

DECEMBER NEWS

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER:

Remember as we enter the holiday season, please note that school will be closed from December 23 to January 3 for winter break. We encourage you to use this time to enjoy quality family moments and maintain healthy routines. Also with a two-week break, we have a limited number of days in school. Please ensure your child is in school daily to ensure they do not miss instruction.

EVENTS

December 18

2nd Quarter Progress Reports Released Online

December 20

Teacher Planning-3 Hr. Early Dismissal for students

December 23-January 3rd

Winter Break, Christmas Break, New Year's Day

REMINDERS

Have you signed up for ParentVUE?

- ParentVUE is an online tool that you can use to view student assignment grades, progress reports, and report cards.
- If you need to create an account, please contact Ms. Shrouder, in the office, to receive your activation code.
- Please visit [HERE](#) for more information and to create your account.

LEARNING FOCUS

Reading Language Arts

- In reading, students will learn about identifying main topic, retelling key details, compare and contrast events, and identifying the experiences of characters.
- The December phonics focus skills are changing the medial vowel sound, trigraph /tch/, trigraph /dge/, short e and long e vowel sounds, and blending phonemes.
- New Heart Words: your, can, said, there, down, an, come, which, she, do
- The writing focus is on writing a narrative text.

Social Studies

- In social studies, students will be learn how families and cultures are alike and different in many ways, how culture is expressed in various ways, and how technology and communities shape people's lives and affect the way people live.

Math

- In math, we have started a unit on Subtracting within 20.
- Students will represent and solve problems involving subtraction.
- Students use the number line, ten frame, and tape diagram (bar model) to represent subtraction problems.
- Students will work to develop an understanding of the connection between addition and subtraction problems.

Science

- Students will learn how humans can help plants meet their needs by designing and building structures.
- Students will design a solution to solve human problems.





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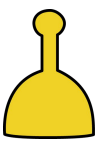
Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.
-Bob Talber

Social Studies At Home

Use Games as Teaching Tools

Plan a family game night. Some of the most popular family board games easily lend themselves to reinforcing social studies concepts. A great start is using Monopoly!

- Monopoly Jr. (ages 5-8) and Monopoly (ages 5 and up) can be used to teach money management, decision making, purchasing, and organization (keeping track of the properties you own). Plus, Monopoly comes in many different versions and themes that can suit anyone's personal preference.



Science At Home

Leaf Chromatography Experiment for Kids

- Collect some leaves.
- Sort the leaves by color in their own separate jars.
- Cut up the leaves into small pieces.
- Add isopropyl alcohol until the leaves are covered.
- Mix the leaves and rubbing alcohol with a plastic spoon.
- Fold a paper towel in half the long way and drape it over the top of the jar with one end of the strip of paper towel submerged in the isopropyl alcohol.
- Watch your paper towels turn different colors, this process can take a while so make sure to give it enough time before concluding the experiment.
- Usually you will start seeing colors on our paper towel within the first few hours, but by



1st Grade At Work

