Spring has arrived in full array!

Our grounds and neighborhood are alive with the signs of spring and our children are enjoying the warm weather. In the Library we are learning about plants and animals that come alive during this season.

Earth Day
April 22nd

Project Plant It sponsored by our own Dominion Resources is a special effort to reinforce learning to care for the environment and establish tree growth in our neighborhoods.

You will find good resources there for use at home and at school.

April is Poetry Month

Be sure to listen for little poems and rhymes as you go from day to day in April. Join a Poem-a-Day service from this website: http://www.poets.org/poemaday/

Lift someone’s spirits!

From vision to practice institute

This year the topic is “Crossroads: Redefining the Educational Experience” The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is hosting the ninth annual From Vision to Practice Institute on July 9-11, 2013, at the Williamsburg Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, Virginia. Teachers can take advantage of this professional development opportunity for only $100 per person. See website http://www.cpe.vt.edu/vtop/index.html

Media Services News

- RPS Summer Reading List has been finalized. The anchor book for primary grades K-2 is Pete at the Beach by James Dean. The anchor book for elementary grades 3-5 is Bully by Patricia Polacco. It is required that these books be read.

- RPS summer reading program will be a collaborative effort this year with Richmond Public Library.

- When you want software added to your computer use the Software Review Form (http://my.rps.edu/Portals/24/assets/pdfs/EForms/Technology%20Standards%20Software%20Review%20Form%204.15.pdf) and submit to your building administrator.

- Looking for a website to conduct a poll with your class, grade level, or whole school? “Poll Everywhere” is a free poll site that can be used for such purposes. http://www.polleverywhere.com/
Coming soon: Scholastic Warehouse Book Sale!!!

Richmond Raceway Complex
600 East Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222
(919) 255-1919

May 10th — May 11th
Friday, May 10th: 10am—7pm
Saturday, May 11th: 9am—2pm
http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/events/warehouse/

Useful Websites!

VA Readers’ Choice book nominees are available online for you to see. Get ready for next year and sharing these great titles with your students.

Shenandoah University sponsors a great Children’s Lit Conference for teachers in the summer. This week long event hits all bases.

Longwood University has Summer Literacy Institute that has had a wonderful track record. Close to home and a smaller campus, you would enjoy this one, too.

Wonderopolis: Where the Wonders of Learning Never Cease

Wonderopolis is an interactive website created by the National Center for Family Literacy to promote children's literacy by asking engaging questions and supplying creative answers.

Come check out our new books in the Media Center!

We have added some new titles to our collection in all areas: easy, fiction, non-fiction, and a few reference books! Our school library is growing!

May is “Get Caught Reading” month!

A nationwide campaign to remind people of all ages how much fun it is to read.

http://www.getcaughtreading.org/

REMINDER:

- Please encourage students to return their library books on time so they can check out new books each week.