It was reported the groundhog saw his shadow today so I guess that means we are in for six (6) more weeks of winter.

We just completed meeting with the district office cabinet regarding our CIPP (Continuous Improvement Planning Process) this past week. I am very pleased and happy to report that our team leaders did an outstanding job presenting our current academic progress. The purpose of a CIPP supportive review is to celebrate the success we are having with student academic growth and to identify specific strategies to help meet the needs of all our students. Some of these strategies include after school math and reading academies and intensive reading interventions by Abby Dalbeck, our reading specialist. We utilize a variety of assessment data to measure our progress. These may include the DRA, levels tests and classroom based assessments.

I am very pleased with the progress our students are making and our staff is doing a wonderful job meeting the needs of all of our students.

Sunnyslope students went all out on Friday, February 3rd, to celebrate Seattle’s first visit to the Superbowl. It was great to see faces painted, hair colored, and a stream of blue and green! Our students and staff had a great time celebrating this special event. As you probably know, Seattle was not able to win the Superbowl but we sure had a great time supporting our state team.

I had the honor of presenting Mikey Carlson and the entire fifth grade class an award recognizing their efforts to help hurricane victims in Mississippi. Mikey spent three (3) weeks in Mississippi with his grandfather, Mike Babst, helping rebuild the Turkey Creek Head Start Center. Mikey was able to present the center with a check for $624 which was all donated by his fifth grade classmates. This was so appreciated by the Head Start Center that they sent a touching letter of thanks and a framed photo of Mikey presenting this check. I’m sure this will be an unforgettable experience for Mikey. We appreciate he and his grandfather’s sacrifice to help those most in need.

Registration for kindergarten will begin on March 20th and is on-going until the first day of school. You will need up to date immunizations, copy of birth certificate, and proof of residence.
“A WHACKY WORLD”

The second and third grades will be having their musical performance on February 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. They have been visiting different continents in music class this year and are learning about instruments that you “whack”.

SPELLING BEE TIME!

Good luck to Austin Angerstein and Anna Johnson who will represent Sunnyslope in the 4th Grade District Spelling Bee at Washington School this week. Rhett Cline and Makai Aguigui will be representing Sunnyslope in the 5th grade Bee at Lincoln Elementary School. We will keep you updated on the outcome.

APPLE BLOSSOM MUSICAL

This year the musical is “Beauty and the Beast”. We are so excited that one of our second grade teachers, Shawna Hawkins, was cast for the lead role as ‘Belle’. It will run for three (3) weeks and will begin the last week of April. Tickets will be on sale the middle of March. It is sure to be a sell out so get your tickets early. Way to go Mrs. Hawkins!

MATH ACADEMY

By: Shayne Wrzesinski

Mathematicians Hard at Work!

For the past 4 weeks the day has not ended at 2:45 for some students, they have been working hard until 4:30. What are they doing? Well, they are turning into extraordinary math students! Math Academy is an after school program that provides extra math support for students while preparing them for the WASL. The students participate in a variety of activities and learn how to score their own work against the same standards as the WASL. We currently have 22 fourth graders and 18 fifth graders attending. The students are learning so much and seem to really enjoy the class. The first session ends in two weeks and we will begin a Reading Academy for 4th and 5th grade students and a Math Academy for 3rd graders! We are very lucky to have this opportunity at Sunnyslope.