March Newsletter

Readers are Leaders!

Every year we join in this month-long celebration designed to encourage reading as a fun activity for the whole family. Reading, and understanding what you read, is a skill that everyone needs to be successful. The best way to improve understanding is to read a lot. There is nothing like a challenging book to lift you up or take you to another world. Developing a love of reading will be an asset to your child in all areas of school and give him/her a jumpstart to a lifetime of reading!

Below is a list of books that your child will enjoy while also reinforcing the 7 Habits at home. Additional suggestions can be found at *The Leader in Me* Online.

**Lower elementary (K-3)**  
Read the book together. Ask your child questions about how the characters used the habits.

**Upper elementary (4-6)**  
Your child reads the book to you. Ask questions about how your child uses the habit.

**Habits 1-7**

*The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* by Sean Covey

**Habit 1: Be Proactive**

*The Very Lonely Firefly* by Eric Carle  
*The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss

**Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind**

*Click, Clack, Cows that Moo* by Doreen Cronin,  
*Pancakes, Pancakes* by Eric Carle

**Habit 3: Put First Things First**
Families are encouraged to read these books together as part of the Leader in Me program.

- **Froggy Gets Dressed** by Jonathan London
- **Jamaica’s Find** by Juanita Havill

**Habit 4: Think Win-Win**
- **The Very Clumsy Click Beetle** by Eric Carle
- **Let’s Be Enemies** by Janice May Udry

**Habit 5: Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood**
- **The True Story of the Three Little Pigs** by Jon Scieszka
- **Are You My Mother?** by P.D. Eastman

**Habit 6: Synergize**
- **Ox-Cart Man** by Donald Hall
- **Clifford’s Spring Clean-Up** by Norman Bridwell

**Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw**
- **Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen
- **Henry Hikes to Fitchburg** by D. B. Johnson