

MARCH MADNESS

LITERACY MONTH
MARCH 1-31



Dear Parents,

Literacy Month will look a little different this year. Here are the basics:

1. Teachers will pick or be assigned a college sports team to represent their class.
2. How students can earn points for their team:
 - turn in reading minutes with a **parent signature** each Monday to earn points for their team/class. Each 10 minutes counts as 1 point.
 - Do optional literacy homework activities listed on the back of this sheet. Cut out, get **parent signature** and teacher initials, turn into basket outside of office.
 - Participate in lunchtime activities.
3. Recess activities (most likely on Thursdays) might include:
 - Spelling basketball
 - Knock-out
 - Lightning
 - Buzzer beaterParents can volunteer to help run the outside lunchtime activities. Look for the sign ups in the Monday Minute and on the PTA website.
4. We will post the reading point earnings on our bulletin board by the cafeteria to garner excitement/ competition, but will not post all the extra points to keep it a surprise.
5. **Spelling Bee:**

Classroom spelling bees will be held the first week of March. The top 2 spellers from each class will move on to the school spelling bee on Thursday, **March 25th, at 9:30 am** and will be broadcast via zoom. The final 10 contestants will win points for their class, and the winner will win a bonus for their class.
6. Our **ONLINE BOOK FAIR** will run Feb. 22-March 7th. Please consider supporting our book fair, buying books for your kids to read during Literacy Month and also supporting our teachers' classroom libraries. <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/silvermesa>
7. We will split the competition, K-2 / 3-5.
8. We will do a blitz day posting March Madness winners on March 31st, where we will announce different bracket winners throughout the day... start of school, lunch, and winners at the end of day. Winners will win an ice cream party, either in class or sending home with gift certificates.

Thanks for your help in encouraging literacy participation this month!

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