

Learning is FUN in Room 207!

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Days to Remember:

- ◆ Friday Feb. 25th- Read Across America Day (see pg. 2)
- ◆ Friday Feb. 25th- Stonehouse Carnival
- ◆ Thurs. March 3rd- Science Fair
- ◆ Wed. March 16th- Flat Stanley Return
- ◆ Thurs. March 17th- Biography Banner Projects Due

Hello, Families and Parents!

I have met most of you over the course of the school year, but I would like to introduce myself again. My name is Christina Millson and I am Wendy Miller's student teacher for the year. During the past six months I have been coming to the class a few days each week to observe and have greatly enjoyed working with your children in Room 207!

At the beginning of the year I said that I would be student teaching in the Spring as part of the Masters program. It is hard to believe it, but the year has flown. This week I will begin my ten-week student teaching experience. Gradually I will teach more lessons and take over more responsibilities in the classroom. By about the fourth week, I will be teaching full-time, all with the wonderful guidance of Mrs. Miller. After teaching full time for a few weeks, I will then slowly return instructional

responsibilities back to Mrs. Miller.

I am very excited to work with the students each and every day for the next ten weeks! They are an awesome group of kiddos!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have about my student teaching experience. I look forward to an exciting 10 weeks!

Sincerely,
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How can you help?

*Please look through yellow folders that come home from school on Mondays and return them to school with your child on Tuesday

*Remember to sign reading logs every night

*Please ask me if there is anything I can do to help make your child more successful

Read Across America- Friday February 25th



“You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.”

Read Across America Day was created in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd. Students from across the US celebrate Read Across America to promote year-long reading. Reading leads to success in school and we at Stonehouse Elementary want each and every student to succeed. The motto of Read Across America is that “You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and

read to a child.” On Read Across America Day we invite adults from around the community to come and read to the students.

W&M football player TJ will be coming to Room 207 to read aloud to the students on the morning of Friday February 25th. We are very excited to have him as our guest speaker and look forward to the book he is going to share with us!

Tip for Reading at Home

❖ Reading for Meaning

If you sit down to read a book with your child ask them questions along the way.

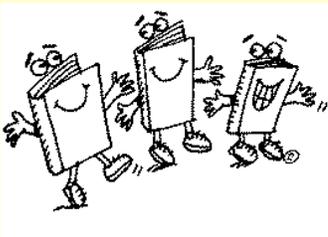
Before: What do you think this book might be about? Why?

During: Is there a word you don't know? What do you think it means?

What is happening in the story so far? What might happen next?

After: Can you summarize the story? What was your favorite part?

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/29918>



Reading is FUN

Science Fair on Thursday March 3rd

The annual Stonehouse Elementary Science Fair is next Thursday March 3rd. Over the course of this week your students will be working hard to learn about the steps of the scientific method. They will learn how to write hypotheses, make observations, collect data, create graphs, and decide if their predictions were correct. They will be learning about all of these steps as we create a Lego car experiment. In groups your children will make predictions about how to make

their car go faster or slower. For example, some groups might decide that adding bigger wheels will make the car go farther. After making predictions they will build a basic car (a car with no changes) and measure how far it goes. Then they will make adjustments to the car (ex. adding bigger wheels) and then measure how far it goes. We'll collect each group's data and make a display in the hall. We're very excited about the science experiment!



**Lego Car
Science
Experiment**

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter! I'm looking forward to the upcoming weeks and can hardly wait to be able to work with your children each and every day! Sincerely, Christina Millson