

**Creekside  
Intermediate**

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## What's Happening at Creekside?

April is here! Only 2 more months of school! Yeah! But first...TAKS and SDAA testing! We will be testing the week of the 17th through the 20th. All grade levels will be taking reading and math, and 8th graders will also have a science and social studies test as well. Make sure students get a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast so they can work to their full potential!

On Friday, April 20th, we will be celebrating the end of testing with a school

dance. Tickets will go on sale soon. The dance will be from 7-9 pm.



Also happening in April is another field trip. Read the column below for more information on our trip to Moody Gardens!



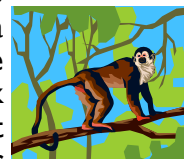
Summer will be here before we know it, but please remind your students to keep working hard. Make sure homework is being completed and that they are studying for tests. We can't slack off just yet! Let's keep up the good work and strive for excellent grades on those report cards at the end of May!



## Fieldtrip to Galveston

On Monday, April 23rd, we will be taking a fieldtrip to Moody Gardens to visit the Rainforest Pyramid. We will also be having lunch at the Rainforest Café. Science and lan-

guage classes will be trying rainforest related information into lessons. Take a trip to the library to check out books about the rainforest or



watch some exciting shows to prepare yourself for our fun day! All permission slips and money are due now!








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## Schedule of Events

- 6th—Good Friday/No school
- 8th—Easter
- 12th—Ben’s Birthday
- 17th—TAKS/SDAA
- 18th—TAKS/SDAA
- 19th—TAKS/SDAA
- 20th—TAKS/SDAA
- 23rd—field trip to Moody Gardens and the Rainforest Pyramid

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7
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## From the Desk of Ms. Traynor

We have finished our novels! The projects turned out wonderfully! We had a great time reading and discussing the books...I can't wait to do it again next year!

Units 9 and 11 in our Language! Program are moving right along. We are having a blast learning about different types of bugs and everything related to the wind. We have been working on past progressive verbs, like "was walking and were running." We've been practicing combining our subjects, predicates and whole sentences to make our writing more fluent. We still have a ways to go before the end of

each unit, but I am confident we will be able to finish them before the end of school.

In two weeks we will be having the TAKS/SDAA tests. We have been working hard to prepare for the reading test and I know each student is going to do their best. Read as much as possible with your students within these next two weeks asking them comprehension questions about what you read. Help them to understand what they are reading. Discuss vocabulary words. The students will do great on the test, but every little bit of practice can help them to do even better!



### New Homework

Starting this week, new vocabulary homework will be sent home. A packet consisting of 4 pages will be sent home every Monday and will be due at the end of the week. A short quiz will be given every Friday. This will continue up until the last week of school.

## From the Desk of Mrs. Myers

37 MORE DAYS OF SCHOOL!!!!!! It is moving fast!

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> period science:

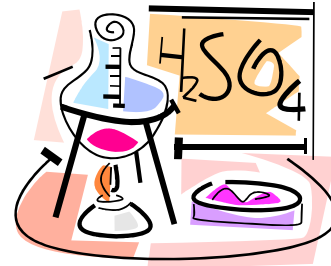
We are discussing the weather. We are learning about the moon and how the tide is related to the pull of gravity. I am planning to have a test over the chapter Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The next week will be SDAA week. The last week of April we will start to do some fun activities with things we have learned throughout the year in order to get ready for the end of the year test. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders do not take a science TAKS test.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> period science:

In 2<sup>nd</sup> period we just took a test over the digestive system and the students did awesome on it. We will continue learning about other human systems throughout April.

In 5<sup>th</sup> period we are finishing up weather and working on physics and Newton's 3 laws of motion. The students need to bring in a one or two liter bottle in order to make a bottle rocket. They need it in no later than April 4<sup>th</sup>. If they do not bring in a bottle, they do not get to do the lab.

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### Language:

We are practicing our reading comprehension skills this month to be extra ready for the SDAA that is coming in 2 weeks. Please read at home with your children and ask questions about the story being read. The more exposure to reading, the better readers they will become.

## From the Desk of Mr. Porche

Only 2 months to go and summer will be here before we all know it. The students have been working so hard and preparing for the TAKS testing, which is in 3 weeks. They have a lot of ground to cover but my hopes are that the students would understand the material rather than not memorizing the material. It makes a huge difference in knowing how to do the work and just remembering the work.

In Math, the students have been working on various problems such as range, mean, median, and mode. There are other problems such as pictorial models such as parallel, perpendicular, and intersections. Of course, the most important of all, word problems. There is a lot more that has already been covered and I strongly believe that the students are well pre-

pared for the test. I have confidence in them.

For Social Studies, we have covered Ancient India as I previously mentioned that we would start after the 9 weeks. We just recently completed Ancient China and the kids have been fascinated with the Chinese culture such as food, clothing, customs, and the fables that have been told in China. The students have improved so much with their understanding of fact and fiction, which is especially important in history.

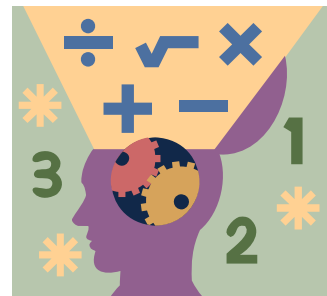
I want to inform you that I have been selected by a committee of The Climate Project and 1000 people from all over the nation have been selected. I will be attending the work-

shop on April 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> in Nashville, TN and will personally be trained by several scientists, environmentalists and Al Gore himself. It is a wonderful opportunity for me to attend and learn different perspectives of global. I am looking forward to sharing the information and my experience with the students.

I hope many of you have a great Easter and please contact me at [bporche@ccisd.com](mailto:bporche@ccisd.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Bradley Porche, M.S.



## Check out some of these cool facts about the rainforest to prepare for our fieldtrip!



An area of a rainforest the size of a football field is being destroyed each second.



Giant bamboo plants can grow up to 9 inches a day!



Some rainforest monkeys are omnivores, eating both plants and animals.



More than 2,000 different species of butterflies are found in the rainforest.



Flying animals of Asian rainforests include frogs, squirrels and snakes.



80% of the flowers in the Australian rainforests are not found anywhere else in the world.



1 out of 4 ingredients in our medicine is from rainforest plants.



In the moist rainforests of South America, sloths move so slowly that algae are able to grow in their fur.