# News Splash From Prendergast Pond

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#### Odds and Fnds:

**Math:** This week we have been adding 2-digit numbers using an open number line. I am impressed with the level of mathematical understanding, the students have shown using this strategy. See the attached handout for an explanation, or better yet visit our MES webpage, click on math curriculum and watch a 2-minute video about addition with open number lines. You will even hear one of our very own classmates in the video! Here's the direct link: https://sites.google.com/a/mcsink12.org/elementary-math/

**Reading**: For the past few weeks we have been focusing on determining the main idea and supporting details in both fiction and non-fiction texts.

## The Catch of the Week: Spirit Week

Each day next week is an optional dress up day.

**Monday:** Pajama Day

Tuesday: Inside Out Day

**Wednesday:** Crazy Hair / Hat Day

Thursday: Mismatched Day

Friday: Sports Day



## Dates to Remember...

Mon. Mar. 31st Library Books due

**Thu. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>** Spelling Homework due; Spelling Test.

**Fri. Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>** Reading Log Due; March Reading Madness assembly

Spring Break - April 5th-13th

#### Home & School:

As we work on adding and subtracting 2-digit (and later 3-digit) numbers it is becoming increasingly important that you child knows the basic math facts to 20 <u>automatically</u>. Practicing a few minutes at home each night with flashcards will really pay off.