



**MS. BROZIC**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE**

April 18, 2016

- Wednesday, April 20- Bond Levy meeting at Buckeye
- Friday, April 22- Earth Day!!
- Monday, May 2- Kindergarten registration begins (please pass the word to any future K students)
- Tues., May 3- Bike to School day
- Tues., May 10-Thurs. May 12- Book Fair
- Friday, May 20- PTA Carnival (we are collecting for the Arts and Crafts basket)

## Classroom News



Hello first grade families! This is a ~~VERY~~ busy time of year for us in first grade! I am so happy that the weather is finally starting to feel like spring! We are able to do more projects outside for science with this beautiful weather!

Year of Caring- April caring for animals. For this month of our Year of Caring, Buckeye is raising awareness of helping animals. They are having a Cat Vs. Dog race in lunch. We are collecting money for team cat (Caroline's Cat Rescue) and team dog (the Lake County Humane Society). If your child brings in a donation, they can take it to lunch to decide which team to donate for. They are also accepting supply donations for both shelters. Thanks to those who have sent things in already!

### **Buckeye School Carnival- Friday, May 20!!!**

Our school carnival is a lot of fun at Buckeye! PTA is very busy planning everything. Each year we have a raffle auction. Each class puts together a basket to raffle off. Our theme is: **Arts and Crafts**. If you can donate anything crafty (clay, pens, colored pencils, markers, craft sets, beads, scissors, glue, etc) we will put it together to make a cool basket! Thanks!!

## Birthdays

- Elicia- April 2
- Paige- April 29



Phonics Focus this week is on long vowel words. We are finishing up our word study on long e vowels. We will then be focusing on long o vowel patterns. I cannot express how amazed I was with how well the children did with the long a vowel patterns! This is helping their reading tremendously!! Thanks so much for your help!!

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## Lunch Menu

\*Lunch choices are subject to change.

Monday: Birthday celebration!  
Chicken Drumstick

Tuesday: You Build It soft taco

Wednesday: Ravioli

Thursday- Turkey and Gravy

Friday- Kid's Choice



## Student of the Week

Paige Tomaszewski

## Skippy Friend:

Catherine Thompson



## What We're Learning

**Reading:** Believe it or not we will be testing on Fry Words lists 9 and 10 this week. We have actually moved on to lists 11 and 12 in class. Please make sure that your child is practicing to read these words by sight: because, here, ask, men, need, different, us, try, hand, again, turn, why, went, read, land, home, move, kind, picture, change, off, spell, away, house, page, mother, found, still, should, world, play, air, animal, point, letter, answer, study, learn, America, high.

**Phonics/Word Study:** We are focusing on long vowel combinations. This week we will focus on the long o vowel sound with these patterns: o\_e, oa, ow. Since I am just now giving you the words today, I am going to give the students a Pre-test on Friday. If they still need more time to work with the words, then I will give them another chance on Monday.

**Math-** We are almost finished with our unit on identifying, composing, and partitioning shapes. In this unit we have also been working on simple fractions and telling time. We will have an end of module assessment on Friday, before moving on to our last unit! **\*\*\*Telling time (to the hour and half hour) and identifying coins (and their values) are not focused on very heavily in our math units of study (although students are expected to have mastered this before second grade). PLEASE work on telling time to the hour and half hour at home with your child on a conventional clock (with a minute hand and hour hand). Please also make sure they can identify and give you the values of these coins: penny,**

nickel, dime, and quarter.

**Science-** We are moving on to Life Science. The first area we will be focusing on is living and non-living things.



Word Study words : long o vowel patterns

o\_e: home, rope, bone

oa: boat, float, soap

ow: snow, blow, grow

Trick words: your, down, called, go

**\*\*I will give the students a pre-test on Friday. If they have trouble with the words they can have another chance on Monday! Thanks for all you do!**