March is Reading Month (MIRM) started today with a kickoff of our theme – BURNS PARK PENGUINS LOVE TO READ with a focus on storytelling! Our month-long reading celebration activities were introduced at two school assemblies (K-2 and 3-5), where the students were captivated by the stories told by Laura Raynor, resident storyteller at the Ann Arbor District Library.

This packet includes two copies of a Penguin Book Review and two copies of a Storyteller Penguin. As your child reads a book this month at home, he or she will fill out the information requested on each Penguin Book Review, and he or she will write original stories on the Storyteller Penguin (feel free to help younger children with these activities and pictures tell a story as well). The Penguins will be turned in at the box outside of the library and will then "march" around the school!

Each class will be studying one or more authors chosen by your child’s teacher. During the month, the halls and classrooms will be decorated with information regarding these authors and everyone is welcome to enjoy an “Authors Walk” through the school!

We will continue our tradition of having “Fun Fridays” during March (see the left column and enclosed calendar for the weekly themes). The calendar also includes fun reading suggestions for each day of the month.

QUESTIONS?
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We will have morning trivia questions, to be read over the PA system at 9:00am each day. Bubba Bear will visit the winners each day!

Please look for more information in the Burns Park Press on the Scholastic Book Fair being held this month (see dates at left column).

The Read-a-Thon will be held on Friday, April 1st. As a celebration of the reading done during the month, the entire afternoon will be dedicated to reading. More details will come home later in the month.

Please encourage your child to submit as many Penguin Book Reviews and Storyteller Penguins as they would like and decorate them with colors and pictures to make the “March of the Penguins” at Burns Park Elementary visually spectacular! More will be available in the Library and on the website. The Penguins are teal and grey this year - Burns Park school colors!

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