

New Zorse Times

New Morning School • Plymouth, Michigan

March 19, 2018

Dear Parents,

This is a busy week: Love and Logic on Tuesday; Pizza & Piaget on Wednesday; Book Character Day on Thursday; and *Scholastic* orders due on Friday. That's a lot to remember!

Parenting with Love and Logic is open to all parents. I hope that you join this thought-provoking and extremely helpful opportunity.

Pizza & Piaget is for all new parents who were not able to attend in the fall. It's fun, fast-paced and I guarantee you'll leave feeling energized!

Enjoy the week,

Elaine

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Baking Hamantashen for Pi Day

The Top “Five” to be in the Know

1. Love and Logic – begins Tuesday at 6:30 pm

This six-week course is a great way to fine tune your parenting skills and get answers to parenting challenges. Cost is \$75 for the six sessions. See below for full details.

2. Pizza & Piaget – this Wednesday at 6 pm

This week on Wednesday is a great night! First, enjoy pizza and community at 6 pm. Then learn about the work of Jean Piaget upon which we build our program. In a high-interest, fast-paced way, learn “why children do what they do.” New parents who did not attend in the fall are required to attend. *Please sign up at the front desk or email, so we know how many to expect.* This is also open to the public, so please invite your friends.

3. Book Character Day – *this Thursday*

Book Character day, for all levels, is on Thur., March 22. Children (and adults) can dress as a book character for the parade at 8:45 am.

4. Love and Logic – *starts next week!*

Create calm in your home! See below for more info.

5. NOTE CHANGE

Friday, April 13, will be a **regular day for preschool** and all levels. Originally, this was a professional development day for preschool. Marisa will be gone that day to a conference. Trisha will be going to a conference later in the spring, so Trisha is available to teach preschool on this day. It’s a school day for all levels. Thanks, Trisha.

Parenting with Love and Logic – *starts this Tuesday*

Can’t get your kid to get dressed and out of the house on time, no matter how many times you remind, beg, or threaten? Tired of arguments and tantrums over bedtimes and food choices? Renowned parenting experts Jim Fay and Foster Kline’s ***Parenting with Love and Logic*** strategies will save your sanity and help motivate your children to make better choices. NMS middle school teacher **Dr. Cheryl Blau** will share their best strategies in the full, six-week ***Love and Logic Parenting Course*** right here at New Morning School on **Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The dates are March 20, 27; April 10- May 1.** Please sign up in advance at the front desk or via email at nms@newmorningschool.com so that we can secure a spot for you. The cost is \$75 for the six-session course, payable in advance.

Scholastic Book Orders – *due Friday*

You received *Scholastic* Flyers in your mail slots. We’re hoping you’ve had time to take a look and make some decisions about the books you would like to order. If you are interested in ordering, **please place your order by March 23.** Instructions for ordering are at the end of this newsletter.

If you have any questions, contact Kate Olson at kate_olson3@hotmail.com or 313-399-083

Happening Events



March			
Wed.	March 21	Pizza & Piaget	6:00 – 7:45 pm – for new families who could not attend in the fall
Thurs.	March 29	NOTE CHANGE: Conference Day – No school for all levels	<i>Full-day Kids' Club available for PS-8th</i>
April			
Fri. – Fri.	March 30 – April 6	Spring Break	No school – all levels <i>There is full-day Kids' Club – all levels</i>
Mon.	April 9	Classes Resume	Welcome back!
Thur.	April 12	PM Assessment Day for EL & MS	Dismiss 11:30 am – EL, MS Testing grades 3, 5, 7 <i>There is Kids' Club in PM for EL, MS</i> Regular school day for PS, K
Fri.	April 13	NOTE CHANGE: Preschool and all classes in session	
Tues.	April 24	Community Eat & Meet	6:30 pm; req'd co-op families

Remember to take part in the conversation on social media

This is a friendly reminder to not only follow us on social media, but to active participate in our conversation. When you join us, it helps spread the word about New Morning School.

Here's where to find us:

Facebook: facebook.com/newmorningschool

Twitter: @NMSPlymouth

Instagram: @NewMorningSchool

LinkedIn: New Morning School





Preschool Brainstormers

What's New

Happy Birthday to three friends this week, **Jamie**, **Peyton**, and **Sebastian**! They all were born on March 22!

March is Reading Month! Thursday is dress-like-your-favorite book character day. It's not required, but if your preschooler would like to dress up, they are more than welcome.

This week we begin a new combined author study of **Sandra Boynton and Rosemary Wells**. We'll listen to songs by Boynton and read many stories by Wells including nursery rhymes she illustrated. In Trisha's room, friends will try to create their own rhymes and songs in an illustrated book. At Discovery friends will plant seeds and possibly take a walk looking for signs of spring. In Marisa's room, friends can choose art activities including designing a t-shirt after reading *Max's Dragon Shirt*, making a noise maker after reading *Noisy Nora*, and choosing their favorite character and drawing a self-portrait with them. At Discovery friends can play with the number fifty in honor of Boynton's fifty+ books she's written. They can also do surveys and use our light box to trace drawings just like Sandra Boynton does. To learn more about Boynton, watch this news story and interview with her <https://youtu.be/QhlttZMMDZE>. Also, here's a special message titled Read to Your Bunnies, by Rosemary Wells, https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/9394a2_60bad964ccfa4da4865f366b30d57258.pdf

Guest Readers

Thank you to kindergarten friend, **Evy** who read to Marisa's class on Friday. She was awesome! This week we expect to welcome two more kindergarten friends, **Maya** and **Elizabeth**. Don't forget you can also be a guest reader! Let your child's teacher know if there is a time that works for you.

Teachers of the Week

This week we learn the letter C. Trisha's teachers are **Sophia W.** (M&W) and **Sophia R.** (T&Th). Marisa's teachers are **Henry** (M,T, & F) and **Jude** (W&Th).

What's Happened

We had a fantastic time reading and discussing Leo Lionni's brilliant books. Students created beautiful works inspired by his stories. Ask your children which book they loved best.

Important Reminders:

Circle (whole group) time begins in both preschool classrooms at 8:50am. When you arrive after 8:50am, it is disruptive to this important learning time for both your student and others.

Winter weather continues to show up, and we will play outside in it! Please send complete winter outdoor gear every school day. This includes coat, snow pants, mittens, hat and boots. Many children have needed to borrow items lately, and it takes extra time to get outside when they need to choose these items. Outside play is very important to your child's healthy development.

Please check and replenish your child's change of clothes that they keep at school. The need for these often arises!

Thanks!

Trisha and Marisa



Kindergarten Explorers



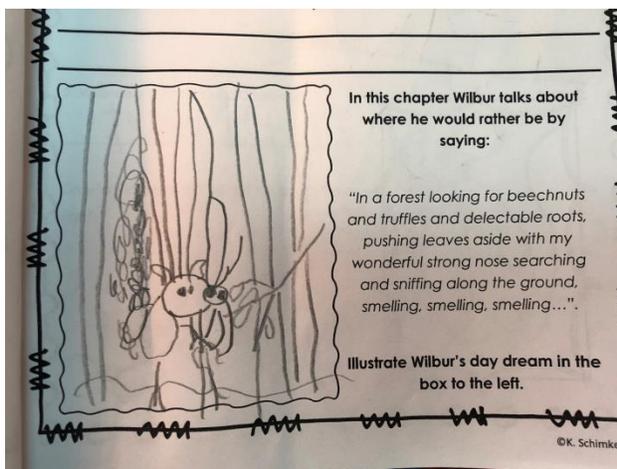
A Peek at This Week

This week in kindergarten, we will continue measurement in math, read *Charlotte's Web*, and begin a new sound in phonics-PH.

ABC/Writing Center

This week we will continue to practice our red and orange rainbow words. Hopefully, in addition to our practice, we will add another color to our rainbow word set (yellow). Those who are ready for the next set will be able to move on and those who need more practice will be able to continue to practice the red and orange sets we have already completed.

- Write rainbow words in sand, shaving cream, paint, and with multiple colors
- Play Sight Word Soup
- Play Sight Word Zingo
- Play Sight Word Go Fish



Charlotte's Web

Last week we began reading *Charlotte's Web* together. As a class we discussed and completed a short response about each chapter. This week we will continue reading chapters 14-18. We will read one chapter aloud each morning together. Each kindergartener will then complete a reading response

(Describe characters, draw pictures, compare and contrast, etc.) as one of their have to's. If your child does not attend kindergarten five days a week please consider purchasing the book to read the missing chapters together at home.

Monday	Chapter 14: Dr. Dorian	What season is it?
Tuesday	Chapter 15: The Crickets	Why doesn't Charlotte think she will go to the fair?
Wednesday	Chapter 16: Off to the Fair	How does Wilbur get ready for the fair?
Thursday	Chapter 17: Uncle	Compare and Contrast Uncle and Wilbur
Friday	Chapter 18: The Cool of the Evening	Draw a picture of Charlotte's magnum opus.

Math

This week we will continue measurement! We will continue to measure with nonstandard units of measurement.

- Measure with nonstandard units of measurement (pennies, squirrels, unifix cubes)
- Measure the room
- Measure vegetables

Phonics

This week we will study the sound WH and PH

- Practice writing and saying WH and PH words
- Personalize our own WH and PH word books
- Sing WH and PH songs

Art

This week we will create *Charlotte's Web* inspired art.

- Character puppets
- Bumpy word webs

Sensory

Playdough

Project Work

Last week we baked Hamantashen with our middle school reading buddies, created Leprechaun traps and resumed project work. This week we will continue project work. We schedule presentations upon project completion.

Austin- Scarlet Ibis

Canaan- Arctic Fox

Carter- Puffin

Christian- Penguin

Daniel- Bald Eagle

Elizabeth- Tiger

Eva- Mom and Dad

Evy- Gorillas

Grace- Giraffes

Henry- Cobras
Luca- Eel
Maya- Polar Bear
Lucy- Turtles

Guest Readers

In honor of reading month we would love to have guest readers share their favorite books with us. If you would like to be a guest reader please contact me to set up a day and time to come in. Thank you to **Brad Gibbons** and **Mary Vartanian** for being guest readers last week!



Favorite Book Character Day

This Thursday, March 22, we will be dressing like our favorite book characters! Your child is welcome to come to school as their favorite book character. We will start our day with an all school book character parade to celebrate reading month. Last year Ms. Kate dressed as Camilla Cream from the story *A Bad Case of Stripes*.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, March 22:	Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day
Thursday, March 29:	No School
Friday, March 30 – April 6:	Friday, March 30 – Friday, April 6: Spring Break
Friday, April 13:	Ms. Kate away at MIEYC conference
Thursday, May 31:	Detroit Zoo Field Trip (Young Fives welcome to attend). More information closer to field trip day.

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day!
Kate



Science

Greetings NMS Families,

Here's a quick update on what's been happening now and in the near future in science and STEM at New Morning.

Lower Elementary:

We will be moving full-speed into a unit about relationships in ecosystems. During this unit, we'll discuss some basic biomes and their features (tundra, desert, rainforest, etc.), and we'll investigate what makes plants grow with some hands-on classroom gardening. We'll also learn about the amazing ways plants have evolved to get animals to disperse their seeds for them!

Upper Elementary:

We'll be working with some basic optics, including different types of light and color and why they appear that way. We'll also investigate some of the ways animals sense their environment, through sight, sounds, learning and more. This applies to us humans as well, of course!

Middle School:

This unit is a big one for middle school, as we'll be discussing various topics involving natural systems, both big and small. We will learn about the ways that matter and energy move in and out of a system, and what all the steps are along the way. And we'll do a lot of thinking about this question: *Where does a tree come from?* The answer may seem very easy -- "Well it comes out of the ground...", but no. It

might be *rooted* in the ground, but the actual tree comes from somewhere else... hmm... 🤔

STEM:

Ms. Cynthia and I headed to a tech conference in Grand Rapids in early March, and I brought back a very cool video editing app that we have been tinkering with. I can't wait to see what our kids figure out with it. In addition to that, all ages learned about basic circuitry using Makey Makey, and we'll look to take that up a notch with some creativity and some Scratch programming this week.

Thank you for your continued support!

Elementary Scholars



Thanks!



Thank the leprechaun's that invaded our room on Thursday night and left Zamba Juice and green cupcakes after having a shamrock party! They left bowler hats for everyone! Those fun leprechauns.

Book Drive



The book drive is going well. We have collected three boxes of books and we will start sorting and counting them this week. We will take slightly used and new books until Wednesday, March 28. Thanks to everyone who have brought in books to share with those that don't have them.

Reading Month



Everyone has written at least two book reports and has gotten into the fun of sharing poems, jokes and limericks! This week they will work on fairy tales and writing their own fractured fairy tales.

On **Thursday, everyone is dressing up as a character from a book!** It is always fun to see how imaginative everyone can be!

Spring Break for Buttercup



We are approaching our spring break and would like to have a home for Buttercup. If you are going to be in town over the break, please consider having Buttercup as a house guest. Thanks!

Field Trip to Lansing



We have scheduled a trip to Lansing for Monday, June 4, to tour the capital and visit the Michigan Historical Center. Since we will be gone all day and it is over an hour away, we would like to get a bus for the trip. We can include the cost of the bus in the field trip expensive unless someone has a connection to a bus service that can help us out. Please let us know, at your earliest convenience.

Mystery Readers

The scholars enjoy having someone read to them, especially Mystery Readers. If you have a few minutes that you can come in to read a picture book to the scholars, please let us know. Thanks!

Phone

We would like to do more virtual reality with the scholars but we could use some phones. If you have a phone that you no longer use, we can use it for Wi-Fi only. We can then take virtual field trips around the world. Thanks!

Stanford Testing

Next week we will do the practice test for the third graders. Please encourage your child to just do their best and not to worry. We will continue to do the testing over the next few weeks to spread it out. It goes without saying that a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast and support from mom and dad goes along way.

Enjoy the sunshine!





Middle School Leaders



PI DAY

Last Wednesday, we celebrated **Pi Day** by **baking mini-pie-cookies** called **hamantaschen** for each student in the school. While these Jewish cookies are traditionally for the holiday of Purim, they work well for **Pi Day**, because even though they end up triangular, they begin as circles and are also pie-like in having a cookie crust with filling in the middle. Special thanks to our **Kindergarten Reading Buddies** for helping us prepare the dough for the hamantaschen on Tuesday!

On **Pi Day** afternoon, we experimented with circles of all sizes **to discover the 3ish-to-1 ratio** of **circle diameter-to-circumference** ratio relationship that **Pi** represents for ourselves. Ask your Middle School to prove that this is true with any circle.



MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

On Wednesday, March 14, at 10:00 a.m., **some of our NMS middle school students chose to join students around the country in walking out of their classrooms for a brief period of time to show their solidarity with the young people who have been impacted by school shootings in our country.** These students walked quietly and respectfully through the hall for about five minutes carrying signs that expressed their concerns. For those interested, there will be a **March For Our Lives** event at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor this Saturday, March 24, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. that will coincide with the **March For Our Lives** events being held in Washington, D.C. and cities throughout Michigan, the U.S., and the world that day. For more information on these events, visit <https://www.facebook.com/pg/marchforourlives/pos>.

ELA

Last week, we continued reading and discussing the novel **Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life** by Wendy Mass. We will be discussing Chapter 6 this Tuesday and Chapter 7 this Thursday. Ask your middle schooler what they think will happen when Lizzy and Jeremy attempt to search for the missing keys in the lawyer's old office building.

On Monday, Stella will begin **an intriguing writing project** with our students that is **part literary analysis, part creative writing**. Stella recently read a book written by Michigan author Annie Spence called **Dear Fahrenheit 451: Love and Heartbreak in the Stacks** in which Spence has written both love letters and break-up letters to books she has loved – or not – over the years. Stella will share some of these letters with the students and then invite them to

write their own love letter, break-up letter, thank you letter, or “I miss you” letter to a book they have read. We will post these in the hallway once students have finished them.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Last week, students finished researching and creating their “Ancient” African Kingdom research projects and Google Slides presentations. This week, students will share what they have discovered about these kingdoms with the class. This week, we will also sharpen our geography skills by mapping regions of the world we have studied along with important physical features of these regions. This will include an exploration and discussion of the lines of latitude and longitude found on maps and globes.

SPELLING AND VOCABULARY

Last week, our root was **sub** which is **Latin** meaning “under” or “below” as in *subtract*, *submerge*, *subpar*, *subterranean*, and *substantiate*. This week, our roots will be **equi** and **equa** which are **Latin** meaning “equal” as in *equality*, *equate*, *equilateral*, *equitable*, and *adequate*. Thank you for making sure your middle schooler practices both **Spelling and Vocabulary** every day at home for **at least 15 minutes total**, longer if needed to master their words by Friday.

Have a **spectacular** week!

😊 Stella and Cheryl 😊

Aide and Teacher Sub List

Volunteer Aide Substitute

Name	Phone Number	Days/Times Available	Program
Jenelle Mazaris <i>jenellejcm@yahoo.com</i>	734-748-3140	Monday mornings and Wednesdays all day	
Annette Solomon <i>docsolo23@gmail.com</i>	937-304-1494	All except not Mon. or Tues. PM	

Paid Aides

Name	Phone Number	Days/Times Available	Program
Cathy Sapelak <i>sapelakc@gmail.com</i>	734-725-3446	Available Thur. PM	Preschool/ K/ Elem
Lisa Spielman <i>liskaspielman15@gmail.com</i>	734-233-8068	Mon. AM; Thur. PM; all day Tues., Wed., Fri.	Any program
Samantha Trout <i>sktrout@wccnet.edu</i>	734-770-7471	Mon. - Thurs. PM, Fri. all day	Any program
Claire Bezuidenhout <i>cbezuidenhout86@gmail.com</i>	313-498-8025	Mon. – Fri., all day	Any program
Michael Tocco <i>mtocco23@gmail.com</i>	734-771-5071	Tuesday and Friday all day	Any program

Teacher Substitutes

Name	Phone Number	Days/Times Available	Program
Emily Besecker <i>ebbesecker@gmail.com</i>	413-627-3809	Fridays only	Any
Jenelle Marzaris (volunteer) <i>jenellejcm@yahoo.com</i>	734-748-3140	Monday mornings and Wednesdays all day	
Jeannine Laible <i>jlaible@nyxinc.com</i>	504-569-1020	Fridays only	Any
Towela Okwudire <i>towelaokwudire8_tzy@indeedemail.com</i>		Mornings only until 11:15 am	Any
Lisa Spielman <i>liskaspielman15@gmail.com</i>	734-233-8068	Thur. PM; all day Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.	PS or K
Samantha Trout <i>sktrout@wccnet.edu</i>	734-770-7471	Mon.-Thur. PM, all day Fri.	Aide of Teacher sub
Michael Tocco <i>mtocco23@gmail.com</i>	734-771-5071	Tuesday and Friday all day	Any

Parent Aide Switching List

Name	Phone Number	Days/Times Available	Program
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Sandor Fazakas <i>otto13matyi@yahoo.co.uk</i>	734-748-3307		
Ingrid Fischer <i>ifischer@mail.com</i>	248-875-5643		
Adriana Gauthier <i>vilandra28@gmail.com</i>	248-881-0539	Thursdays	Preschool
Andrea Glomski <i>aglomski@gmail.com</i>	734-306-2595		
Haas, Kristen <i>kkozi3@yahoo.com</i>	734-765-6105	M-F Call for availability	Preschool
Hall, Katie <i>kmhall14@hotmail.com</i>	440-387-9506	Call for availability	
Harrison, Elise <i>emh5981@yahoo.com</i>	734-223-5172	Possibly Tues, Wed or Thurs Need notice for sitter	Preschool
Jeannie Jachman <i>jeanniejachman@gmail.com</i>	248-345-8087	Possibly Mondays or Tuesdays. Text for availability.	Any Program
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Megan Parsons <i>mdsparsons@gmail.com</i>	269-217-6315		
Jessica Sandhu <i>sandhujessica758@gmail.com</i>	248-251-2258	Some Mondays - Call	
Mary Vartanian <i>mfn21us@yahoo.com</i>	734-905-0295	Mondays.	Kindergarten/Preschool
Stephanie Ward <i>doveie92580@yahoo.com</i>	734-837-4443	Thursdays. Call for availability.	Preschool
Alexa Westendorf <i>alexabrenne08@gmail.com</i>	937-626-7604		

Scholastic Books

If you find some books that you would like to order the instructions are as follows;

Go to www.scholastic.com

If you are not already registered click on "Register" in the top right-hand corner. Under the heading "Parents and Families" click on "Register Now". Follow instructions from there. If you are already registered log in with your email address and password.

At some point during the log-in/registration process it may ask you for our school activation code. **Our code is LK4DH.**

If you have any questions please contact Kate Olson at kate_olson3@hotmail.com or [313-399-0838](tel:313-399-0838).

Addendum

Shop 'til You Drop – How to help the school

Primary – Children's Clothing Company

Primary has a partnership program with schools to help with fundraising efforts. Should you be interested in making a purchase now or in the future, use this link www.primary.com/school/newmorning and Primary will donate a percentage back to New Morning School. Additionally, first time purchases save 20% with the code NEWMORNING. See attached for more information. If you have any questions, please reach out. Please feel free to share our code and shopping link with your friends and family.

Heather Johnson

iGive.com

This is a simple way to raise money for New Morning school! Use iGive.com to shop at over 1800 online retailers and a portion of your purchase is donated back to New Morning School. The participating retailers include Kohl's, Target, ToysRUs, Groupon, Apple, Pottery Barn, Macy's, expedia.com...

To get involved, go to www.iGive.com and create an account. Then, choose New Morning School as your cause. For your purchases to be registered with iGive, you have to do one of two things on your home computer.

1. - Go to the iGive.com "mall" and click on the link to the online retailer where you want to shop. The "mall" is an alphabetical list of 1800 links to the participating retailers.
2. - Download the "iGive Button." This is a web browser add-on. It automatically notices that you are shopping at an iGive participating retailer and registers your transaction.

All the details can be found on the iGive site. Please contact Anne Vondracek if you have questions. (anne.vondracek@gmail.com).

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