

Robinson Reader

FEBRUARY 2012

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NEWSFLASH

REMINDERS

Monday, February 13th

Lincoln's Birthday

No School

Monday, February 20th

President's Day

No School

Wednesday, February 29th

**African-American
History Celebration**

Monday, March 5th

Pulaski Day

No School

Tuesday, March 6th—

Friday, March 16th

ISAT Testing

School Fundraiser

February 10—24, 2012

ISAT PRACTICE TESTING

February 14th & 15th

February 21st & 22nd

February 28th & 29th

There are lots of things happening at Robinson. All students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade are taking Spanish classes twice a week on Monday and Friday.

Students also have art class on Wednesday of each week.

The month of February marks the celebration of Black History Month. Challenge yourself and your child to learn at least one important black history fact each day.

ISAT Testing begins on March 6th. 3rd Grade is the only grade being given the ISAT. However, everyone is impacted by the administration of the test. Testing will last approximately one hour and thirty minutes each day. During testing we are asking that ALL students be on time for school each and every day. Kindergarten—2nd grade students will be doing quiet work in their classrooms during this time.

Please be reminded that breakfast begins at 8:45 and instruction begins at 9:00. All students should be on time each and every day. If your child plans to eat breakfast he/she should arrive at school no later than 8:45.

As we are approaching ISAT and Spring we need to take some time to discuss the School-Wide Expectations for behavior. Our school-wide expectations are:

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Please take time to remind your child of these expectations for ALL students. If a child has an issue with another student he/she is

expected to let an adult know and to not take matters into their own hands. They should allow the adult to intervene on his/her behalf. Just because a student may not see the adult address the situation at that moment in time, does not mean that it will not be addressed. There will be a zero tolerance policy for fighting where *all parties* are concerned.

As a school we engaged in a theme for 6 weeks about Conflict Resolution. Students learned alternative ways of dealing with conflict. Talk to your child about what they learned in class. In the spirit of Black History Month and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other nonviolent peace makers, let's use our words and other means to solve conflict.

We will be celebrating the 100th Day of School and African-American History at the end of the month. Look for information about the school-wide celebration as the dates approach in your child's backpack. We look forward to you joining us in the celebration.

Our school is updating the website. Look for us at robinson.cps.k12.il.us. You will find links from this page to important information. In moving forward, important information will be posted on the website instead of being sent home in the backpack. Check the site often for updates.

What's Happening in the Gym?

In February, we'll be starting with tumbling before moving onto sport skills. Our running program, Chicago Run, is still going strong. Even with the winter weather, we hope to keep up with our mileage. The students have been introduced to an indoor workout CD that can help them keep accumulating miles even when the weather is too cold to be outside.

REMEMBER: Students may only participate in Physical Education class if they have their gym shoes. It is a **over half** of their grade, so help them come prepared! With the cold weather, many students have been coming to school with boots....make sure they bring their gym shoes along in their backpacks so they won't have to miss out.



Let's not forget about HEALTH class.....

Students have health class every Monday. We have been talking a lot about nutrition and how we can "fill our plates" with healthy foods. This discussion will continue into the month of February.



We are on the web!

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Jackie Robinson Elementary

Mission Statement:
Our mission at Jackie Robinson is to create an enjoyable child-centered learning environment highly regarded for its academic and social excellence and to empower our children to become active, confident and intellectual citizens as they experience the joy of learning.

Vision Statement:
We envision a School of Choice, where parents, staff and community partners collaboratively facilitate the academic, physical and emotional growth of ALL students. We will work together to create a school climate that supports teaching and learning through a rigorous curriculum that empowers children to perform at their highest potential. Teachers design a cohesive curriculum, anchored in literacy, to provide engaging learning opportunities beyond the school walls. We adapt instruction to meet each child's needs and learning styles with the ultimate goal of preparing students for success in the intermediate grades, high school, and college.

Soaring Towards Excellence

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