

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MESSAGES

We have been receiving many phone calls during the day, asking to have a message delivered to a child regarding after school plans. Please help us by making those plans in the morning before school. We realize circumstances do arise that cause a change in plans, and we will be happy to help in those cases. With each message, we are interrupting classes to deliver the messages. Please discuss alternate plans with your child to help us avoid interrupting the learning of your students.



Core Value for March & April



Respect.Caring.Honesty.Cooperation:Responsibility

COOPERATION

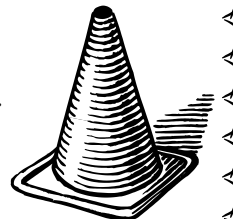
PARKING LOT



This is the actual sign posted by the entrance to the parking lot on Oakhill Avenue. Please remember that this lot is only to be used if you have business **INSIDE** the school during the day. **It is not to be used for dropping off or picking up your students.** We are working with the Janesville Police Department regarding our parking issues, and they will issue citations to those using our parking lot incorrectly. Thank you for helping us keep all students safe!

OBEY THE CONES

We have bright orange traffic cones on Oakhill Avenue. These are to remind you that there is **NO PARKING**. There are several places on Oakhill Ave. and Conde St. which are safe areas to drop your students off. However, please remember to respect the driveways of our neighbors. The Janesville Police Department has the authority to issue citations if you block any driveway.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Summer School Registration (8:00—12:00) March 12
Spring Break (NO SCHOOL) March 21—25

From the Principal's Desk

As I am writing this, I can watch some of our older students enjoying the snowshoes outside for PE class. I have to admit that I have some mixed feelings; part of me wants to stop typing and join them, with the other part anxiously waiting for spring. Don't get me wrong, I have been referred to as weird because I really do enjoy the winter and especially snow, but there is just something about spring that brings energy and a fresh perspective.

As we head into this time of change and new beginnings, I want to encourage you to stay informed and ask questions about any of the changes that you may be hearing about in the media. The only constant that I have found in education is change. We need to embrace

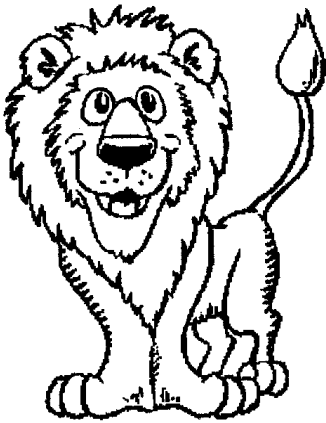
change and accept it as a necessary part of improving ourselves on this journey. It is our jobs as parents and educators to let our voices be heard, to be involved, and support our school district.

As a school each month we focus on a character trait. Back in November our trait was perseverance. What an incredible opportunity we have before us to model perseverance for our children. Times are tough and cuts will be made, but we will make it through this, stronger, more efficient, and more committed to the success of our children. We need to come together and support our school and district as we travel on this Journey to Excellence.

Enjoy your Spring Break and try to get out and do some enriching activities.

One way to increase the success of your child in school is to help provide them with background knowledge. This can take place in many different ways such as going to the zoo, park, plays, museums or library. One way somewhat locally is Rockford's Discovery Center. They have donation days, so instead of the regular admission price your family can get in for whatever donation amount you would like to make. You can call them to find out when those days are scheduled. You can also visit the Hedberg Public Library. So if the spring weather causes you to be inside, these are some great fun alternatives that are inexpensive.

Shawn Galvin



AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED's)

Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) have been purchased by the School District of Janesville and have been installed in all Janesville Schools. We hope the need to use this device never takes place; however, it is reassuring to know that in the event of a medical emergency the AED is available. The AED at Lincoln elementary School is located next to the Activity Room in the

MOVING?

If you will be moving from your current home address please contact Lincoln Elementary School office at 743-6700 as soon as possible to determine what paperwork you will need to fill out for your child to continue attending his/her current school. Please note: if you are moving to an address outside the School District of Janesville in most cases your child is eligible to continue attending the School District of Janesville as long as you complete the appropriate paperwork within the required timeline.

If you have any questions about school placement for a particular address please contact Administrative Services Secretary Tami Carlson at 743-5006. The Administrative Services Office is open year round.

If you are the parent of an elementary student and will be moving over the summer months when the elementary schools are closed, please contact Administrative Services Secretary Tami Carlson at 743-5006 or the New Student Enrollment Office at 743-5152 to complete the appropriate paperwork.

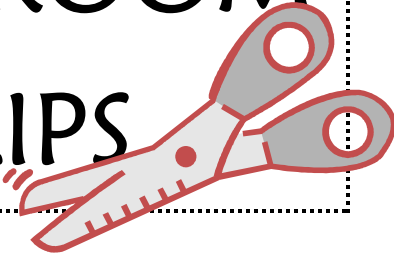
MUDARSE!!!

Si piensa moverse de su dirección de casa actual por favor comuníquese con la oficina escolar de Lincoln Elementary School al 743-6700 lo mas pronto posible para determinar que formularios tendrá que llenar para que su hijo(a) continúe asistiendo su escuela actual. Por favor note: si esta moviéndose a una dirección fuera del Distrito Escolar de Janesville, en mucho casos su hijo(a) es elegible para continuar asistiendo al Distrito Escolar de Janesville, siempre en cuanto usted complete los formularios apropiados dentro del tiempo requerido.

Si tiene preguntas sobre colocación de escuela para una dirección en particular por favor comuníquese con la Secretaria de Servicios Administrativos Tami Carlson al 743-5006. La Oficina de Servicios Administrativos esta abierta todo el año.

Si es padre de un estudiante de primaria y se estará moviendo durante los meses de verano cuando las escuelas están cerradas, por favor comuníquese con la Secretaria de Servicios Administrativos Tami Carlson al 743-5006 ó con la Oficina de Inscribir a Nuevos Estudiantes al 743-5152 para llenar los formularios apropiados.

CLASSROOM CLIPS



KINDERGARTEN

February was full of holidays and excitement...from groundhogs to valentines to Lincoln and Washington's birthdays and 100 days of school! We also had loads of fun with our fieldtrip visiting the Police Department, the Janesville Gazette Printing Plant, El Jardin and the Janesville Transit System. We learned a lot about our teeth with the dentist visit too! Thank you for attending your child's conference. We enjoyed visiting with you!

March brings Dr. Seuss's Birthday, St. Patrick's Day and our Around the Town transportation unit. We will be taking a pretend trip to Walt Disney World, reading maps, and building our own cars! Our March field trip will consist of visiting the Hedberg Library, Mac's Pizza Shack for lunch and a play at UW-Whitewater.

In April, we will be exploring all kinds of weather and checking out plants and farms with our Growing Things unit. At the end of April, we will be venturing into the darkness with our Night Time Unit and Bug Surprises! Tuesday, April 26 is Kindergarten Orientation for 2011—2012. There will be NO SCHOOL for KINDERGARTEN that day.

Happy March...Happy April...Happy Spring!!

Mrs. Pajerski, Mrs. Redieske, and Mrs. Neumann

FIRST GRADE

Support from home is very helpful.

Practice your spelling words, they are getting very tough!

Reading is very important. Ask questions about the story.

I can't believe that we are almost 2nd graders!

Now I should know how to tie my shoes.

Good behavior is something we continue to work on.

SECOND GRADE

Second grade has been busy working on writing friendly letters, Valentine poems and stories. We have been learning about the different food groups and have been introduced to some new foods. An instructor from the U.W. Extension has been coming and teaching the students about different food groups. Coming up on March 3, the second graders are going to JPAC to see the play, Alexander & The Terrible, Horrible, No Good Day. We are looking forward to this event, since many children are familiar with this story. As the weather continues to change, please dress appropriately for the weather. As always continue to read and practice your math facts.

Second Grade Teachers

THIRD GRADE

Hello Third Grade Families! We would like to THANK YOU for coming to conferences. It is always a joy to sit down and talk with you about your child's successes over the first half of the year. It is amazing to see how much they have grown over the course of the year.

In the past month, the students have been working on making goals for themselves to coordinate with the character trait commitment. The students also participated in a mid year KICK OFF, where they went to different stations to learn about behavior expectations. Once each station was complete, they got a stamp on their passport! They sure were "well traveled" by the end of their adventure.

Thank you for supporting your child to help them "BE THE BEST THAT THEY CAN BE!"

Reminders:

*Character Activity

*Practice +, -, and X facts

*Read 15 minutes every night

*Genre and Author Activities

*PTA meetings

FOURTH GRADE

Thanks to all of our families for attending conferences. We appreciate all that you do to help your student succeed! We have many great opportunities for hands on learning this spring. Here is a list of field trip dates for our fourth graders.

April 20 8:30-4:00

Wisconsin Historical Museum,
Veterans Museum, Capitol,
Madison

May 4 8:20-3:00

Old World Wisconsin, Eagle, WI

May 6 8:20-2:30

Cave of the Mounds, Blue Mounds, WI

May 18 8:30-2:30

Janesville Schools Outdoor Lab, JSOL

May 25

Fourth Grade Track Meet,

Monterey Stadium, Janesville

Contact your child's teacher with any questions or if you are interested in being a chaperone. Please continue to sign your student's assignment notebook and check their folders for notes and assignments. Think Spring!

FIFTH GRADE

Wow, February flew by and March is here. Where does the time go? We had two very exciting field trips. We saw a play on Martin Luther King Jr. and Dr. Kaboom. We have another field trip coming up in March. We will be going to JPAC to see Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. In April we will be going to Rockton, Illinois to Macktown Living History. The cost of our field trips is kept reasonable because of funding from the PTA. If you see a PTA officer be sure to thank them.

We will be starting MAP testing for Reading and Math. Students will try to beat their scores from last year. We ask that they eat a good breakfast and get plenty of sleep. We will send home a copy of the schedule.

Thank you for the wonderful turn out at Conferences! We really appreciate being partners with you for the benefit of your children's education.

Yeah, Spring is just around the corner!

The Fifth Grade Team

LMC TIDBITS

There has been a great deal going on in the LMC the past couple of months. The computer labs and netbook cart have the students and teachers working on various projects.

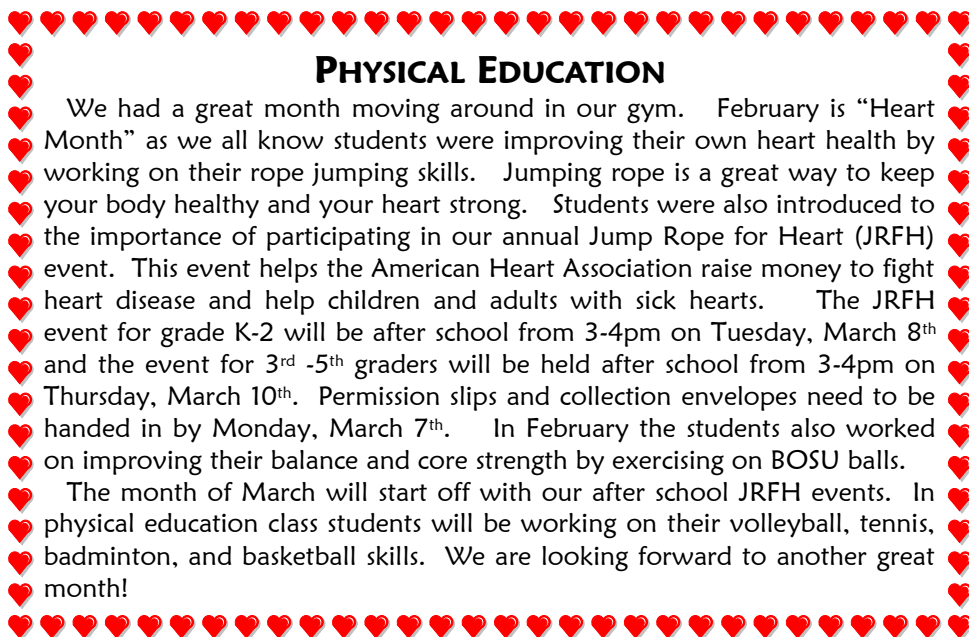
Congratulations to Angelika Dobson (3S) for being the top reader in the third grade reading program in January. Angelika read 1,170 minutes. I will have Angelika's quilt finished shortly. Congratulations to Kyle Warda (3M-585 minutes) and Aliciah Schroeder (3A-542 minutes) for being the top readers in their classes. Blake Raymer (3S) did an awesome job also with 1,090 minutes.

The kindergarteners are reading for their program at the current time. The first graders' reading motivation program will be coming in March.

Battle of the Books playoffs are being held at this time. I will let you know which of our ten teams won the right to compete in the state battle in the next Link. What an super effort by all of our readers!!

There is a contest being held by Google. It's a competition open to K-12 students where they can use their artistic talents to redesign Google's homepage. The winning entry will be featured on May 20, 2011. The winner will receive a \$15,000. college scholarship and their school will receive a \$25,000. technology grant. The deadline is MARCH 4,2011. The theme is "What I'd like to do someday". If any of our talented artists would like to try this, the following link provides you with all of the information that you will need (or see me in the LMC) <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/>

Karen Forst



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We had a great month moving around in our gym. February is "Heart Month" as we all know students were improving their own heart health by working on their rope jumping skills. Jumping rope is a great way to keep your body healthy and your heart strong. Students were also introduced to the importance of participating in our annual Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) event. This event helps the American Heart Association raise money to fight heart disease and help children and adults with sick hearts. The JRFH event for grade K-2 will be after school from 3-4pm on Tuesday, March 8th and the event for 3rd -5th graders will be held after school from 3-4pm on Thursday, March 10th. Permission slips and collection envelopes need to be handed in by Monday, March 7th. In February the students also worked on improving their balance and core strength by exercising on BOSU balls.

The month of March will start off with our after school JRFH events. In physical education class students will be working on their volleyball, tennis, badminton, and basketball skills. We are looking forward to another great month!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Spirit Days for March
 Fri., March 4 Blue and Gold Day
 Fri., March 11 Twin Day (Our last one got swallowed up by Super Bowl fever, so we are doing it again!)

Spirit Days for April
 Fri., April 1 Blue and Gold Day
 Fri., April 15 Career Day (No helmets or props, please, that might interfere with classes.)

Our sale of Lincoln Character Bracelets was a great success! We sold all 700 and made a nice profit for future purchases to benefit Lincoln School.

Student Council is planning to sell Lincoln Lion tattoos again this year at the end of May so they can be worn to the 4th and 5th Grade Track Meet. Exact dates of the sale to be announced.

Lion's Den: We have lots of NEW ITEMS for sale. Come check it out! We also have school items you may need such as markers, colored pencils, crayons, glue, rulers, notebooks, pencils and erasers!

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

Lincoln School is dedicated to creating a community of learners that realizes the potential of each child in a safe and caring environment.



Spring Break March 21—25

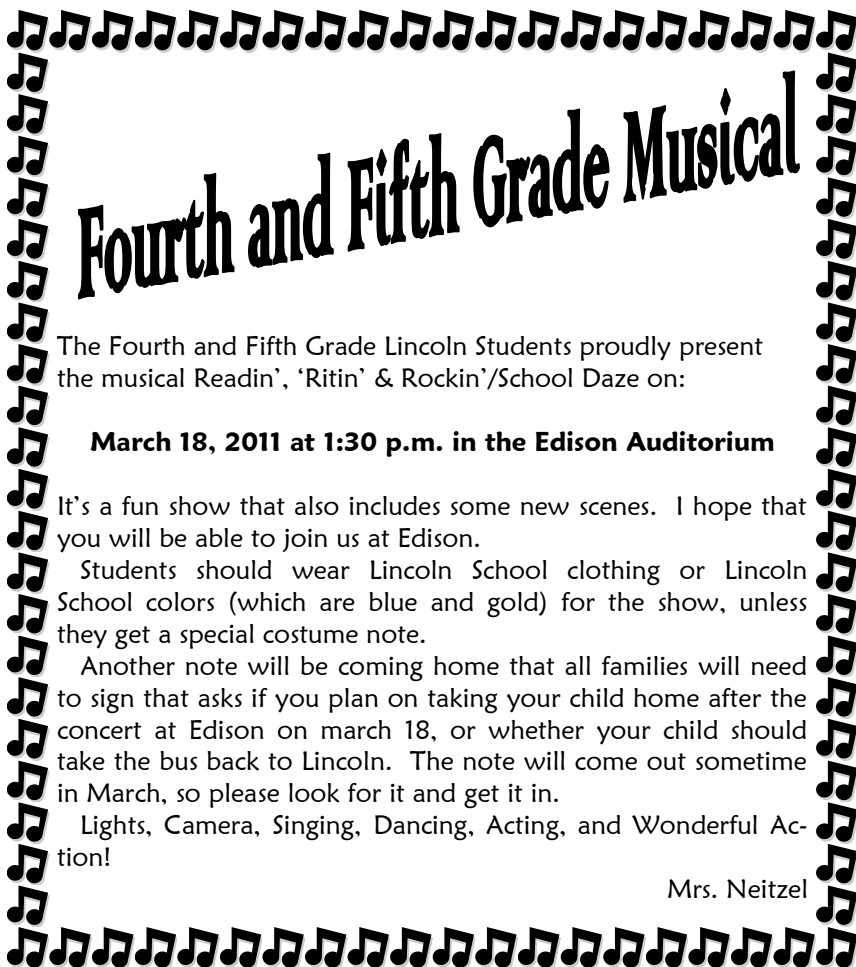
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CHILD FIND NOTICE

“The school district must locate, identify and evaluate all resident children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities.” The school district has a special education program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are residents of the district and who have not graduated from high school. Upon request the school district will screen any resident child who has not graduated high school to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting Barbara Hilliker, Director of Special Education Services for the School District of Janesville at 743-5061, or by writing her at 527 S. Franklin St., Janesville WI 53548.

Annually the district conducts developmental screening of preschool children. Each child’s motor, communication and social skills are observed at various play areas. Each child is weighed and measured, and the child’s hearing and vision is checked. The information is used to provide the parent with a profile of their child’s current development and to provide suggestions for follow up activities. Parents learn about community services available to them and speak with representatives of agencies serving families. The information from screening is also used to determine whether a child should be evaluated for a suspected disability. When school staff reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability, they refer the child for evaluation by a school district Individualized Education Program (IEP) team. Developmental screening will be a part of the kindergarten screening this Spring. Watch for dates at your local school.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to report the child to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child’s parents that the referral will be made. The referral must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. Others who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child to the school district in which the child resides. A referral of a child residing in the School District of Janesville may be sent to Barbara Hilliker at the



Fourth and Fifth Grade Musical

The Fourth and Fifth Grade Lincoln Students proudly present the musical Readin’, ‘Ritin’ & Rockin’/School Daze on:

March 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Edison Auditorium

It’s a fun show that also includes some new scenes. I hope that you will be able to join us at Edison.

Students should wear Lincoln School clothing or Lincoln School colors (which are blue and gold) for the show, unless they get a special costume note.

Another note will be coming home that all families will need to sign that asks if you plan on taking your child home after the concert at Edison on march 18, or whether your child should take the bus back to Lincoln. The note will come out sometime in March, so please look for it and get it in.

Lights, Camera, Singing, Dancing, Acting, and Wonderful Action!

Mrs. Neitzel

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL TRANSFER/ PLACEMENT (INTRA DISTRICT TRANSFERS) WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JANESVILLE ATTENDANCE AREAS

Due to Move: If you move within the School District of Janesville during the school year and wish to remain at your current school please ask the school office for a Request to Remain in Current School Following Move to New Attendance Area Form (Blue). Complete the form and return it to the school office.

Open Enrollment – Public School Choice – District to District Transfers

If during the school year, you move outside the School District of Janesville and you wish to remain at your current school please contact the Administrative Services office at 743-5006 and request a tuition waiver form within two weeks of your move. This will allow you to be eligible to attend your current school for the remainder of the current year tuition free. If your move occurs prior to February, you will also need to complete an open enrollment application. Application instructions are provided to the School District of Janesville by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and should be available by mid January 2011. This year applications will be accepted **February 7-25, 2011**. Early and/or late applications cannot be accepted.

If you have questions regarding Open Enrollment or Public School Choice please contact the Administrative Service Office at 743-5006.



ARRIVING AND LEAVING SCHOOL

Adult supervision is provided on school grounds from 8:05 until the first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. Students should not be arriving at school earlier than 8:05 a.m. unless they are participating in a special activity (i.e. Safety Patrol, Breakfast Club, etc.) Students will not be allowed into the building during inclement weather until 8:05 a.m.

Students should leave school and the playground when dismissed at 3:00 p.m. or go immediately to after school activities.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is so very important. It is only through regular attendance that students are able to take full advantage of their learning opportunities. The responsibility for elementary school attendance rests upon the student and the parent/guardian.

Under state law a parent/guardian may only excuse their child's absence from school for 10 days during a school year. Absences related to student medical needs (doctor's excuse required), funeral, or an out of school suspension are not counted against the parent/guardian excused absences. However, please schedule routine appointments outside the school day as much as possible.

In addition, **elementary students who are tardy for more than 15 minutes will be recorded as absent for half a day.** Please make sure your child is here on time every day ready to learn. Establishing a consistent morning routine, which includes getting to school on time when your child is young, will help him/her for an entire school career and beyond.

TIMELINESS

The beginning of the day is vital to helping students get ready for the day. Teachers take information you as a parent may have sent to school, schedules are reviewed and a sense of community achieved as students talk with each other and the teacher. Smiles are shared and a "you can do it" reminder given to the students. These things are in addition to the actual skills students are learning at the beginning of the day. Students coming to school on time are developing a life long habit and skill of being on time. Those that are late miss so many things including this wonderful skill. Please help us to continue to help your child develop this skill and get a great start to their day by helping them get to school on time. We need your help!! Thank you!

FAMILY "TO DO" LIST

- Read the Parent-Student Handbook
- If you have not paid your student's fees, please do so as soon as possible.
Kindergarten = \$12.00 Grades 1-5 = \$20.00
- Please complete the necessary paperwork regarding Free or Reduced Lunch if you are interested. This must be done every year and is not automatically renewed.
- Check your child's Take Home Folder (also the Assignment Notebook for upper grades) daily and return any requests.
- Try to make medical and dental appointments for before and after school hours if at all possible. We will keep you informed as to the days when there is no school so you can make appointments on those days.
- Review the safe route information, found in the Parent-Student Handbook, with your children as soon as possible. Please call if you have questions.
- Review with your child each day where they are to go after school.
- Review the school rules and basic rules of safety with your child. The school district continues to take violence and threats of violence very seriously. Please explain to your child the seriousness of threats and the consequences of those actions. Please call us anytime if you have questions or concerns.
- Always be sure your child has the needed school supplies.
- Call the attendance line at 743-6730 to report your child's absence or need to leave early due to an appointment.
- Join the Lincoln PTA.
- **If you would like your name on the Non-Custodial Parent List, please contact the office. A new list is developed each year, and information is not automatically carried over.**

Thank you for helping to make your child's school year go smoothly!



Lincoln's Family Resource Center

Hours: Mondays and Fridays 8:30 – 3:30 743-6746

March - April

Upcoming Family Events Sponsored by the FRC

May – watch for fliers for **DADS AND KIDS...** and *Mother/Child Tea*



Lucky Visitor of the Month

Each month, every child that checks out an item will have their name put into a drawing. At the end of the month, one name will be drawn to win a stuffed toy. The lucky visitor for January was Jonathan Alpizar in Mrs. Neumann's kindergarten class and February's lucky visitor was Tara Kvistad in Mrs. Redieske's kindergarten class.

Congratulations Jonathan and Tara!

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Use the slip below to borrow these items.

For parent checkout **ONLY** - Fill out and return to school with your child.
 Item(s) will be sent home with our child. For list of parent resources available through the FRC, see Lincoln's webpage - <http://www.janesville.k12.wi.us/Default.aspx?alias=www.janesville.k12.wi.us/lin> and click on FRC Parent Resources

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

I would like to borrow information on:

___ Homework helper ___ School Success ___ Math (addition subtraction multiplication division) ___ Reading ___ Discipline

___ Divorce ___ Split/Blended families ___ Child Development-topic/age _____

___ M.A.S.H. (maturity and sexual health) Special Needs-(sign language ADHD _____)


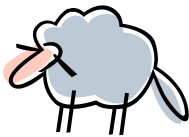


Item # _____ Desc. _____ Item # _____ Desc. _____

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Please check out for me and send home with:

_____ Student's name _____ Gr/Teach _____ Parent's signature _____

March

 <p>Will March come in like a Lion</p>	<p>& go out like a Lamb?</p> 	<p>1 Culver's Scoopie Night (Court Street location) 4:00—8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 *1st Grade to JPAC 9:30—11:30 *2nd & 5th Grade to JPAC 12:30—2:30 "Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"</p>	<p>4 CD to Chestnut House 8:45—11:00</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7 K-Kids 3:00—4:00</p>	<p>8 Jump Rope for Heart K—2 3:00—4:00 (Gym)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Jump Rope for Heart Grades 3—5 3:00—4:00 (Gym)</p>	<p>11 CD to Hedberg Public Library 9:15—10:45</p>	<p>12 Summer School Registration in Lincoln Computer Lab 8:30—12:00</p>
<p>13</p>  <p>Daylight Savings Time begins Spring Ahead</p>	<p>14 K-Kids 3:00—4:00</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 4th to JPAC "Let Freedom Ring" 12:15—2:00</p>	<p>17 Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18 CD to River's Edge Bowl 9:15—11:30 4th & 5th Grade Musical 1:30 p.m. Edison Auditorium</p>	<p>19</p>
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Easter Break (NO SCHOOL)

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April 22—25

2011