



# Kindergarten Times

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*Atwood Elementary's Mission Statement: The Atwood community is dedicated to developing life long learners as productive members of a changing and challenging society.*

## What's Going On In Room 103?

Dear Families,

I apologize for not sending a newsletter last week. I was out sick on Monday, and with no school on Tuesday, the week flew by! There was also not a homework packet sent home last week. A new packet will be sent home today. Last week in kindergarten we will began a unit focusing on "myself and my feelings." Students are reading and writing about emotions. We are discussing unique facts about ourselves and discuss appropriate ways to deal with feelings. We will also be learning about verbs and talking about adding exciting "strong verbs" into our writing in our journals. We are finding verbs in both our reading and our writing. We will be continuing to practice greater than and less than in math as well as working on measurement. Students can be practicing reading and writing larger numbers at home for additional practice. We have been working hard at school on our large numbers.

This week in kindergarten we will also be learning all about bears! This unit of study will continue through next week. Students will be learning about different kinds of bears, their habitats, what they eat and many interesting facts about each bear. The bears that we are learning about are the brown bear, polar bear, spectacled bear, black bear, sun bear, panda bear and sloth bear. This is very exciting for the students. We will be reading informational books and learning about the differences between informational books and fictional books. In our writing we will continue learning about writing informational details. We will be researching and taking notes and writing our own informational piece on one type of bear. We are continuing to work on stretching words, spacing and punctuation as well as using lowercase letters in our writing. Students are adding details to their writing and are working very hard on stretching out words independently to hear each sound as well as using their word wall words correctly. This can be practiced when writing at home. In math we are continuing to work with addition and measurement as well as greater than and less than.



## Fun Friday

Our volunteers for this week are Bob/Joan Lambdin, Christine Wolff, Lori Secord, Jared Kook, Mike Shibley, Ted Bolak, Gloria Candela, Brittany Rottier and Lisa Fisette. Thank you!!

## Reminders and Important Dates

- ★ Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards will come home
- ★ Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>: Bagel Sale and Special Assembly day
- ★ Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: No School
- ★ Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: No School
- ★ Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:  $\frac{1}{2}$  Day for students, Student led conferences

## March is Reading Month

A big thank you to all those that are volunteering to be a Mystery Reader in our class this month! The students are very excited to see who comes each day. Remember, this is a surprise for your child and our class! Don't give away the mystery :) We look forward to hearing your story!

This week's events are as follows:

Tuesday: Wear a button or pin with words

Wednesday: Read and Feed (we will be reading and snacking during our normal snack time)

Thursday: Wear green day

Friday: Tiger Day (wear a Detroit Tiger shirt)

Monday (3/21): School wide mystery reader

Tuesday (3/22): Book on the Beach (Dress Hawaiian style and read on a beach towel)

Wednesday (3/23): Reading "Champ" Day (sports day-wear sports shirts)

Thursday (3/24): Visiting Author Day (morning assembly)

## Scholastic Book Order

I will be placing a book order on **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. You can visit our scholastic site to order online at [www.scholastic.com/readingclub](http://www.scholastic.com/readingclub). If needed for online orders, the class activation code is **HDYH4**. There are many choices available online. Those of you that have ordered online in the past may have coupons that can be used on this order. Please let me know if you have any questions.