



BAND BEATS

This has been a really great group of 5th graders! I am so pleased with their development and am excited to see more from them. To make things a bit easier on parents and students, the Elementary Band will perform in the Elementary Christmas program on Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. They are to dress in "Christmas Best" for their performance. Please remember: students should be practicing a *minimum* of 15 minutes per day, 5 days per week. And don't forget to sign those practice charts!



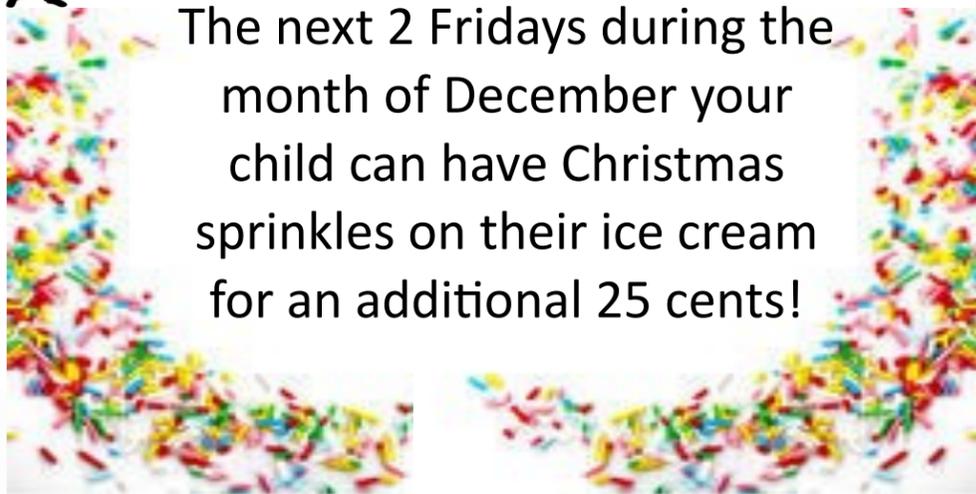
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas concert will be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 7th in Willis Shell Gymnasium. Please join us as we "sing in the holidays".



SPRINKLES

The next 2 Fridays during the month of December your child can have Christmas sprinkles on their ice cream for an additional 25 cents!



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NEWS FROM WYANDOTTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It's the "PRINCIPAL" of the Thing

I cannot believe Christmas is just around the corner and our first semester of the school year is almost over. This year has flown by! The next 15 school days will be very busy with a lot of activities.

- December 1 SW Dairy mobile classroom (Pre-K -2nd)
- December 4 Benchmark testing begins
- December 6 Pictures with Santa(note in folder)
- December 7 Christmas Concert 6:00 in new gym
- December 19 Christmas parties 2:30 in classrooms
- December 19 Last day of semester, begin Christmas break
- January 3 End Christmas break, begin 3rd quarter
- January 15 Professional Development for teachers, no school

In order to keep all of our students safe we would like your help with some procedures for dropping your child off in the morning by the band room. Please pull up to the end of the yellow rope closest to the Pre-K and Kindergarten doors. Your child will need to be on the right side of the car. There will be two staff members there to help your child get out of the vehicle. Do not let your child out of the car unless a staff member opens the door for them. If you need to get out of the vehicle please park in the first row of parking spots. Please be patient as we work on the new procedures. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

Last years Fourth and Fifth grade testing data is coming in. We will send it home as soon as we receive it.



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EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY. DESERVES THE BEST.

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LEARN+ PLAY=PRE-K

In December we will learn about:

Colors: review all (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, brown, black, white, gray)

Counting: 0-20

Letters: Dd, Kk

Math skills: sorting, comparing and patterning

Positional words: in, out

Shapes: review all (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, oval, rhombus, star, heart)

December Birthdays:

Brynlee Brock 12/26

Pre-K Information and Reminders

*Our goal this nine weeks, to earn the bowling party reward, is to be able to name the eight shapes that we have been learning this year (listed above). If your child can do this they will be going bowling in January (date to be announced).

*Remember to check the labels on all food items you bring for snack and parties. If you need assistance please contact your child's teacher.

*Please send your child to school in a warm coat. We go outside for recess every day from 10:15-10:35.

*Christmas program is on December 7 at 6:00pm. We will be singing "I'm Gonna Lasso Santa Claus."

*Christmas Cookbook recipes are due by December 11.

*Pre-K will be hosting "Bear Bash" on December 15 at 8:30 in the old gym.

*Christmas party is on December 19 at 2:25.

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Breaking News: Grade by Grade

KINDERGARTEN

KORNER

Grade card testing has begun. Please make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and that they are here on time each day.

Please continue to work with your child on writing their name and their numbers from 0-20. We appreciate that you are also practicing the sight words with your child.

Our classroom Christmas party will be on Dec. 19th at 2:30 p.m.

Please send a Santa hat for your child to wear during the Christmas program by Dec. 5th. We will put them on as they arrive at the program on Dec. 7th and they will take them home that night.



FUN WITH FIRSTIES

First Grade has really been busy the past month. We have wrapped up addition and subtraction and telling time in Math. This month we will focus on reading and making graphs. Our first graders are really working to become fluent readers. We are focusing on mastering those first 100 sight words and learning new phonics skills each week. We are amazing at literacy skills such as, character and setting, comparing and contrasting and main idea! First grade students are also becoming fabulous writers. We really enjoyed writing about what we were thankful for. We are looking forward to the Christmas Program and have been practicing a special song to perform!

SECOND GRADE SMILES

Welcome back from Thanksgiving break! Hope everyone is well rested. We are getting back into the groove of things by starting double digit addition in math. Please practice those math facts at home if you can. In reading we are going to start Fairy Tales beginning with The Gingerbread Man. In Science we are still discussing the properties of matter. Before we left for Thanksgiving Break we were able to do some hands on experiments with cranberries. The students tested to see if cranberries would float or bounce. We also got to taste test cranberry jello, sauce, dessert bars and a fresh cranberry. The students then voted on their favorite. We also finished up our first big writing assignment for the writing gallery. Each student wrote about what they were thankful for. We were very thankful for our break but glad to be back in the swing of things. There is a lot of things that will be going on for the month of December so please keep a look out for notes in Wednesday Folders. Thanks again parents for all you do!

THIRD GRADE THRILLS

November was a busy month and December is already flying by!

We had a great time learning about The Five Civilized Tribes. Students had to work together in small groups to research their assigned tribe. Once they had adequate information, they worked to create a group diorama to show life in their tribe. It was great to see how they were able to show what they had learned!

We also completed a thankful writing activity. You can expect to see a writing assignment each month. Each class will choose one student's writing to display on our school wide writing wall each time. This month 3rd grade showcased the writing of Miah Burleson, Logan Barker and Eddie Logan.

We are almost halfway through the school year and we have to buckle down on some important things! One of those things is memorizing our multiplication facts. All 3rd graders are required to have their facts memorized. We will be working on them in class but we still have a lot of math standards to learn. That means your child will need to be working on their math facts at home. We will test several times each week. When your student passes a level they will move on. Students will be earning rewards for memorizing math facts, much like rewards for AR goals. We learn our math facts in this order: 0, 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 9, 4, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 12.

December is going to bring more learning and more fun!

FOURTH GRADE FROLICS

November was a very busy month for fourth grade. In reading, we finished our first nonfiction book of the year, Do Tornadoes Really Twist?, which prompted a lot of discussion about tornado safety. We are looking forward to our next book, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, that we should finish up right before the holiday break. We discussed the literal and figurative meanings of metaphors and created illustrations showing the difference. New AR goals were set for the second 9 weeks, and students are working hard to be able to participate in the bowling trip and earn Pizza Hut Book-It coupons for pizzas and Braums Book Buddies stickers for ice-cream treats.

In social studies, we finished our unit on states and capitals, and in science, we are continuing to discuss animal adaptations.

In writing, we created our first five paragraph essay! Students created an introductory paragraph presenting their opinion, three body paragraphs in which they supported their opinion, and a concluding paragraph to restate their opinion, all on the topic "I am Thankful...." We have many thoughtful and appreciative students in Wyandotte!

We are starting division in our math classes. It is vital that students continue to work on their multiplication facts at home. The process of long division is so much easier if the multiplication facts are memorized.

Students attended the Veteran's Day Assembly and sang, "One Nation", with the entire student body to honor local veterans. Students also attended a movie, Cars 3, hosted by the junior class.

We will be making gingerbread houses, a fourth grade tradition, a bit later on in December. We are looking forward to a busy, but exciting month in fourth grade!

FABULOUS IN FIFTH

The year is quickly drawing to a close and we are rushing into the new year.

The news in math is that we are working toward multiplying two digits by two digits. Parents, we need your support! Multiplication facts seem to be very difficult to memorize and most of our students have gaps in what they have memorized from third grade. Please help your student by studying facts that they may be having trouble with!

Fifth grade has been in Art this month. The project has been about kindness. In this project we painted sayings of kindness on rocks that will be placed outside of the administrative office later on in the school year. Kindness has also been a theme in Library and they have been working in conjunction with Art to help us on our kindness phrases.

Students need to continue to work on AR points for the upcoming field trip for bowling. The AR goal has to be met by December 19th.

Reading has been about working on nonfiction text structures such as description, compare and contrast, cause and effect, sequence, and problem and solution. We are also continuing to work on our five paragraph essays.

Science has been about matter. We have modeled the three phases of matter with various projects, such as Cheerios and Oobleck and talked about the physical properties of matter that make one object different from another.

Social Studies has been about the early colonies of America. This week we have been talking about Benjamin Franklin.

Don't forget the Christmas program is coming up on December 7th at 6:00 PM. It's going to be a great program. You won't want to miss it!

