

# Room Hotel News

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*Education's  
Purpose is to  
Replace an Empty  
Mind with an Open  
One.*

*Malcolm Forbes*

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## A Busy Few Weeks Ahead

After a rough start to the year we are back up to full speed. I have been very happy with a majority of the work going on in class as we have begun a few new things. I will be out of class this Wednesday through Friday attending a technology conference. There will be a substitute but plan on doing much of the teaching via video while I am away as to not lose more instructional time. In addition, I will be in contact with the students while I am at my conference to answer questions and check in.

*Mr. J. Williams*

## Coding

Over the last two weeks we have been working with a fantastic coding program called CS-First from Google. This program teaches coding while teaching other concepts. This round we are doing Storytelling. In Storytelling the students will create a story with many of the components needed to tell a story. Some of these include setting, dialog, sequencing, and so on. This program which includes videos, completion passports and access to Scratch is all free from Google. I would encourage you to have your student login and show you the practice story they have been creating. This login is different than their Google accounts so they might need to write it down to bring it home and show you. I have been really happy to see a classroom full of students so engaged in something they were not familiar with and work together to solve problems. It really has been a fun experience and I look forward to doing more of these as we continue this year.

## Kinder Buddies and Leprechaun Traps

Each Friday we have been going to the Kindergarten classroom to read and work with our Kinder Buddies. This coming Friday we are going to help them create Leprechaun Traps. Mrs. Frasier has asked if we can bring some of the supplies need for the kids. She is asking each student to bring a small box and things to help decorate the box. This is not something you need to go to the store to purchase but rather crafty items that you may have around the house. These items can be brought to school starting Monday and we can store them in the classroom.

## March Book Orders

March Book Orders were sent home last week. I am asking that paper order forms be returned no later than Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. You can make online orders using the class code G3M88 through Wednesday. I will be submitting the order Thursday morning. There are a lot of great deals this month.

### Important Dates

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Starts

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Book Orders Due

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Williams at CUE Conference

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Board Meeting

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Family Science Night

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Student of the Month Assembly

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Club Meeting

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Traveling Lantern Performance

## Change in Season – Hotter Weather

With that said 5<sup>th</sup> graders are starting to grow up and after recess, P.E. and lunch the classroom is starting to experience this. Later this year we will be talking about puberty (with parent permission) but it is not too early to make sure the students are taking care of themselves at home. Taking a shower daily is something the students should be doing as to not cause unneeded embarrassment in the classroom.

## Final Thoughts

In my next Newsletter I will be updating you on our May Field Trip. I will provide information about registration, parent chaperones and the date of the Parent Information Night. I also want to thank those of you that have helped with Clorox Wipes and copy paper. We are still in need of copy paper. If you find you can help with this please have your student drop it by class. Thank you in advance.

## Website and Contact Info

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## Wish List and Donations

Clorox Wipes      Kleenex

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