

# MARCH 2010

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## MISS STUART'S THIRD GRADE GAZETTE

### The Countdown Has Begun...

It has been like a different school year now that the sun has graced us with its presence so much in the last month. The students, I feel, are getting that summer itch already, and we still have three full months of school before summer actually comes! Nevertheless, we chug along.

Since the start of February, our class has gotten into a Health and Geography frame of mind. We have delved right in to exploring the human body. The start of this human journey has taken us through the organs. We have followed the path of food from one end to the other and have been awed by the amazing muscle power of the heart. The students are working on a full body project by placing muscles, organs, and bones on a life-size cut-out of each of them.

We also began this month with individual state research projects. The written research being done will take most of the month to finish, but the finished product is well-worth it. The students will also design a map of the U.S. to bring home.

In Math, we continue work in multiplication and division. As I know you are all aware, please continue to help your child learn their math facts. For the last reporting period, your child will be assessed on multiplication facts through 11.

I wish everybody a wonderful start to their spring. Be sure to enjoy the sunshine!!

*Miss Stuart*



Praise, like gold and diamonds, owes its value only to its scarcity"

- Irishman  
Samuel Butler

### Dates to Remember:

- March 1-4: Celebrating Dr. Seuss Week
- March 5—NO SCHOOL
- March 9—PTO Meeting @ 7:00
- March 13: School Carnival today
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 19—Report cards come home
- March 29—April 4: NO SCHOOL—Spring Break

### Happy Happy Birthday!!!

March 18—Jonathan

"The limits of my language are the limits of my mind. All I know is what I have words for."

- Ludwig Wittgenstein



The last Book talk will be on April 14 and 15. The topic of book is the student's choice. Please help your child choose an appropriate leveled book that they can begin reading. Thanks!

# “My favorite book is...”

Every night my mom reads me *Little House on the Prairie* series books. It's my favorite series because it's interesting to see what it was like in the olden days.

- Olivia



African-American biography Book Talks were in February. Good job everybody!!

This month we are celebrating Read Across America. I've asked students to bring in their favorite picture books to share with the class. I also encourage any parent or grandparent to come in to read to us-see pg. 3

“My favorite book series is **The 39 Clues**. I like adventure stories and these are stories about an around the world scavenger hunt. There is a lot of action in the books like caves collapsing and car chases.”

- Jonathan

My favorite story book is “The Lightening Thief” because it's a very adventurous story. It is also sad! Percy Jackson's mom dies in it. Percy is in tries to escape great danger it all during the story. -Annika

“When I was three years old my favorite book was *I'm a Little Teapot*. Every time my nana asked me what book I wanted to read this is the one I'd bring up to her.”

- Carter

...”*Runaway Pony* is a book I enjoy reading. It is about a pony named Radish and he gets too small for his first owner to ride so he has to go to another owner. It's a book that I have read a lot and I just really like it!!

- Arcadia

“*Stella, Star of the Sea* is one of my favorite books because I like going to the beach. This book is about a girl named Stella who goes to the beach with her little brother. It is his first time. Stella's brother asks a lot of questions and has a good imagination!”

- Natalie

A book I like to read is *A Wrinkle in Time*. It's about friends who meet strange witches who bring them to a strange planet. It's an exciting book with unexpected things happening.

— Brianna

“**Diary of a Wimpy Kid**” is my favorite. The main character gets beat up a lot but it is a funny book.

-Nolan

...*Green Eggs and Ham*. The character won't try the green eggs and ham but then realizes they're good.

-Nathan

I like *The Lorax* but don't know why.

- Cameron

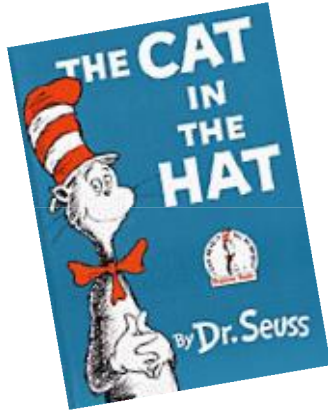
I like *Goodnight Moon*. My mom would read this story to me when I would go to bed when I was little. I really like kittens and there're kittens in the story.

-A.J.

I like a book I have at my house called *Ramona and Her Mother*. It is a very funny book because Ramona squirts toothpaste in the sink.

-Kameron G.

## Happy Birthday to the Cat in the Hat!



March 2nd was the 53rd birthday of “The Cat in the Hat,” Dr. Seuss’ famous book. He wrote it using only 236 words to meet a challenge given him to write a book that “first graders wouldn’t be able to put down.”

As mentioned in the

Dates to Remember section, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss this month, as well as the many favorite books that make reading enjoyable.

I want to extend an invitation to any parent or grandparent who may want

to come in and read a story book to us.

We will make time for whenever it is convenient, with the *exception of our specialist classes (1:00—2:00) and recess/lunchtime (11:30—12:10).* Contact Miss Stuart by phone or e-mail.

## Carnival Time is Here Again!

The Blue Heron Carnival is just around the corner. A letter has been sent home describing the theme of our class basket—Sports! - and donations have been coming in. They are being accepted through **Thursday March 11**. Our parent volunteer is Michelle Trettel and she will be putting the basket together. Ideas for donations are: sports balls, sports related foods, baseball gloves, sports clothing, etc. Thank you very much, Michelle, for your time and organization. Thank you to everyone who has already donated and those who *will* be donating to our silent auction basket.

Donations also being accepted are boxes of Little Debbie or Hostess snack cakes and 2-liter bottles of pop for carnival game prizes.

**“It takes a very long time to be young.”**  
-Pablo Picasso

### Great Websites to Check Out:

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)—play games using each week’s spelling list. Enter in the words to study and away you go!

[www.kidsgeo.com](http://www.kidsgeo.com)—great geography site that includes a USA map puzzle game the students LOVE to play!

[www.isd12.org/BHE](http://www.isd12.org/BHE)—click on Lab Links and your child will be able to play educational games tailored to their MAP scores and much more.

[www.teachersmousepad.com](http://www.teachersmousepad.com)—A must-see!

### **A Bit of Odd and Ends**

1. USA project - students will need crayons or colored pencils and a permanent black marker for many of the activities we are going to be doing as we study our states. Please check with your child to see if he/she is in need of these items.
2. It’s hard to believe but we are short on pencils. If you are able to send a pack in, it’d be much appreciated!!