



MS. ZECCA'S NEWSLETTER

Week 30: April 6-10

Important Dates



April 6-7-Camp Champions
April 9-Progress Reports Go Home
April 10-Spring Carnival 4:00-8:00 PM
April 20-Math STAAR Test
April 22-Science STAAR Test
April 23-Fine Arts Night 5:00-6:15 PM
May 4-8-Book Fair / Teacher
Appreciation Week
May 5-6-5th Grade Technology
Assessment
May 8-Mama Bear Breakfast at 7:45
May 12-STAAR Reading Retest
May 12-PTA Bingo Night 6:30-7:30
May 19-Safety Patrol Trip to Austin Park
& Pizza

April Birthdays



NONE



For Your Information...



THE OUTDOOR SCHOOL PACKING LIST

Please watch the weather reports as you are packing! It is often cooler here in the hill country than it is in Austin (especially at night), so make sure you pack warm enough clothing! Mark ALL of your belongings with your name.

Overnight Groups:

This list is based on a 2-night stay... if your school is staying for a longer or shorter period of time you will need to adjust this list accordingly.

Clothing: (Please bring older clothing that you don't mind getting dirty and pack according to the weather - this is a generic list, not weather specific).

- ☐ 1 set of Pajamas
- ☐ 2 pair of Shorts
- ☐ 1 pair of long pants (for protection & warmth)
- ☐ 1 long sleeve shirt (for protection & warmth)
- ☐ 3 short sleeve shirts
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Socks (make sure you bring 2 extra pair)
- ☐ 1 sweatshirt for cool nights
- ☐ 1 hat (protection from the sun)
- ☐ 2 pair of shoes (must be closed toe, laceable, and comfortable for walking)
- ☐ Rain gear (poncho or raincoat with hood - umbrellas are not recommended)
- ☐ 1 jacket (hat & gloves too if its cold)
- ☐ 1 swimsuit if your school is planning on swimming (Check with your teacher)



Please note that cotton (regular tee shirt) is not allowed in the pool.

Personal Hygiene:

- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Shampoo and Conditioner
- ☐ Comb and/or hairbrush
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Toothpaste and toothbrush
- ☐ Towel and washcloth for bathing
- ☐ Shower shoes
- ☐ Towel for swimming if your school is planning on swimming (Check with your teacher)



Sleeping Equipment: (Pack for the weather: our cabins are not heated or air conditioned.)

- ☐ Sleeping bag or bedroll made up of sheets and blanket.
- ☐ Pillow

Other Required Equipment:

- ☐ Canteen or water bottle - you will be outside most of the day.
- ☐ Plastic bag for soiled or wet clothing or towels
- ☐ Sun screen
- ☐ Chapstick or lip balm with sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent

Optional Equipment:

- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Flashlight with batteries

Medication: Please check with your teachers on how they would like to handle medication

Reminders: We will checking out books every other Tuesday. Books will be turned in on Tuesdays. This **IS** a checkout week. **BRING BOOKS WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK!**

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Lunch Menu

Monday: Fish Burger /Toasted Cheese Sandwich

Tuesday: Steak Sticks / Chef Salad

Wednesday: Chicken Burger / Sweet & Sour Chicken over Brown Rice

Thursday: Spaghetti and Meatballs / Yogurt Plate

Friday: Italian Bites / Tuna Salad Sandwich



Specials

Monday: Camp Champions

Tuesday: Camp Champions

Wednesday: Art

Thursday: Music

Friday: P.E.

Please make sure your child wears tennis shoes on P.E. days.

Library

Bring ALL your library books on WEDNESDAY!



What We're Learning

READING: Students will be analyzing 3rd person points of view in literary/fictional texts.

WRITING: Students will write a personal narrative about courage.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Students continue learning about "building an American empire."



Preparing Your Tween for Middle School

If your tween is like most, he's probably feeling a mix of excitement and apprehension at the prospect of [beginning middle school](#). Helping tweens make the transition from elementary school to middle school helps prepare them for a successful academic year. While it may be difficult for you or your tween to say good-bye to elementary school, the middle school years provide plenty of opportunities for your son or daughter to develop socially, academically, and intellectually.

Discuss Changes

Make sure your tween understands that middle school may be very different from elementary school. Help her understand that her teachers will expect her to be more responsible, and take on additional homework. Lockers, [gym class](#), mandatory showers after gym, multiple teachers, and a whole new group of kids may just be a few of your child's new experiences. In addition, your tween will be responsible for [finding her new classrooms and arriving on time](#) for each class. On the upside, point out that middle school will offer social activities and clubs that elementary school never had, such as band, sports clubs, and other opportunities. Also, many middle school cafeterias offer items such as a salad bar, potato bar, or a pizza bar. Find out what your child's school offers in terms of extra-curricular activities, as well as elective classes. Accentuate the positive!