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## STAFF TIDBIT

Sherri McCaw has taught for 24 years—17 years in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 1 year in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and 6 years in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She has four children ranging in age from 20 to 30. She also has a beautiful granddaughter that is almost 3 years old and another grandbaby on the way. She spends most of her weekends going to her youngest daughter's college softball games.

## PARENT POINTERS

Please help your child study the multiplication facts. Knowing the facts will enable your child to be more successful in learning new concepts.

Also, please encourage your child to read a minimum of 20 minutes each night. This will ensure that he/she will meet the Reading Counts half-goal and six weeks goal on time each grading period.

Furthermore, please ensure that your child studies for vocabulary tests in reading, math, and science.

## MARCH

- March 2—Early Dismissal
- March 3- 5<sup>th</sup> Reading Benchmark
- March 7-11 – Spring Break
- March 14-17—4<sup>th</sup> Writing Blitz
- March 14-24-5<sup>th</sup> Reading/Math Blitz
- March 18– Spring Pictures
- March 22-23—TELPAS testing
- March 25—Holiday
- March 29—4<sup>th</sup> Writing STAAR  
5<sup>th</sup> Math STAAR
- March 30—5<sup>th</sup> Reading STAAR

## CLASSROOM CONNECTION

**READING:** Fourth graders will be evaluating and analyzing prior skills. The students will build stamina with different genres of literature.

Fifth grade students will be reviewing various skills in preparation for the upcoming STAAR test.

**SCIENCE:** Fourth graders will be studying adaptations and ecosystems.

Fifth graders will be revisiting all life and physical science concepts previously taught.

**MATH:** Fourth graders will be working on solving problems involving measurement, including time, length, perimeter and area.

Fifth graders will be reviewing all skills previously taught in preparation for the STAAR test in April .

**WRITING:** Fourth graders will be putting the polishing cloth to expositories this month! While writing, they will continue using the editing process to find and fix mistakes, and they will use the How and Why Café to refine their papers.

Fifth grade students will be working on expository writing, adverbs, and prepositions.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Fourth grade students will continue studying about Texas history and government.

Fifth graders will be studying inventions, New Americas, big business, and cowboys.

## WHAT IS A BLITZ?

A blitz at Northside involves extensive instruction in a specific subject in order to review concepts that have been taught. The instruction includes learner centered reviews, stations, and games. The goal of a blitz is to elevate every student's achievement so they can be successful on the STAAR test.



SPRING BREAK

MARCH 7-11

## SPRING BREAK THINGS YOU CAN DO

- Go to the Rusk County Library
- Visit the Depot Museum
- Visit the Oil Museum at Kilgore College
- Read a book
- Play Yahtzee or dominoes
- Go to the cemetery across from the middle school and learn about early Henderson residents