Spring has sprung at Saguaro and our students have blossomed so much since the beginning of the year. This month, they will be testing to show all that they have learned. We are confident that they will do great and focus on performing at their personal best! This year students will take a paper based assessment in lieu of the computerized assessment. Testing for grades 3-5 begins on April 2 for the Writing portion, April 3 is Reading 1, Math 1, and April 4 is Reading 2, Math 2. Please do your best to ensure students arrive on time and are not checked out early on these days. All fourth grade students will be taking the AIMS Science test on the computer. Testing dates are April 8 for Mrs. Ulrich’s class and April 9 for Mrs. Bates’s class.

During April, it is very important that students are present at school. Please be sure to schedule any doctor and dentist appointments after the school day has ended. The tests are not timed and students are able to work all day, if that is what they need. In addition to being present, it is important that students are fed and get an ample amount of sleep prior to the testing sessions. We want to make sure that our students have the best chance for success! Breakfast is always free for all students and breakfast will be served in the classroom for the classes who are testing each day. Teachers appreciate donations of classroom snacks during testing as well.

Saguaro Annual School Carnival will take place on April 12, from 5:00-7:00! We will have many games for the family to enjoy and our photo booth will be up with photos for purchase. Concessions will be available and we will have many items available for raffle. Each grade level will be putting together two baskets, and many local businesses have already donated items and gift cards for the raffles as well.

Save the Date! Administrative Assistant’s Day (Secretary’s Day) is Wednesday, April 24. Please stop by the office to thank Ms. Karen, Ms. Joan, Ms. Pam and Ms. Diana for all they do for everyone at Saguaro. Staff Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Teacher Appreciation Day is Tuesday, May 7. Our teachers and staff work so very hard for our students. School Nurse Day is Wednesday May 8 and we are sure that Ms. Escalante and Mrs. Torres would appreciate a quick thanks for all they do. We are sure staff would love for you to drop by to thank them personally or send a note or token of appreciation to school with your child. Let’s work together to make sure that all of our staff feel the LOVE!

Cелиe Downey-Foye, Saguaro Principal
We would like to thank all the parents that attended conferences. We love to share all the great things that our kindergarten students are learning and it is always nice to meet with families. The kindergarten teachers are so proud of all the growth we have seen this year. Kindergarten Kids ROCK!!

April brings lots of fun and busy activities! We will have the Saguaro carnival to help raise money for the PTU and student activities. This will be a fun filled night for all. Kindergarten teachers will run the Treasure Hunt booth and the Duck Pond! Please consider donating items for raffle prizes or large bags of candy.

We will be preparing for our final DIBELS benchmark this month. It is very important that the students are doing their homework and practicing the letter naming each night. We continue to send home small paper reading books for the students to read and have a parent sign their reading log.

Mrs. Purden  Mrs. Thomas

We hope everyone had a relaxing spring break. April is a busy month for first grade. This is the last month the students have to practice nonsense words and reading fluently before the last DIBELS test in May. The end of the year goal for DIBELS is to successfully read 47 words on their own in 1 minute. Please help your child meet this goal by reading nightly and encouraging them to practice the reading strategies they have learned at school. We will be learning all about the life cycles of butterflies, frogs, and plants this month as well.

In math, we will begin learning about time to the hour and half hour, adding and subtracting double digit numbers, measurement, and geometry.

Thank you for all your support!

Mrs. Ellsworth  Mrs. Brown  Mrs. Hoffman

It’s April! The school year has flown by us! We have enjoyed working with your child and watching them learn and grow. In reading, we are beginning unit 5 Let’s Make a Difference. Our big idea is “how can people make a difference?” In math, we are working on measurement, data, time, reviewing 2nd grade standards previously taught, and previewing some third grade skills. Thank you for all of your support so far this school year. We appreciate our parents!!! Enjoy the spring!

Mrs. York  Mrs. LaVoo  Ms. McCoy
Make Way for Amazing April!

First and foremost we’d like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, and guardians for attending your child’s conference. It was a great pleasure seeing all of you supporting your child’s education; it shows your child just how much you care for them.

It is that time again! AzMERIT testing begins Tuesday, April 2nd and goes through Thursday, April 4th. It is very important that your child is at school on those dates. Also, during testing it is imperative that your child gets a good night’s rest.

In reading this month, we will continue reading about ideas we can get from nature as well as learn how animals adapt to challenges in their habitat.

In math, we continue to discover perimeter, area, volume, and the metric measurement.

Writing will be a bit rigorous, as your child will focus on how to write poems, research report on a desert animal, and narrative essays.

Thank you for your support and all that you do for your child.

Ms. Abriani  Mrs. Nagore  Mrs. Whitmer

The month of April will bring State Testing to our 4th grade classroom. It is important that our students get enough sleep, so that they will do their best on the tests. Make sure that your students are on time every day to school, as it is important for them not to miss any instruction time. Our students will need to have a good breakfast before class every day and it is fine if they eat at home and at school. We need to fuel their brains to help them do their best work. Try to send a healthy snack each day for your student. Usually by 9:30 they are very hungry and cannot focus on their class work.

On April 23, fourth grade will be going to the “Arizona Science Center” for a field trip. We are in need of pencils and Kleenex.

Mrs. Ullrich  Mrs. Bates

The fifth grade will be working on a project for the upcoming Saguaro Showcase. We are looking for donations of supplies:

- Large pieces of cardboard
- Tissue paper in dark green, light green, yellow, red, pink brown
- Newspaper
- Flour
- Gallons of Elmer’s Glue
- Gallon and half gallon milk and bleach bottles
- Yellow paint
- Green paint
- Brown paint
- Green 2 liter soda bottles (Sprite, 7-up, Ginger Ale)

Mrs. Baker  Mrs. Gibby  Mr. Hoing
Saguaro Attendance Goal:
We are working to have 95% or more of our students here every day all year long.

REMINDER: Boys and Girls Club’s last day at schools as well as the main branch is May 17th. They will be closed to get ready for summer programs. Students will need an alternate place to go or another way home the last week of school, May 20-22.

Every Friday at Saguaro School
You may wear a hat and/or bring a stuffed animal for $1 each

*WEAR A HAT*
*BRING A STUFFED ANIMAL*
(Stuffed animal should fit in student’s backpack)

EACH ACTIVITY IS $1 AND THE PAYMENT IS FOR THAT DAY ONLY.

Champions is the best place to spend summer break! Play, learn, and discover with hands-on activities, local field trips, and fun themes all summer long. Breakfast and lunch provided by Casa Grande School District and afternoon snacks by Champions.

SIGN UP TODAY!
For more information visit DiscoverChampions.com or call Nicole Johnson at 602-245-2983

STUDENT ABSENCES & TARDIES
Please call the office the day that your child is absent or send a note with your child the day following the absence. If your child will be arriving late or leaving early due to a doctor or dental appointment, please get an excuse from their office. Having the note from their office is the only way that the absence will be excused.

If your child’s going home procedure has changed, please call the office prior to 2:00 PM.

Parents must come in the office to sign students in when arriving after 8:00 AM.

Students who are still waiting to be picked up at 3:00 PM will be brought in to the office. Parents must sign them out in the office.

School Number: 836-7661
Fax Number: 836-1581
School hours are 7:55-2:45