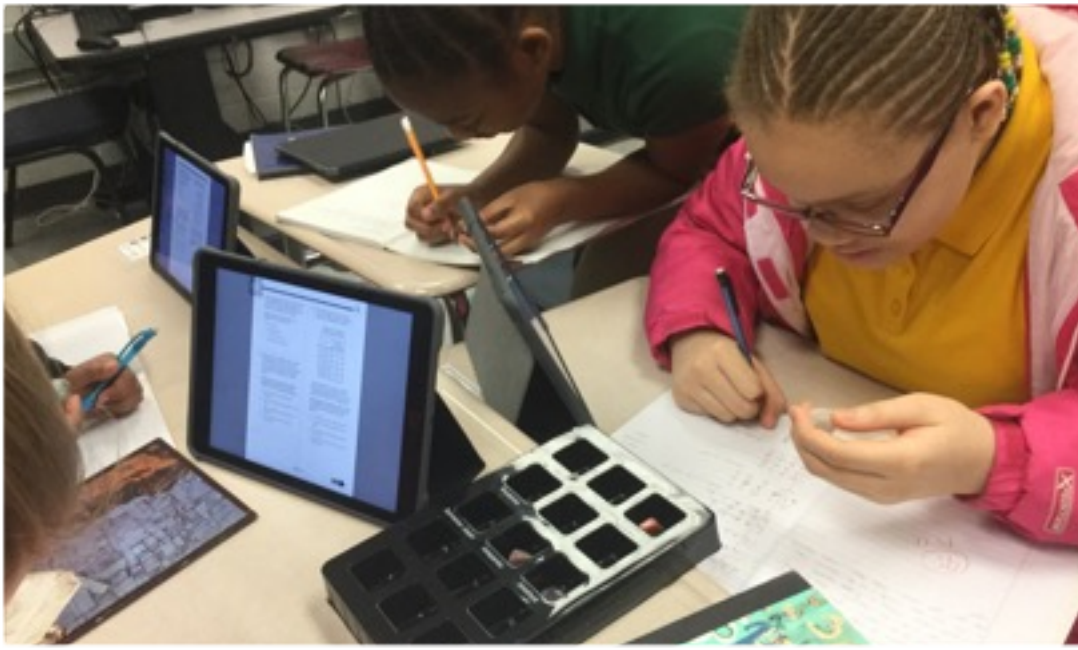


Sherard Elementary

I am a Sherard Dragon.



Students in Mrs. Phillip's class study the characteristics of rocks and minerals.

Sherard Scientists

The Mississippi Science Test will be held in May for 5th grade.

The Mississippi Science Test is an assessment taken in grades 5 and 8 to gauge what students have mastered within the science framework.

The MST2 is made up of multiple-choice test questions ranging from easy to difficult. Mississippi teachers were involved with the creation of the items on the assessments.

Students in the fifth grade at Sherard Elementary work daily using the Science Fusion curriculum and hands-on activities to prepare for the state test. This also gives them the opportunity to experience science in a “real-world” way.

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Report Cards
January 19



Valentine's Day
February 14



President's Day
February 20



Spring Break
March 13-17

Reading Fair brings books to life at Sherard

Students in all grades showed their love of reading through their boards.

Each year, the Office of Elementary Education and Reading hosts the Mississippi Reading Fair Competition. Students in Pre-K through twelfth grade design boards to showcase their favorite book.

“A successful fair is one in which students enjoy the process of reading, creating a project, and sharing their favorite book, whether individually, with peers or with family members,” said Tenette Smith, Director of the Office of Elementary Education and Reading.



Students at Sherard were able to submit boards as individuals, in groups or as a family. Boards were mandatory for third through sixth graders.

“Reading Fair boards allow students to be creative and show what they really loved about the book they read,” said Kerri Peden, 5th Grade ELA.





MAP Tests

The Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) is designed to measure student achievement on the Mississippi College-and Career-Readiness Standards for reading and math. These tests are used to determine areas of strengths and weakness for individual schools, teachers and students.

Students will be taking their third nine weeks test on March 6 - 10 using Mastery Connect. These tests are great tools for preparation for the MAP assessment.

The state will administer the MAP assessment sometime within the testing window of April 17 and May 19.

"We are working hard every day to prepare for state testing," said Jonnetta Robinson, 6th Grade Math. "Our students will do great!"

STAR Super Stars



Students who showed growth in both Math and Reading on the November STAR tests were invited to the Dragon gym for popcorn and a movie.

Giving Back



Fourth graders went to the Clarksdale Animal Shelter recently to volunteer and learn about what the organization does in our community.

Principal Martin's Message



IT IS OUR VISION TO ENSURE ACADEMIC GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS BY CULTIVATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE TEACHING AND LEARNING, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL STUDENTS' SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING IS OUR **TOP PRIORITY**.

OUR GOAL IS TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WITH YOUR HELP WE PLAN TO DO THAT BY INCREASING OUR STUDENTS LITERACY SKILLS.

There are five areas of reading instruction: Phonemic Awareness (Hearing Sounds); Phonics (Decoding Words), Fluency, Expanding Vocabulary and Comprehension.

Help us expand your child's vocabulary:

1. **Read to your child each day.** When the book contains an interesting word, pause and define it.
2. **Study word parts.** If your child knows the meaning of a root word ("kind"), then he'll know what the new word means when the prefix ("un"/not) or suffix ("ness"/state of being) is added. (unkind, kindness).

Dragon Trainer Spotlight



Second Grade Teacher Julie Anne Knott is currently in her third year teaching, and her first at Sherard Elementary. Mrs. Knott is from Winona, MS and went to Delta State University where she earned a bachelor's in Elementary Education.



Second Grade Teacher Sharon Mitchell is currently in her eighteenth year teaching, and her first at Sherard Elementary. Mrs. Mitchell is from Belzoni, MS and went to Delta State University where she earned a bachelor's in Elementary Education.

A Very Dragon Christmas



Students in the 4th Grade performed "Christmas in Hollis" by Run-D.M.C. during the Christmas program on December 16. Pictured from left: Harrison Clark, Evan Christian, Stoney Gooden, Chance Evans and Miracle Ford.

Our annual Christmas program was a huge success. We want to thank all the teachers, students and parents who helped make it possible.



Buffy Walls, third grade, won a \$75 gift card for selling the most raffle tickets for the PTO fundraiser.



Maliyah Harris, first grade, won a 32" flat-screen television in the the PTO fundraiser.