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**Aloha News**

**March is Reading Month Kick-Off!!!**

This year’s theme for March is Reading Month is “WILD About Reading!” There are many fun activities planned for this month; a copy of the activity schedule can be found in your child’s Mail Folder. Some of these activities are school related but some will require advance preparation at home (bring a hat for hat day). This month, look for weekly newsletters to help provide

additional information on the activities

 for the week!

Invitations went home last week, inviting Grandparents to come into the classroom and read to students. If your child was unable to have a grandparent participate because of short notice, there are plenty of other opportunities throughout the month, just let us know!

Spotlight on Writing is scheduled for 2:00 on Friday. If you child’s writing will be in the “spotlight” this month, you will receive an invitation to attend.

**Schedule Changes & Writing**

**We made some revisions to our daily schedule, allowing more time for group and individualized support. Because of the change in our schedule, Writing Workshop is now from 10:30 – 11:30. Currently, students are working on Research Papers during writing time, so I won’t need any volunteers for the month of March.**

**Academic Updates:**

Math: Addition & Subtraction Number Stories;

 Trade-First Subtraction

Science: The Water Cycle

Writing: Animal Research Papers

Social Studies: Economics Wrap-Up

Spelling Focus:

 \*us \*three \*our \*better

 \*hold \*buy \*funny \*warm

 \*ate \*full \*those \*done

**Send in those BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION! We’re competing in a contest to collect the most Box Tops!**

**March Is Reading Month Activities-at-a-Glance!**

**This Week:**

Tuesday (3/6) – Grandparents Gone Wild

Wednesday (3/7) – Hat Day

 (wear your favorite character hat to school)

Thursday (3/8) – Safari Snack Day

 (see separate note in your child’s Mail Folder)

Friday (3/9) – Spotlight on Writing Assembly

**Fifth Disease**

**Several students in OUR class have had this illness over the last couple of weeks. Fifth’s Disease is very hard to diagnose, as the symptoms appear as an ordinary cold. If your child complains of not feeling well, please monitor his/her temperature and avoid sending a sick child to school. Additional information can be found on the back of this newsletter.**

