



NEWSLETTER



May 7, 2021

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 5/9 Mother's Day
- 5/26 No Homework Night
- 5/27 Kindergarten Screening
- 5/31 No School Memorial Day



Star Wars Week

This week, Mrs. Konight had a Star Wars themed week in library, and for your children at home through fun interactive activities. Students could participate by wearing Star Wars themed clothing, reading Star Wars books, building structures out of Legos, and so much more! Thank you so much to Mrs. Konight for organizing a fun and creative week for our students at CRS and LLE!



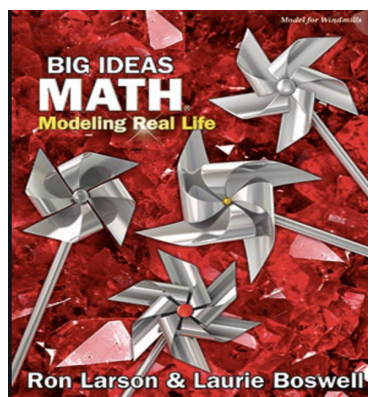
## Tips for Reading at Home!

1. **Establish a routine**-set aside a specific time of day for your child to read each day
2. **Choose a cozy place to read**- you can use pillows or comfortable furniture
3. **Read to your child**-listening to fluent reading is great for children and gives them access to higher level texts and vocabulary
4. **Make it fun!**-children can read recipes, comics, or board game directions
5. **Discuss books with children**-ask them to make predictions as they read and ask questions during and after reading.



## Spotlight on First Grade

The First Grade classes have been focusing on how to tell time with our new math program Big Ideas Math. The students are taught how to read an analog clock and a digital clock. First, the students are introduced to the hour hand, which is how time on the clock is determined. Then, the students will learn the minute hand, and its role in telling time. The children love practicing telling time on their own personal mini clocks. We are having a great **time** in first grade!



## *Message from the Principal*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring has arrived and with that we always see changes. Those changes are usually in the nature that surrounds us as flowers start to bloom and the trees fill in with leaves. Over this past week, we in Demarest saw a great change as we extended the instructional day. The students have truly enjoyed eating lunch in school for the first time this year. Additionally, they have been able to partake in recess each day which allows them time to get outside and socialize with their peers.

This week we also celebrate our staff as it is **Teacher Appreciation Week**. While the title may say "teacher" we in Demarest celebrate all of those that work within the walls of our buildings. This includes office staff, nurses, teacher aides, Child Study Team members and our custodians. Each one of these individuals play a vital role in the safety and education of our students and I am, and I will always be grateful for all of their hard work and dedication.

As we are about to enter the second week of May, I ask that you please remember these important dates:

**May 10**-Preschool Orientation-Information has been sent out. If you did not receive it and have a child entering the program please contact Mrs. Daly at CRS.

**May 17**-Kindergarten Orientation-Information has been sent out. If you did not receive it and have a child entering the program please contact Mrs. Daly at CRS.

**May 31**-No School-Memorial Day

Enjoy the beautiful weather that is upon us.

All my best,

Mr. Mazzini