



# Welcome to the Multi-Age Community Open House

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Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Visit our web-site, bookmark the address:

<http://teacherweb.com/MI/WylieElementary/MsBlackandMrSmith/index.html>



# Important message:

## A Nut Free Community

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- Please help us insure the health and safety of all of our children, **no nuts** in any birthday snacks or holiday treats.
- Thank you for your thoughtful understanding in this potentially life-threatening matter.



# Our mission...

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- Our mission in teaching is to enable all of the students in our classroom community to grow and learn as individuals. By establishing high expectations and encouraging students to take risks, we will help each student believe in themselves, now and for the rest of their lives!



# Welcome to our community

## Overview of presentation

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- Look forward to a great two years!
  - Classroom Information
  - Homework
  - Volunteer Opportunities
- Curriculum Focus Areas
  - Math
  - Reading
  - Science & Social Studies
  - Spelling
  - Writing
  - Speaking & Listening



# Classroom details


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- Learning Partners of Olders (4th graders) and Youngers (3rd graders) create a true community of learners
- Web-site, Newsletter and E-mail for communication
- Same "Home Room Teacher" for two years



# Homework

- Weekly packet Friday
- Due on Thursday
- Help by scheduling time and a quiet place at home
- Students can turn in their completed packet early
- Reward for on-time & consequence for late packet

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 

The Learning Leopards  
Homework Sheet #18 Fourth Grade

**MATH:**


- A. Practice your multiplication facts for 10 minutes at least three times this week. There will be another quiz on Friday.
- B. Solve the attached Math Computation Practice Page. Make sure you solve each problem two ways like we have been learning and practicing in class.

□ **SOCIAL STUDIES:** Read this week's issue of Time For Kids and complete the attached two-sided worksheet.

□ **SPELLING:** Practice your words and word patterns and complete the spelling homework assignment(s) for your spelling group. Spelling test is on Thursday, February 28, 2008.  
My assignment this week is \_\_\_\_\_

□ **READING:** Be sure to read for at least 30 minutes a minimum of four times over the next week. Write the title of four of the stories, books, or articles that you've read in the space below:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Quote of the week:  
"If we were meant to talk more than listen, we would have two mouths and one ear."  
Mark Twain

 Learning Leopards can listen and learn!  
Homework due date: Thursday February 28, 2008

Teacher Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

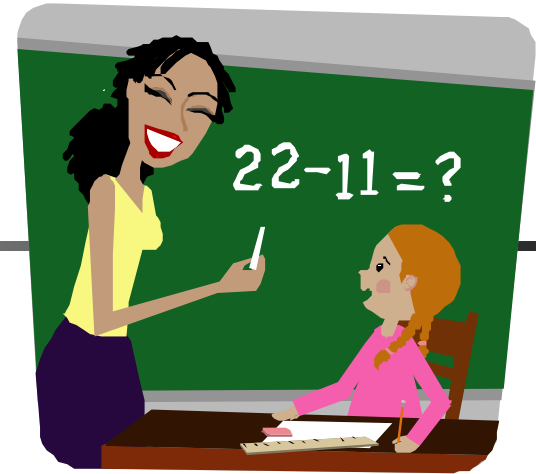


# Volunteer Opportunities

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- Independent Spelling Leader
- Quiet Work Time (QWT) 1-1:30 M-F
  - Math enrichment groups
  - Reading fluency work

# Math



- Mr. Smith - 3rd grade
- Ms. Black - 4th grade
- Sequential curriculum, solid foundation
- On-line resources:

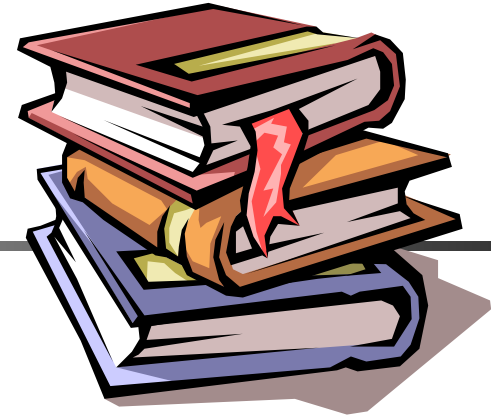
[www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com)

- Math facts
  - 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Addition & Subtraction mastery of numerals up to 20
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-10 Multiplication
  - 4<sup>th</sup> 1-12 Multiplication



# Reading

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- By reading level
- By grade level
- By interest level
- By gender
- Using trade books and the Houghton Mifflin reading series

# Science & Social Studies

## 2 year cycle

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### Science:

- Ecosystems
- Solar System
- Changes In Matter
- Light & Sound

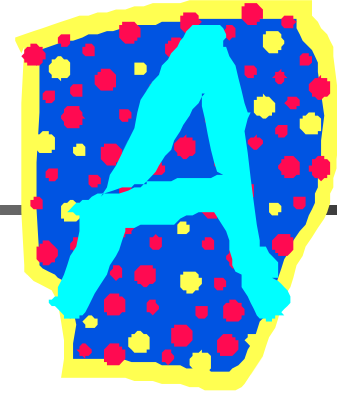
### Social Studies:

- Michigan Today
- Government
- Core Democratic Values



# Spelling

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- 4 groups
  - Adjusted
  - Mr. Smith
  - Ms. Black
  - Independent
  - Weekly spelling test on Thursday, focusing on word wall words and patterns
  - New word patterns will go home on Friday with homework packet



# Writing

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- Writer's Workshop format
- Choice of topic within framework of theme
- Third grade: poetry, realistic fiction and personal narrative
- Fourth grade: poetry, personal narrative and adventure



# Speaking & Listening

- One speech every nine weeks
- Topics for this year include:
  - Local (MI) current event
  - Family Heritage
  - Book Talk
  - Music Talk

**SPEAKING AND LISTENING CALENDAR  
for the months of February - March 2008**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
F E B R U A R Y	27	28	29 DEMO SPEECHES by Teachers	30	31	1 Grace W. James B. Chase R. E.L.G.	2
	3	4	5 Alex S. Amanda B. Connor H.	6	7	8 Jake S. Ryan A. Olivia S. Kurtis H.	9
	10	11	12 Ava H. Alexa B. Kieron M.	13	14	15 NO SCHOOL	16
M A R C H	17	18 NO SCHOOL	19 Blake L. Keely G. Merrit S.	20	21	22 Abdul M. Sylvia H. Kevyn B. Cassidy K.	23
	24	25	26 Adam K. Wesley T. Alexis M.	27	28	29 Elizabeth P. Kassidy D. Neil M. Kate T.	1
	2	3	4 Jake L. Elizabeth O. Kyle M.	5	6	7 Marisa L. Mason E. Griffin F.	8
	9	10	11 Emma V. Stone C. Cassie N.	12	13	14 Kelly S. Brannon W. Vodhka R. Hannah J.	15
	16	17	18 Abby C. Maret F. Meghan U.	19	20	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24	25 Samuel L. Ian R. Christopher O.	26	27	28 Alex K. Will F. Walt F.	29	

We have included a copy of the speaking assignment sheet on the back of this form for reference. A reminder sheet will be sent the week before your speech is scheduled.



# The Multi-age Community

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- Welcome to a wonderful learning experience!
- We look forward to working and growing with your child.

