

The difference in ordinary and extraordinary is just a little *extra*.

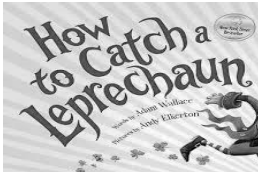
Dr. Hoylman's Corner

Spring is in the air, and that means we are springing into action at ACES. Our students are growing by leaps and bounds – literally and figuratively.

The construction project is on schedule, so we hope to break ground at the end of the summer.

As we leap into the fourth nine-weeks, it's full speed ahead. Come by the school anytime to find out ways to get involved, help your child, or learn more about events at school. Together we make a great team. Thanks for allowing us to teach your child.

March Book Pick



by Adam Wallace

You've been planning night and day, and finally you've created the perfect trap! Now all you need to do is wait. Is this the year you'll finally catch the leprechaun? Start a St. Patrick's Day tradition with this fun and lively children's book.

Reading assignments made easier...

As your student gets older, he'll be asked to read longer books over several days or weeks. Help him build his "reading stamina" with these ideas.

- Mix it up. Using different approaches can motivate your child to stick with a long assignment. He might alternate reading one page silently and the next page out loud. For fiction, he could talk in the voices of the characters. If he's reading nonfiction, let him pretend he's narrating a documentary.
- Break it up. Suggest that your student divide a reading assignment into shorter sessions. He might read half after school and the other half before bed. Or he could set a timer to read in 20-minute segments with 5-minute breaks in between.

-The Reading Connection



Box Tops for Education

Turn them in to the box in your classroom.

Testing Testing!

Students in grades 3-5 will begin taking the West Virginia General Summative Assessment this month. This is a test that students take every year starting in third grade that assesses student mastery of grade level skills.

Not to Worry! They are Ready! Not only have students been learning these skills all year, but starting in February they began a test prep course at ACES called Power Hour.

Just remember these tips when your student is testing:

- Get plenty of sleep the night before.
- Eat a good breakfast every day of testing.
- Give your student some encouraging words every morning to help his/her attitude toward testing.

The Testing Schedule is as follows:

- 5th grade - April 20-22
- 4th grade - April 23-27
- 3rd grade - April 28-30

Important Dates

March

- 2-6 Book Fair
- 2-6 Literacy Fair
- 6 End of third 9 weeks
- 9-13 Spring Break!
- 16-27 Canned Food Drive
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Picture Day
- 18 Kindergarten Roundup
- 19 Pre-K Roundup
- 20 Cookies and Canvas 6:00pm
- 20 Report Cards go home
- 25 Birthday Lunch
- 27 All Pro Dad's Breakfast

April

- 2 Volunteer Brunch
- 9-10 No School
- 20 Testing Begins
- 22 Birthday Lunch



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