Good afternoon! I cannot believe that we are closing in on the last two months of school. We have much more to learn before we can say that the year has come to an end. We will also be completing our final benchmarks using Aimsweb Plus and MAP to provide the data that will help us to move forward with the necessary instructional needs for our students to start this upcoming year. Third through Fifth graders will also be taking the NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) which has taken the place of the former NeSA online test. This still will be in the areas of math and reading. Science will be included for fifth grade only. We will begin testing Tuesday, April 10th and conclude April 25th for the NSCAS.

**School Climate Survey:** Our school benefits from a very supportive community with strong parent involvement. Because continuous improvement is a large part of our mission, we are seeking your input in order to help us ensure strong student achievement and a positive culture that enhances learning for all. Please take a few minutes prior to Monday, April 16, 2018 to follow the link and participate in our school climate survey. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school.  <https://goo.gl/4fKf5k>

**Battle of the Books:** Battle of the Books district battle will take place this Monday, April 2nd.  Parents and guests should meet in the Sagewood Media Center.  Opening announcements will begin at 3:45.  Our first battle will begin at 4:00.  This is a double elimination battle.  Parents, if you do not plan to attend, please have rides available for your child when he/she has finished their battles.

**Reading Logs:** Incentive Reading for March is quickly coming to an end.  Student reading logs will be due on Friday, April 6th.​ The winning grade level theme day will be Thursday, April 12th. April will be our last month of reading.  Keep reading, Sagewood!

**Tech Tips for Building Newsletters – April 2018**

***Parental Controls***

Did you know you are able to limit your student’s access to websites, email contacts or even control the time of day and the duration in which they use the computer? By creating different user profiles and customized parental controls on your home computer you can help make sure your child is viewing age-appropriate content.

***Apps Parents Should Know—Snapchat and photo saving apps***

Snapchat is an app that allows users to send pictures, videos and short captions to friends 10 times faster than (mms) text messaging. The app allows the sender to determine when the message will expire (up to 10 seconds). Users have the option to send a “snap” to one person or a group of people. Once a message is viewed, it will disappear and cannot be retrieved again. However, the person receiving the ‘snap’ has the ability to take a screenshot of the photo and save it directly to their device. It is important to understand that even though a message may expire, there is no guarantee a photo will not be re-distributed by the receiver. Several new apps have been created to quickly save Snapchat photos before they expire. Apps like MirrorGo (Android), ScreenRecorder (iOS), and Snap Saver save photos and videos without notifying the sender. Bottom line—never assume a Snapchat picture or video is temporary or private.

**APRIL DATES:**

2nd District Battle of the Books

6th March Reading Logs Due

7th DI tournament @UNK

19th Kdg. Music Concert at 6PM

 1st grade Music Concert at 7PM

20th InService Day

25th Mid Quarters go home

30th PTO meeting 6:30 PM

**NEWS FROM PTO:**

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:**Teacher Appreciation week is next week!  A note should have been sent home with each student and your room coordinator should have sent an email with some of your teacher’s favorites!  To participate is easy.  Each day we encourage your children to show their teachers they care.

MONDAY:  Bring a fresh flower to brighten your teacher’s day

TUESDAY:  Bring your teachers a favorite snack or drink

WEDNESDAY: Write your teacher a nice note or email

THURSDAY:  Bring a special item for the classroom

FRIDAY:  Wear your teacher’s favorite color

**SPRING CARNIVAL:** Information pertaining to this year’s Spring Carnival will be coming home soon!  Please save the date of Friday, May 4th from 6-8 for a night of Family Fun!