



CEDARVILLE CONNECTION

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www.EACS.k12.in.us

Our mission at Cedarville Elementary School is:
To build a solid academic foundation and develop fundamental skills that will lead our students into a lifetime of success.

From the desk of the Principal...

Did you know that researchers found that playing board games twice a week increased the brain speed scores of elementary students by a staggering 27 - 32%?

For more information about the benefits of playing board games for people of all ages, visit <http://www.gamesforeducators.com/>.

Eat Right with Color!

March is National Nutrition Month. Families are encouraged to pack more nutrition into each day with colorful foods.

Research is uncovering the benefits of pigment-related phytonutrients — and the colorful fruits and vegetables that supply them. Different foods add a variety of color, texture, shape and flavor to meals and snacks, as well as different nutrients and phytonutrients. Vary the color on your plate to provide a festive and nutritious meal.

Green: avocados, apples, grapes, honeydew, melons, kiwi, limes, artichokes, asparagus, broccoli, green beans, green peppers and leafy greens such as spinach or kale

Orange and deep yellow: apricots, cantaloupe, grapefruits, mangos, papayas, peaches, pineapples, carrots, yellow peppers, yellow corn and sweet potatoes

Purple and blue: blackberries, blueberries, plums, raisins, eggplant, purple cabbage and purple-fleshed potatoes

Red: cherries, cranberries, pomegranate, red/pink grape fruit, red grapes, watermelon, beets, red onions, red peppers, rhubarb and tomatoes

White, tan and brown: bananas, brown pears, dates, white peaches, cauliflower, mushrooms, onions, parsnips, turnips, white-fleshed potatoes and white corn

For videos, tips, games and other resources to help you eat healthfully this National Nutrition Month, visit <http://www.eatright.org/nnm/games>.
(Source: www.eatright.org)

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Mrs. Wahl's Kindergartners...



Revised School Make-up Day Schedule...

With the canceled school day we had on Wednesday, March 12th, EACS has now missed 14 days of school so far this year. Two days were already made up in February, and one day was waived by the IDOE, leaving 11 days to make up. At the March 18th School Board meeting, the Board of School Trustees approved a revised make-up plan for the district. The newly revised plan adds six (6) days to the end of the school year, cancels teacher collaboration days on Wednesdays, and adds 30 minutes to the end of each school day (60 minutes each Wednesday) through and including Thursday, May 8th. Adding time to the end of the day through May 8th makes up five elementary school days and four secondary (grades 7-12) days plus one hour. The other five hours will be made up at the secondary level by holding an eLearning day in April. Details on the eLearning day will be released soon. This new plan has school ending on Wednesday, June 4th.

At Cedarville, we will release students at 4:10 p.m. every day through May 8th, including Wednesdays.

We will continue to keep you updated if any additional changes are needed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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"Tell me what you read and I'll tell you who you are" is true enough, but I'd know you better if you told me what you reread."

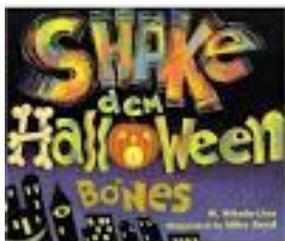
– Francois Muriac

Favorites of Ms. Blosser, Kindergarten:

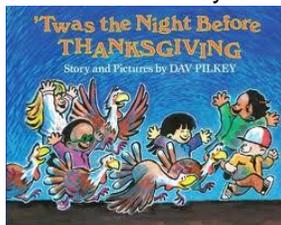
My first Fave Four revolve around the holidays; I completely enjoy sharing my favorite holiday stories with the children and passing on a love for literacy and "tradition". However, my Fifth Fave revolves around my first love, being a mother!

Shake 'Dem Halloween

Bones is a catchy story that includes many Fairy Tale Characters going to a party to dance the night away on Halloween Night at the Hip Hop Halloween Ball. Its repetitive chorus makes this a fave for the children as well.

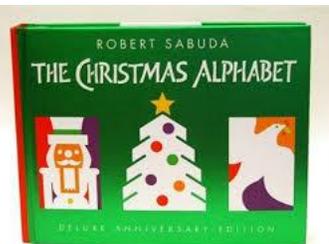


Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving is a fun spin off from the Christmas version. A class goes on a field trip to see Farmer McNugget and discovers the turkeys they fall in love with are going to be Thanksgiving Dinner. The children "stuff them" all under their shirts to hide them and take them home to be Thanksgiving guests in their homes instead of being Thanksgiving dinner.

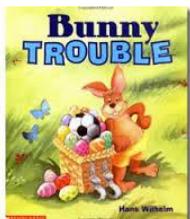


My favorite Christmas story is **The Christmas Alphabet**

by Robert Sabuda is an all-time love for the beautiful pop up pictures for every letter. Beautiful artwork and detail shine in this book. The children love to predict what the author will use for each letter.

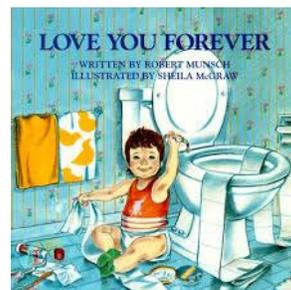


My favorite Easter Story is the tale **Bunny Trouble**. It is a story about a bunny named Ralph who loves soccer way more than coloring eggs and stuffing baskets for the Easter Bunny. While off playing soccer one day, he is captured.



Ralph and his sister Liza come up with a plan to get Ralph free, in exchange Ralph promises to help with the painting and becomes famous for the soccer ball egg.

My last story comes from the love of a mother's heart. **Love You Forever** by Robert Munsch is a story we read



all the time when my son was young. It is a sweet story about a mother and son and how she loves him at all the crazy ages and stages of life and rocks him every night singing her sweet tune. Although I can wait for my almost nine year old to be the grown man, my plans for driving across town, in the dark of night, with a ladder on the roof of my car to rock him.... are in the works!

Enjoy a great book!!

Food for thought...

In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.

– Mark Twain

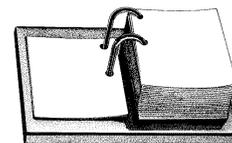
Where's my bus?

The East Allen County Schools Transportation Department posts which buses are running late on the EACS web site at www.eacs.k12.in.us. Look at the Quick Links section of the homepage, Bus Status.



Mark Your Calendar...

- Mar. 24: Grade 3 to LEEL @ 9:10-11:15 for school musical
- Mar. 24: Last day of Good News Club
- Mar. 27: Room 126 to FW Museum of Art
- Mar. 28: Campbell's Soup Labels for Education collection day
- Mar. 28: Room 116 and 121 to FW Museum of Art
- Mar. 28: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and SPIRIT DAY
- Mar. 31-
- Apr. 4: **SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**



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