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Subject: Great Blue Heron Herald 4/6/22

Hello Heron Families!

As always, thank you for taking the time to read through and keep up to date with our classroom information. As we approach the end of the year we also begin to wade into our testing season. Read on for tips and tricks to help your student through testing. **Upper Elementary begins testing tomorrow, April 7th (Writing Test).**

I also welcome you to be more proactive in your child's learning. Please sign and return work plans, spelling and math quizzes every Friday when they go home and return them to school every Monday. We are still writing in our home journals everyday. Some students are discouraged because they have no family members responding to them. Ask for the home journal daily and write back to your child. It only takes 5-10 minutes of your time and keeps you involved in their education. Thank you.

Testing Tips and Tricks

1. Your child is ready for this! We have been practicing and workshopping our writing all year, they have this!
2. Make sure your child eats a nutritious dinner and gets a full night's sleep tonight.
3. Breakfast in the morning should consist of protein and carbohydrates. Pack a snack for your child to eat when they get to school if they are extra hungry.
4. Don't stress them out!!!! We are prepared for this!

Rabbit Care!!!

Bili the Bunny would LOVE to have a family take him home for the weekend. It has been months since someone has taken him home, he gets very lonely! Billi is a **classroom** pet that should be taken care of by the entire class. Most weekends the rabbit stays on campus and a member of staff has to come in to ensure his care. Take a moment to sign up for a weekend (or two).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ca9ac2aa2f58-rabbit1>

We would also like to request that we have donations made for his care. The supplies needed for him can get expensive so any little bit of monetary donations or just buying what is needed would be a great help! Thank you all in advance.

- Hickory Smoker Pellets- from Publix for his litter box
- [Litter box](#)- in need of 2
- Puppy training pads- any kind will do
- Rabbit food- any from PetSmart or Publix will do
- Treats
- [Playpen](#)

Important Dates

April 7th

FSA Writing Test

SOS Kitchen Field Trip (afternoon)for students who were interested

April 19th

Studios of Key West Field Trip- Theater Workshop

April 22nd

Possible Field Trip for Earth Day- TBA

Volunteer/Service hour Opportunities

We have noticed a decline in family participation when it comes to assistance and involvement within our classroom community. It would be beneficial to all of the students on campus to have more families involved. Ask how you can help! We have more opportunities for involvement than just our designated campus clean-ups!

- Pet care over the weekends
- Carpet cleaning (we have the supplies)
- Lesson Rug washing (weekly)
- Upholstery cleaning- classroom couch
- Rip out old carpet tiles and replace them with laminate tiles in our new kitchen area!
- General campus up-keep

Thank you for taking the time to stay caught up!

It takes a village!!!!

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