

THE ACADEMIC LINK

LINKING STUDENTS TO LEARNING & PARENTS TO RESOURCES

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

TAL CLOSED: The Academic Link is closed for President's Day, Monday, February 18th. We are having classes Tuesday through Thursday this coming week.

EXCITING FIELD TRIP: We are going to a fun, historical, and ecologically significant place in South Florida on the edge of the Florida Everglades. Our students will enjoy an airboat ride as well as a swamp buggy tour and finally a critter show. Billie Swamp Safari is a rustic place so dress accordingly; tennis shoes, closed toe shoes are going to be best. I would recommend bug spray incase the weather is warmer than it has been this weekend. A hat and sunglasses are a good idea. **REMEMBER:** bring your lunch AND water! Also remember to bring your payment to Mrs. Herath on Tuesday if you have not already.



Swamp Buggy Ride at Billie Swamp Safari.

THANK YOU! Thank you to all the moms who came and took over for our lunch and recess times so that the teachers and I could have a meeting! We SO APPRECIATED IT! A special thank you to Mrs. Strand for providing lunch! We also thank the Amador family for providing pizza for our Valentine's Day Party! What a nice surprise!

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CALENDAR & EVENTS

President's Day—TAL IS CLOSED	2/18
Friday Sessions in March	3/1, 3/8, 3/15
Easter Pancake Breakfast	3/21
Sea World Field Trip—see Mrs. Herath for details	3/22

FEBRUARY 17, 2013

Special points of interest:

- * We had a super Valentine's Day party! We has several categories for decorated Valentine's Day boxes and happy winners. The ice cream sundae was the best! Thank you parents!!
- * Complete registration packets will be available Tuesday, February 19th. Registration form was emailed last week. Hard copy will be in the packet.

UTILIZING RESOURCES; EASTER BREAKFAST; READING

Our students have some great learning resources at their disposal so encourage them to use them. Students should be using their Mathletics subscription daily. It is a proven method to increase skills. Raz-kids and BrainPop are easy to utilize and good for all subjects. Sheppardsoftware.com

is great for geography games and learning maps. Most students have Inspiration or Kidspiration on their laptops, a super tool for many activities such as mind mapping, writing, organizing, taking notes, vocabulary, etc.

Teachers will be providing a pancake breakfast for students

on the 21st. We do this to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Many students do not have the required reading books needed for the current reading selection. Please check with your child or Mrs. Taylor to make sure your child is prepared.