



Dakota Elementary School Newsletter

March 1, 2022

Our vision is to prepare all students to make positive contributions in an ever changing world.

Principal's Message

Dakota Elementary School is starting the month of March by celebrating Read Across America. We have a different theme planned each day during the first week of March. Our hope is to create good vibes throughout the building and get students excited about reading.



On the topic of good vibes, I would like to congratulate Ms. Blomgren and the 19 Art students that have projects on display at the Freeport Art Museum. I am super impressed with the quality of work from each student. As a person that can barely draw a stick figure, I'm very jealous of the artistic skills of our aspiring artists.

As we make our way through March, our 3rd-6th grade students will continue to prepare for the IAR. Our school has been very focused on improving our performance on this assessment. As our test window nears (first week of April), we will ask for parent support by ensuring students are getting enough sleep, eating breakfast and encouraging best effort. Families that are interested in working more with the content of the assessment are welcome to visit <https://il.digitalitemlibrary.com/home> to view previously utilized test items.

Upcoming Events

- 3/8-3/10 Illinois Science Assessment (5th grade only)
- 3/9 PTO Meeting at 3:30- election day
- 3/9 Kindergarten Enrollment
- 3/11 End of the 3rd Quarter
- 3/18 SIP Day- Early Dismissal
- 3/21-3/25 Spring Break
- 4/4-4/8 IAR (3rd-6th grade only)

Reminders

- Please be certain students continue to read each night and during breaks. Research suggests people that read 30 minutes per day have improved academic performance and improved health.
- We are still seeking candidates to fill kitchen staff and paraprofessional vacancies. If interested, please send Mr. Midgett an email for more information or visit the school's website to apply.
- At this point, masks are no longer required at school or on the bus.
- Please remind your student to use technology appropriately. Our guidance for students includes only using chromebooks for school purposes.

