



Ms. Burke's Bulletin  
March 2020

Important Dates

- 3/4 – Concord NH Field Trip!
- 3/6 - Report cards are sent home
- 3/6 – Fisher Cats Reading Challenge forms due
- 3/6 Family Night! 5:30-8
- 3/10– No School – Teacher Workshop Day
- 3/18 – Early Release Day
- 3/27 Scholastic Book Order due

Classroom News



Wow February was a busy month!

Between music rehearsals, snow days, and Dr. Seuss days, it's amazing we got other things accomplished! The students did a wonderful job juggling all of these changes in routine.

We were able to make time to visit the Heron Pond Innovation Lab, a space filled with materials that inspire students to explore and create. Check out pictures of some of the Dr. Seuss inspired creations on the next page!

Smarter Balanced NH State Testing will occur in late March/ early April. It is not listed in the Important Dates section since I do not have exact weeks for fourth grade as of now. I will keep you posted about these testing dates.

Birthdays

No birthdays this month



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*Please remember to check your  
child's homework binder  
with them every night!*



## What We're Learning

**Literacy:** Your student was forced to choose sides this month as we read magazine articles that presented two sides of a debate. We discussed how authors have opinions and often write to persuade the reader to agree with them. We identified the points and counterpoints made in the articles and students persuasive letters on a topic they felt strongly about. Topics included: Should cursive be taught in schools? Should class pets be banned? Is Fortnite bad for kids?

**Math:** Chapter 5 started before vacation. In this unit we will revisit fractions and learn to add and subtract them. We will also be focusing on how to interpret data in different types of line plots and graphs!

### Social Studies:

To prepare for our field trip to the State House, our class studied government. We began by imagining a world without rules and decided while it might sound fun at first, rules are important to our community! Students have distinguished between national, state and local governments and we are studying the three branches of government as well!

