March is a busy month at Discovery. We finished our second trimester. We will be celebrating all the hard work and success of our students with an assembly this month. There will be contests, prize drawings, and lots of fun!

Conferences are coming up soon. Please contact your student's teacher if you do not know when your conference is scheduled. They will take place on March 16 and March 23. Report cards will be sent home on March 27.
ARE YOU OUR NEXT DYNAMIC DISCOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL EMPLOYEE?

It is never too late in the school year to get a job with your student's school! Right now Discovery is interviewing for SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAEDUCATOR positions. If you are looking for a job that matches your students' school calendar, this is the perfect opportunity.

Learn more and apply at this link http://bit.ly/3ki85mt!

We hope to hear from you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6-10 - Mid winter break

CONFERENCES:
Thursday, March 16th from 3-7:30pm
Thursday, March 23rd from 3-7:30pm

Monday, March 27 - Report Cards sent home

Tuesday, March 28 - Spring Pictures (optional)

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON "AT HOME" COVID TESTS

If you've recently received a complementary BinaxNOW COVID test from our school, please
note that the FDA has extended the expiration date to 10/15/2023.

2023-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE!

2023-24 School Calendar

WE ARE A PEANUT, TREE NUT, LATEX FREE SCHOOL

Please do not send food with any peanut or tree nut ingredients to school. We have students with severe allergies.

APPOINTMENT PICK-UPS

When you are picking up your child for an appointment, please let the teacher or office know ahead of time if possible.

GOING HOME INFORMATION

If your child will not be going home the usual way, please let the office (320-370-6180) know by 1:30 p.m. so we have time to inform the teachers.

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Please do not bring any balloons, flowers, cake, cupcakes, or cookies for student birthdays. Some children are allergic to these items. Teachers celebrate student birthdays in class so all students feel special. District 742 schools are nut-safe, latex-safe, and allergy aware. Please do not send products that contain peanuts or tree nuts, or latex. Please check all labels to ensure a product is not manufactured in a facility with peanuts or tree nuts. Many non-food items can be used in classrooms to celebrate events. Thank you for your cooperation.

LOST AND FOUND!!!!

Parents, we have a lot of lost and found clothing, coats, hats, gloves, etc. If your child is missing an article of clothing, please come in to look over the lost and found items. Also, labeling your child’s clothing on the tag with initials or last name is very helpful. We will retain lost and found items until the end of December.

ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD’S SUCCESS! REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS
DIRECTLY RELATED TO SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

Please let the Discovery office know as soon as possible whenever your child is absent or will be late and the reason. Discovery's phone number is (320)370-6180. If you leave a voicemail message, please indicate the reason for your child's absence.

A student is considered truant (3 full-day unexcused absences) when we do not know the reason for their absence. When a student has 3 truant days, a letter is sent home to the parent and the County. At 5 truant days, a letter is again sent to the parents and the County.

When a student has 7 truant days, the school requests a "Truancy/Educational Neglect Petition" to be filed with the County for screening, assessment, and investigation.

HELLO FROM KINDERGARTEN!

Happy March!
This month is full of lots of learning! In math we will start working on subtraction and ways to compose teen numbers. Please remember to be practicing math skills with your child at home to get them first grade ready.
In reading this month, we are studying different genres of text including realistic fiction. We are also having another writers’ workshop where students will have the chance to write their own story. At home continue to read with your child, practice sounding out short words, reading sight words, and letter sounds.
Please pay close attention to the weather forecasts. March weather can be unpredictable. Even if it is supposed to be warmer, the playground is very wet from all of the snow beginning to melt. Your student’s snow pants, boots, etc. will help keep them dry and warm. Please reach out to your student's teacher if you have any questions.

1ST GRADE

Greetings From First Grade!

In reading, we are participating in a school-wide Lexia challenge. Once students master a reading skill, they earn units. The class with the most units wins! Encourage your child to do their best on Lexia.

In math, we will be starting new chapters on graphing and time. Start asking your child what time it is throughout the day. Practice skip counting by 2’s and 5’s.

Always send more winter gear than you think necessary. We play outside for 20 minutes every day.

Mrs. Burau, Mrs. Kamenick, Ms. Grussendorf, Mrs. Brookins
THE SECOND GRADE SCOOP

The Second Grade Scoop

Please keep encouraging your child to read at home EVERY day for at least 20 minutes. After reading, have your child tell you about the characters, setting, problem, and solution in the story. If the book is informational, have students share facts they learned after reading.

READING: We have been reading and writing poems. In our next unit we will be reading narrative nonfiction stories. Our essential question will be how can people help out their community. We will be talking about Author’s purpose.

MATH: We just finished learning how to add two-digit numbers. Now we will be learning how to do double digit subtraction with and without regrouping. Please continue practicing addition and subtraction facts.

ACCESS Testing: This month our students who are receiving EL services will be taking the ACCESS test. Make sure your students are well rested on these days. We will let you know when they will be taking these tests.

We appreciate all the work you do at home to help your child! We’re ready for a busy month of learning and new experiences!

Second Grade Teachers
Ms. Smith, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Burrer, and Ms. Aden

3RD GRADE

Greetings from 3rd Grade!

March will be a new experience for your student as they will be taking the MCA’s for the first time! This state assessment is a time for your student to shine and show off all that they have learned so far this year. They will be taking the math and reading MCA’s.

In reading, we will be completing a writing project that aligns with what we will be working on in science. Your students will be researching and writing about a planet. We will also be working on different reading and comprehension strategies to help all students be successful during the MCAs. In math, we will be working on fractions, measurement, time and reviewing skills they have been learning all year.

As spring approaches, please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day.

All 3rd grade students were provided with headphones from their teacher at the beginning of the school year, if they did not bring their own. These headphones that were provided were done so by the 3rd grade teachers and unfortunately, many of these headphones are now
broken and unusable. We, as 3rd grade teachers, can no longer provide headphones, since we have already provided in excess of 100 to the grade. Please discuss with your student whether or not they have headphones and if they are being respectful to their school supplies. If they do not have headphones, please purchase some and bring them to school. We utilize many different digital learning apps that require sound, and it is essential to your student's learning that they have headphones.

Warm Wishes,

Ms. Ewaysi, Ms. Klatt, and Ms. Kremer

**4TH GRADE**

We are working on writing our own opinion paragraph. In math we are busy with fractions, division, and multiplication. Some students have been working hard and preparing for the access test. We are all excited for spring break!

- Fourth Grade Team

**5TH GRADE**

Greetings from fifth grade! We hope that you all have a great spring break. Over spring break, students can strengthen their knowledge by reading 20 minutes per day and practicing math facts. MCA testing is right around the corner, and we will keep you updated and posted on that. In math we are working on fractions. Ask your child about fractions as you’re cooking! In reading we are working on finding the main idea. You can ask your child what their book is mainly about. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather; we go outside daily.

Thanks,

Ms. Miller, Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Schroll

**PHY ED**

Physical Education will be working on our rhythm and movement unit. Students are working individually and together to move to music throughout the gymnasium. We are moving in lines and using exercise balls for drumming. The songs we are moving to include the Electric Slide, Chaco late’, Cotton Eye Joe, Starship, Frozen, Late Last Night, and the Freeze. The students are learning their left and right side of the body, learning to move on different levels, and learning from their mistakes.

In the next few weeks, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be preparing for track and field competitions. The 5th graders will be heading to Apollo High School in May to compete against other schools in the district. Some of the events the students will be practicing are, 60-meter sprints, 200- meter-long run, soccer punt, and running long jump.
All the students will be working on basketball skills and games. The students will be learning to work alone, partnered up, and in teams for all the activities. The excitement with basketball is huge for all. The students know a lot of professionals and see the sport on TV and the internet. Your kids love to see and make the connections tv and their lives.

This time of year is so much fun because the sun is shining longer and brighter. This allows all of us to enjoy the sunlight, get outside more, and soak up the Vitamin D from the Sun. If you get the chance, get outside, go for a walk, play some catch, and breath some fresh air with your family. Your lungs need it!

Have a happy, healthy, and great spring! Go out and get some FRESH AIR!!!!!!

Mr. Thoreson
Mr. Richmond
Discovery Physical Education

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

March 2023
School Counselor Corner

Kindness Retreat for all fifth graders is on March 17. Ask your student about what they learned that day.

If you would like to talk with me or get some parenting strategies for an issue I will be in my office (160B) during conferences and I would love the opportunity to speak with you.
Joanie Hauck LSC
320-370-6256

joan.hauck@isd742.org

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Hello from the Health Office!
We would like to remind all parents and guardians that when a student is being sent home from the health office, they need to be picked up within 30 minutes for their safety and the safety of other students and staff. Please also make sure your phone numbers and emergency contacts are up to date, so we are able to reach you.

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone healthy and safe.
Nurse Karin & Nurse Veronica

MEDIA NEWS!
What a busy month this has been! Classes have been passing around Mr. Lemoncello and his Golden Key for answering riddles. It is so much fun to hear classes get so excited when they hear their teacher’s name being called over the speakers letting us know who won. I hope that all of you have been enjoying the book!

I want to thank SCHEELS for supporting the St. Cloud School District again with the purchasing of the books and organizing such a fun event for our students and families at their store! I would also like to thank Mrs. Eckert and her team for organizing One District One Book. We also have some amazing district staff that came and taught some activities, Ms. Kickhafer, Mr. Turk, Mr. Mathiason, along with some amazing Discovery Staff, Mrs. Rademacher and Mrs. Janda. A huge shout out to Mrs. Bibeau for also organizing activities and making our Lemoncello!

Thank you also for your support during our E-Learning Days! We did an amazing job with getting devices back to school in great condition!

We will be having our 2nd Book Fair during our Conferences! You can set up eWallet again to allow your students to buy books without them having to bring cash to school. It works like a gift card. You fill it and then they use it here.

YEARBOOKS for sale! You can still order your yearbook online! We will be sending home order forms as well soon! You can scan the QR code and enter the School code of 8633723 to then enter your child’s information. I will not have a lot left over, so order as soon as possible to reserve one!

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**Join Us!**

**COFFEE & conversations**

**Friday, March 17**

9 - 10 a.m.

District Administration Office

with

**SUPERINTENDENT Laurie Putnam**

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