring new developments and will continue to reevaluate our steps and actions daily.

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In the meantime, the most effective way to stay healthy and minimize the spread of infectious disease is to follow basic health best practices like:

- Enforcing great hygiene, like washing hands thoroughly and covering up coughs/sneezes
- Asking all students who are feeling ill to stay home until they recover.

Our community is prepared to alter our procedures and planning should the situation change, [including strategies like virtual schooling]. We are also thinking ahead regarding the impact spring travel, upcoming school trips, and other non-typical school activities will have in the context of the coronavirus. We will communicate any changes affirmatively when the time is appropriate.

It is important to remember that handling the spread of a serious contagion like the coronavirus is primarily a task for public health agencies. Any directives from the World Health Organization, CDC, or local governmental organizations should be followed.

In times like this, we are particularly grateful for the strength and togetherness of this community. Please continue to look for further communications from us on this matter.

God Bless,  
Janet Lopez

## GEORGE DENNEHY

“UndeFEETed” Concert & Testimony

Better known as “that armless guy”, George presents his story on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 PM and Sabbath, March 21 at 3:00 PM at Ozark Adventist Academy (20997 Dawn Hill East Rd., Gentry, AR 72734).

Although he was born without arms, he has taught himself to play guitar, electric bass and piano. He sings and plays music from his heart — using his feet! He is capturing attention all over the world for his unique talents. Because he has overcome so many challenges in his own life, he believes that every individual has a purpose and absolutely anything is possible.

People young and old in his audience are inspired and deeply touched, often coming to realize that they too can overcome their obstacles and achieve their goals with God’s help.

Come and hear this powerful testimony of victory despite seemingly unconquerable circumstances; *leave* inspired to face your own challenges with God’s strength.

For more information, contact Judy Fetters @ (804) 874-9430 or email: [euglena1370@yahoo.com](mailto:euglena1370@yahoo.com)



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