




Bulldog Tracks



Mark Your Calendar:

April	
IRI reading fluency testing K-3rd	April 1-
ISAT 2.0 testing 3-6 April 4-May 20	
Popcorn Day 50¢	15
End of 6 weeks Mid-Term	22
Chess Tournament 8:00-2:00	23
Secretaries Day	27
May	
Muffins with Mom	6
DARE Graduation 6:45-8:15 Compass Academy	10
Kindergarten Round-up am/pm by invitation	5
Family Science Night 6:00-7:30	9
4th Grade Rendezvous	19
 NO SCHOOL	30
Volunteer Luncheon	27
Pride Rally	27
K & 6th Graduation Time TBD	31

ISAT and IRI Testing— During April and May all students will be completing the Idaho Standards of Achievement Testing (ISAT 2.0) or the Idaho Reading Indicator. Lucky 3rd graders get to participate in both! These tests assess reading, math and science. Students have prepared all year to show what they have learned, explain their thinking and cite reasons from text to justify answers. Thank you for sending your students to school well rested. Encourage them to do their best.

What We're Learning:

Preschool- Preschool is working on phonemic awareness activities, retelling stories, drawing pictures using simple shapes, patterning, counting, life cycle (Mrs. Adams), and nursery rhymes (Ms. Burnett).

DACC— The DACC room has been studying Newton's laws of motion. To help us understand this concept we built pinewood derby cars. Thank you to Roger Murdoch for you time and effort to help us learn about, build, and race the cars.

Kindergarten— Writing informational text focusing on what happened first, next and last in a story. Building fluency skills by reading on-level text. Addition fact practice 0-5.

First Grade— First grade is reading away! We are learning word endings such as -er and -est. We are expanding our vocabulary words. We will be taking the state IRI test April 18th -April 22nd.

We are looking forward to a field trip on April 11th to the ARTitorium.

We are so proud of our first graders:) They have really blossomed since the first day of school!

Second Grade— We are learning how to analyze characters and write opinions about favorite characters using details and examples to support our opinions. In math we will be learning how to use mental math and estimation. We are working to read with expression and understanding.

Third Grade— We are writing persuasive speeches, essays, and letters to help improve our school! In math we are learning about bar graphs, line plots and fractions. We are finishing up learning about rocks and looking forward to our next unit about physics of sound. In reading we are continuing to focus on fluency, comprehension and hopefully a love of reading a good book!

Fourth Grade— *4th grade news! We have Rendezvous on Thursday, May 19th and our students are very excited to begin working on their belts that they will be wearing. Remember that we need yarn by the middle of next week! In Idaho History, along with information about the Rendezvous, students are learning about gold! In Science we have been studying about the planets. You may have heard your student practicing the brain riddle to learn the order of the planets from the Sun. We began ISAT testing this week and we appreciate your continued support to get your students to school ready to work hard! They received a schedule last week so that parents knew which days they would be testing. In Math we are starting an area and perimeter unit. We are also very excited to be learning about hieroglyphics in conjunction with our Reading unit right now!*

Library Lines:

- April
- Poetry Month
- Rhyming, reading, laughing
- Sharing voices through verses
- Poems
- I love to read books
- Laughing, exploring, imagining
- Pick one up today

Fifth Grade—

Students are working on Argumentative Essays in writing. Right now, everyone is deciding if chocolate milk should be served in schools or only white milk. Students also wrote poems and entered a contest that goes along with a field trip in May - Water Awareness. We will let you know where the poems will be posted soon. Students are continuing to work on their AR goals. ISAT testing is in progress, also. The year is flying by, and everyone has grown so much.

Sixth Grade— Sixth grade is studying geometry and finding area of different shapes. We are also studying Latin America in social studies and beginning an exploration of land-

Changes this fall:

Mrs. Bird will be retiring. Mrs. Byron will teach 1st; Mrs. Andersen will move to 2nd, Marcy Hanson will move to 4th and we welcome Becky Heiner, an experienced teacher from Utah to 3rd grade.

Warm weather— wear sandals with straps (no flip flops) and fingertip length shorts for safe fun play at school



