

Monday, April 8

Solar eclipse
2:00 - 4:30 pm

Week of April 8

4th & 3rd grades will begin
MCAS testing

Wednesday, April 10

School Council
11:30 am

Thursday, April 11

All School Sing
2:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

April 15 - April 19

Spring break - **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, April 22

Back to school

From The Principal's Desk:

Dear Families,

As you are aware there will be an eclipse occurring on Monday April 8th. The timeframe of when the eclipse will be viewable ranges between 2:00-4:30 PM. We realize that some people are concerned about young children viewing the eclipse without supervision and safety precautions during that time frame. Although we will not be officially dismissing early from school on that day, we will be doing the following things:

1. Giving a pair of eclipse viewing glasses for students at the school. Many thanks to Erving Town Library for the gift of the glasses.
2. We will be speaking with students about the safety dangers of viewing the eclipse without safety glasses or other safety precautions. This includes their ride home on the bus.
3. Attached to this notification is information from DESE on how to safely view the solar eclipse.

We will not be hosting supervised viewing of the eclipse.

If you remain concerned about the safety of your student on the bus ride home, we suggest you send in a note and call the office to pick up your student early on Monday. We are happy to help you organize an early dismissal for your student so you can get home and not be stuck behind a bus or in a huge line of pick-up traffic.

Sincerely,

David

How to Safely View the April 8, 2024, TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

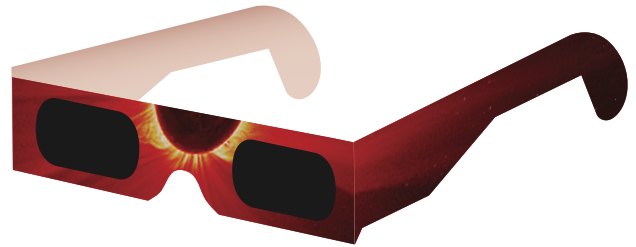
A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon blocks any part of the Sun. On Monday, April 8, 2024, a solar eclipse will be visible in North and Central America, as well as parts of Europe and South America. All 50 U.S. states (excluding most of Alaska) will have a chance to see at least a partial solar eclipse. In a narrow track across Mexico, the U.S. from Texas to Maine, and Canada from Ontario to Newfoundland, the Moon will completely cover the Sun's bright face, producing a spectacular total solar eclipse.



A total solar eclipse is about as bright as a full Moon — and just as safe to look at. But the Sun at any other time is dangerously bright. View it only through special-purpose solar filters that comply with the transmittance requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard for filters for direct solar viewing.

Protect Your Eyes

- Looking directly at the Sun without proper eye protection is unsafe EXCEPT during the brief total eclipse phase (“totality”). This happens ONLY within the narrow path of totality. At all other times, it is safe to look directly at the Sun ONLY through special-purpose solar filters, such as “eclipse glasses,” that comply with the transmittance requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard. Ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the Sun.
- If you are inside the path of totality on April 8, 2024, remove your solar filter ONLY when the Moon completely covers the Sun’s bright face. As soon as the Sun begins to reappear, replace your solar filter to look at the remaining partial phases.
- Outside the path of totality, there is NO TIME when it is safe to look directly at the Sun without using a solar filter that complies with the transmittance requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard.



Instructions for the Safe Use of Solar Filters and Viewers

- Always inspect your solar filter before use; if scratched, punctured, torn, or otherwise damaged, discard it. Read and follow any instructions printed on or packaged with the filter.
- Always supervise children using solar filters.
- If you normally wear eyeglasses, keep them on. Put your eclipse glasses on over them or hold your handheld viewer in front of them.
- Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking at the bright Sun. After looking at the Sun, turn away and remove your filter – do not remove it while looking at the Sun.
- Do not look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical device. Do not do so even while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer in front of your eyes – the concentrated solar rays could damage the filter and enter your eyes, causing serious injury.
- Solar filters must be securely attached to the front of any telescope, binoculars, or camera lens. Seek expert advice from an astronomer before using a solar filter with a camera, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device.



What If You Don't Have a Safe Solar Filter or Viewer?

Another method for safe viewing of the partially eclipsed Sun is indirectly via pinhole projection. For example, with your back to the Sun, cross the outstretched, slightly open fingers of one hand over the outstretched, slightly open fingers of the other, creating a waffle pattern. In your hands' shadow on the ground, the spaces between your fingers will show the Sun as crescents.

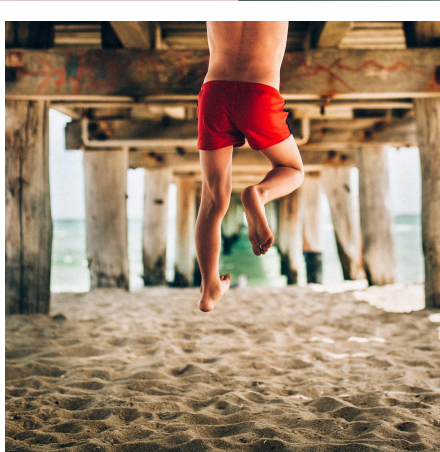
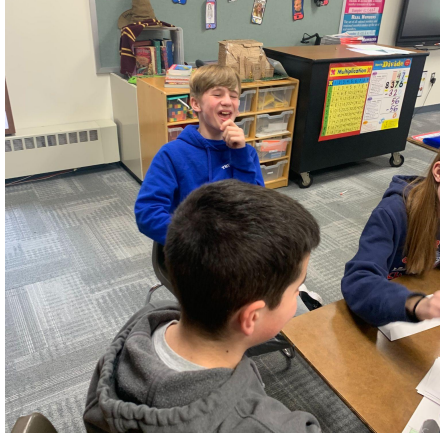
A solar eclipse is one of nature's grandest spectacles. By following these simple rules, you can safely enjoy the view and be rewarded with memories to last a lifetime. For more information about eye safety and the eclipse, visit <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety>.

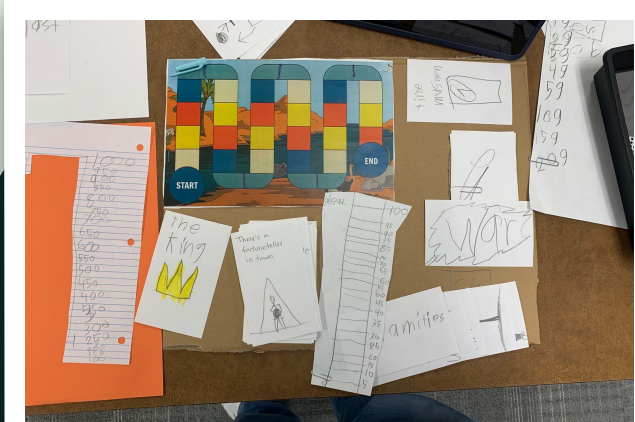
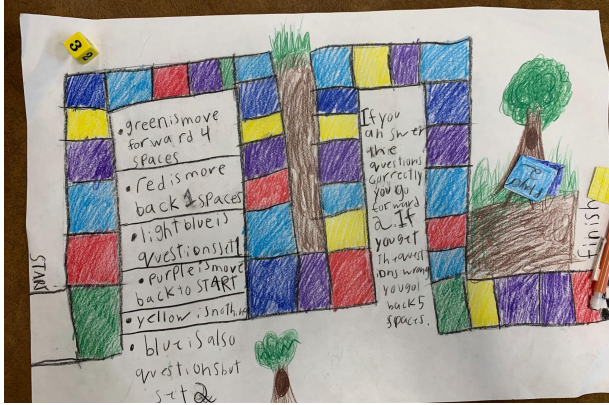
This safety information has been endorsed by the American Astronomical Society, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. National Science Foundation, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Academy of Optometry, and the American Medical Association.



6th Grade Game Making

Students created games based on information they learned about ancient civilizations. Then, they got to play them!





QUICK TIP

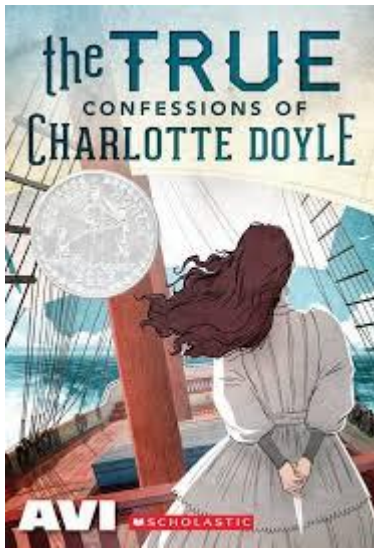
Try right clicking on a photo and using "Replace Image" to build your own yearbook.





~~ What's Going On In 5th Grade ~~

In ELA we are reading selections about The Arts and the novel The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle



Art for Everyone

MODULE 6

? **Essential Question**
How do different art forms impact people in different ways?

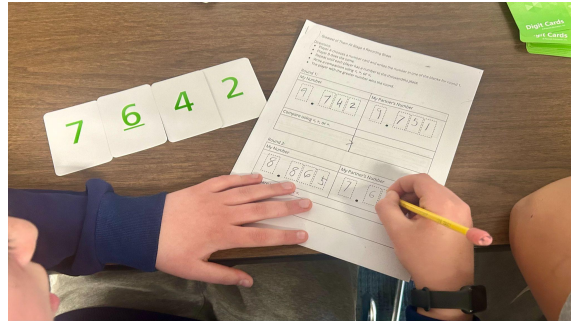
SOCIAL STUDIES CONNECTION:
The Arts

In this module, students will listen to, read, and view a variety of texts and media that present them with information about how people create and share different art forms.

A genre focus on biography provides students with opportunities to identify central ideas, point of view, author's craft, figurative language, and literary elements in order to better understand unfamiliar texts. Students will also encounter realistic fiction and procedural text to build knowledge across genres.

As students build their vocabulary and synthesize topic knowledge, they will learn about the powerful impact of various art forms.

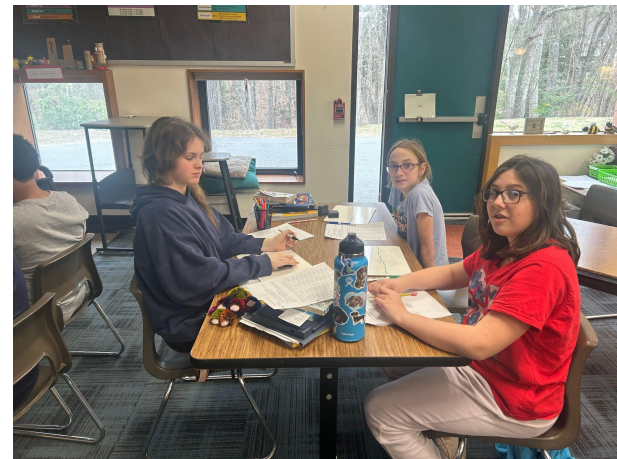
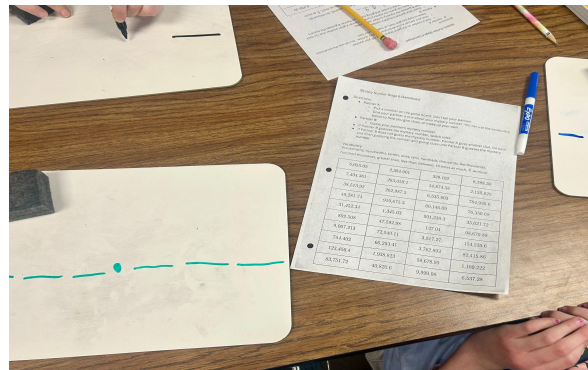
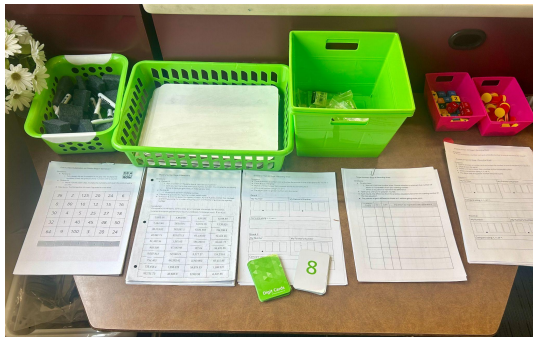
In math we are learning about place value and decimal operations. We've exploring these concepts with Math Center Activities.



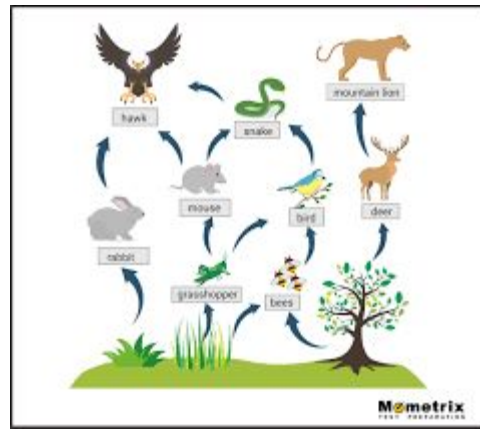
UNIT 5

Place Value Patterns and Decimal Operations

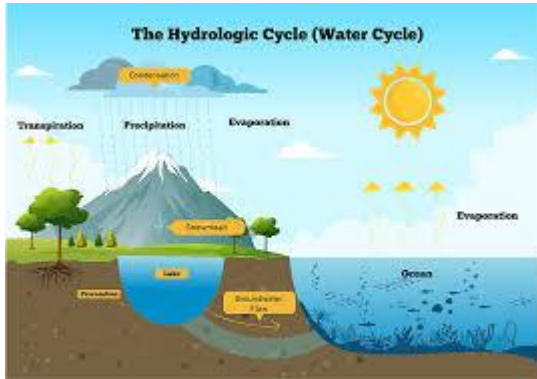
- Numbers to Thousandths
- Add and Subtract Decimals
- Multiply Decimals
- Divide Decimals



In science we just finished up with food webs and food chains and now we are learning about the water cycle.



We made Artist Trading Cards in art and visited with second grade to do some trading! 😊





Recently, faculty and staff participated in a CPR certification course. It was a fun, informative and educational day. We are all a bit safer having so many CPR certified team member at EES.



CPR CERTIFICATION COURSE AT EES

Sore Throat Symptom Check

Signs and Symptoms	STREP THROAT	SORE THROAT (Caused by viruses, allergies, or environmental irritants)
Onset	Rapid	Gradual
Fever	Yes	None or Mild
Swallowing	Painful	Scratchy
Lymph Nodes	Swollen	Normal
Tonsils	Red and swollen, sometimes with white patches	Red and swollen, typically no white patches
Tongue	Strawberry tongue	Normal
Other Complaints	Stomachache, headache, chills, body aches	Runny nose, congestion, cough, sneezing, conjunctivitis
Rash	Occasionally, a sandpaper-like rash	None
When to see a healthcare provider:	If any typical or “classic” symptoms are present	If symptoms don’t improve in a few days
Pain Relief:	Healthcare provider may prescribe a course of antibiotics as well as an over-the-counter analgesic like acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Gargling with warm salt water can also offer relief and promote healing. Rest and drinking plenty of fluids helps the body to fight the infection, prevent dehydration and thin secretions.	Over-the-counter analgesics like acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Gargling with warm salt water can also offer relief and promote healing. Rest and drinking plenty of fluids helps the body fight a viral infection, prevents dehydration and thins secretions.



We are approaching "that" time of year again and we have a tentative schedule for MCAS testing 2024.

Please try to avoid scheduling any appointments or vacations during the following dates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ELA

Grade 6 - April 4 - Snow day - Make up on April 22

Grade 5 - April 2 & April 5

Grade 4 - April 8 & April 11

Grade 3 - April 9 & April 12

MATH

Grade 6 - April 29 & May 2

Grade 5 - April 30 & May 3

Grade 4 - May 6 & May 9

Grade 3 - May 7 & May 10

SCIENCE

Grade 5 - May 13 & May 16



Union 28 Community Network for Children Program APRIL – JUNE 2024



The Union #28 Community Network for Children program is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to the Union #28 Schools by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, Union 28 schools and donations from the community.



APRIL

Positive Solutions Parent Workshop
@ Wendell Library
9:30am - 11:00am
1, 8, 22, 29

New Salem Tales & Tunes
@ New Salem Library @10am
2, 9, 23, 30

Wendell Library Playgroup @10am
3, 10, 24
Leverett Library Playgroup
@10:30am
3, 10, 24

CNC Children's Closet
8:00am-Noon
4, 11, 25

Shutesbury Tales & Tunes
@ Shutesbury Elementary School @10am
1, 8, 15, 29

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



MAY

Positive Solutions Parent Workshop
@ Wendell Library
9:30am - 11:00am
6

New Salem Tales & Tunes
@ New Salem Library @10am
7, 14, 21, 28

Wendell Library Playgroup @10am
1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Leverett Library Playgroup
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1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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Shutesbury Tales & Tunes
@ Shutesbury Elementary School @10am
3, 10, 17, 24, 31



Car Seat Safety Check with Erving Police
19th - Stay tuned!

CNC Children's Closet OPEN HOUSE
10:00am - 1:00pm
4 Montague Rd, Leverett
18th

Visit the **Erving Public Library** on Sundays from 10:00am - 4:00pm

Visit the **New Salem Library** on Saturdays from 10-2!

M.N. Spear Memorial Library
10 Cooleyville Rd
Shutesbury

New Salem Library
23 S Main St
New Salem

Leverett Library
75 Montague Rd
Leverett
Wendell Library
7 Wendell Depot Rd
Wendell

Children's Closet
4 Montague Rd, Leverett
Erving Public Library
2 Care Drive, Erving

Shutesbury Elementary School
23 W Pelham Rd
Shutesbury

We love our local libraries!



Erving Elementary School
28 Northfield Rd
Erving

JUNE

CNC Programs will be on break from June 17th - July 5th.



QR Code Registration

Contact the Community Network for Children. 413-422-0170 call/text budine@erving.com Most programs are drop-in with registration optional. Special events marked with an * require registration. <https://form.jotform.com/212215759871158>
Please note: Ongoing programs may not occur during school vacations or holidays. Please check the schedule! If inclement weather is a concern, contact CNC, check Facebook or the CNC Website for info.



COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN

Find us on



Hitchcock Center
EDUCATION FOR A HEALTHY PLANET



HOW THINGS MOVE IN NATURE

Registration Link

<https://form.jotform.com/212215759871158>



Children and their adult companion will discover all the wonderful ways that nature's creatures get around- flying, hopping, slithering, and crawling. We will observe how insects fly and climb, how worms wriggle, turtles crawl, seeds move and more. This program encourages learning through movement, singing, crafts, games, and stories!

Registration required as space is limited.

Questions? Contact CNC 413-422-0170 CALL/text.

5 Programs!



week 1

APRIL 18th @10am
WORMS!

M.N. Spear Memorial Library,
10 Cooleyville Rd,
Shutesbury

week 2



APRIL 25th @ 4pm
SNAILS!

Leverett Library,
85 Montague Rd., Leverett

week 3



JULY 15th @10:30am
LITTLES LOCOMOTION!

Erving Public Library,
2 Care Dr, Erving

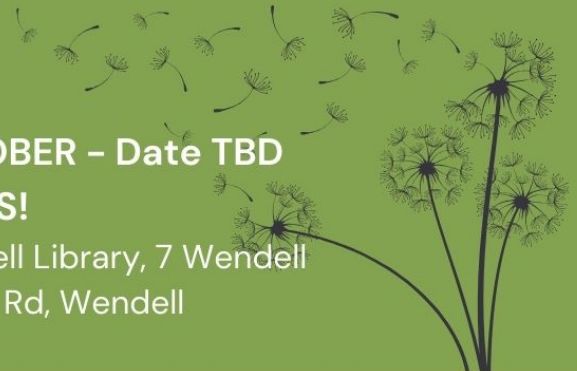
week 4



SEPTEMBER - Date TBD
TURTLES!

New Salem Public Library
23 S. Main St, New Salem

week 5



OCTOBER - Date TBD
SEEDS!

Wendell Library, 7 Wendell
Depot Rd, Wendell



New Salem Public Library
23 South Main Street, New Salem, MA 01355
978-544-4334



M. N. Spear
Memorial Library

WENDELL
FREE
LIBRARY



This program is a collaboration of the following Local Cultural Council grants from Erving, Leverett, New Salem, Shutesbury and Wendell and supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council program and our local libraries. The Union 28 Community Network for Children program, funded in part by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to the Union #28 Schools by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, also provided support for this collaboration

ERVING FAMILY PLAYTIME

@Erving Elementary School, 28 Northfield Rd



LAST CHANCE!

JOIN US!

SUNDAY - APRIL 7TH (LAST ONE!)

10AM - 11:30AM

- **FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY**
- **FUN LADYBUG ACTIVITIES, STORY TIME & FREE KITS FOR CHILDREN THREE-YEARS OF AGE & UP FROM WGBH'S WORK IT OUT WOMBATS!**
- **SNACK**



REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED BUT THOSE REGISTERED WILL RECEIVE NOTICE OF CHANGES:

[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/212215759871158](https://form.jotform.com/212215759871158)

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THIS PROGRAM IS ORGANIZED BY FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN A *FAMILIES FIRST LEADERSHIP PROJECT* WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

CNC Family CAFE

FOR FAMILIES WITH
YOUNG CHILDREN

Free Child care &
Pizza Dinner if
you register prior
to the event!



Scan the QR
Code to Register
for this FREE
Event



LAST ONE FOR THE SPRING!

April 8 - Creating Family Goals: Learn how to develop and execute goals for you as a parent, and for your family as a whole. Take some time to reflect on how you would like your family to grow and work together toward a common goal. Share your ideas and plans with other parents, and learn from each other's parenting successes.

- **6:00PM DINNER**
- **6:30-7:30PM DISCUSSION & CHILD CARE**

HELD AT THE SHUTESBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 23 W PELHAM RD. SHUTESBURY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PIZZA, GOOD COMPANY AND A
WELL DESERVED BREAK!

CARE GIVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RELAX, MEET OTHER PARENTS
AND SHARE IDEAS.

OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE POSITIVE PARENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS, AND PROVIDE FAMILIES WITH A SUPPORTIVE AND EMPOWERING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

CONTACT CNC WITH QUESTIONS @ BUDINE@ERVING.COM OR CALL/TEXT 413-422-0170



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