

# Mars Hill Elementary School

## February 2023 Newsletter

### What's Happening In...

February is a month full of fun for Kindergarten! We will be learning about groundhogs, dental health, friendship, and penguins. We are excited to celebrate the 100th day of school with a space theme and dress up on the 101st day as Dalmatians. We will also be dancing the afternoon away at our 4th annual Kindergarten Valentine's Day ball!



In social studies, first graders are studying African Americans like pilot Bessie Coleman, Jackie Robinson, Louis Armstrong, Rosa Parks and Michael Jordan. In Foundations, we are working on R-controlled vowel words while we continue 'fluency within 10' in math. We are excited to celebrate the 100th day of school with counting and fun crafts! First graders will also be taking trips to the Mars Hill Public library throughout February.

### From the Computer Lab

This month in computer lab, we are working on memorizing keys on the keyboard. We are also learning which fingers to use for which keys. To help with this, students have been making color coded keyboards in class and working on their typing skills. We have learned so much about technology this year and I'm so excited to continue working with our amazing students.

-Mrs. Rice



Second grade is very excited to begin a six week program working with Madison County 4H to learn all about cows. We will be learning states of matter, the life cycle of a cow, different breeds and their required nutrition. After completion, we will visit a local dairy farm and enjoy ice cream!

### What's Happening This Month, continued

Fourth Grade is busy digging into fractions in math this month! We are working on decomposing fractions and finding equivalents. We are excited to start our Social Studies Unit on NC Regions! Students are going to learn about the different regions in our state and complete a fun hands-on project in class.

Third graders are excited to launch into learning all about space this month. We are also excited for our field trip to the Asheville Museum of Science at the end of February!

In Fifth grade reading, we will continue to focus on finding the theme, main idea, point of view, and author's purpose. We are building vocabulary by learning prefixes, suffixes, and Greek/Latin stems. Students will work on opinion writing with text evidence to support their position. For social studies and in connection with Black History Month, we will learn how Black Americans have contributed to the development of our country. We are also looking forward to a rescheduled Muddy Sneakers day!

### February Dates to Remember



- 2/7: 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School
- 2/8: Mid-Term Progress Reports sent home
  - 2/24: REMOTE DAY for K-5 students
- 2/24: Last day to order a Yearbook! Order online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com)
- 2/27: Read Across America Week – more info to come
- Wednesdays are now Ice Cream Day! Students may purchase for \$2 (proceeds benefit MHES)