



December Newsletter



Holiday Concert - Your child has been working hard to get ready for a beautiful concert next week! On Wednesday, December 12, students will be performing their holiday concert. The dress rehearsal will be at 2:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to a night filled with music and holiday cheer.

Math - During the months of November and December, your mathematician has been busy with the foundations of multiplication and division. The terms we are working on are multiplication/multiply defined as “groups of”, factors defined as “numbers that are getting multiplied to get a product”, and product is defined as “the answer to a multiplication problem.” They will not be timed tested but we will emphasis the facts to build on the standard that states students should know the facts up to 100. Mathematicians will be working on fact families or turnaround facts. Example $2 \times 5 = 10$, $5 \times 2 = 10$. Throughout this month we will incorporate multiplication and division into problem solving activities which include story problems, games as well as number sentences. At home you can make your own flash cards, play card games, make arrays, write word problems to practice facts. If you’re looking for a fun website to use for math facts, try [Math Playground](#). This site has a wide variety of games about math for grades 1-6. The third grade section is full of great games to practice multiplication and division facts, as well as fractions, graphing, and money.

Literacy- We have just started a literacy unit called Inquiry. The essential question for learning is **How can inquiry solve problems?** Students will understand that the cycle of inquiry can be used to solve problems and that researchers search for answers to their questions to guide their study. In Language Workshop they will discuss books with real people that followed the inquiry cycle to solve a problem in their life. We just finished the book, The Boy That Harnessed the Wind. Ask your child to tell you about it. They loved this story. This unit involves studying how informational text is read and written. The students will explore the various text features (close-ups, cutaways, table of contents, maps...etc..) that authors of informational text use to teach the reader about a topic. Students will also work on the comprehension skill of finding the main idea and supporting details of an informational paragraph. For our writing unit, students will be researching an invention and writing about that invention. They will share their knowledge of this invention with others. We will have a design challenge where they will be creating an invention of their own design.

Social Studies - We have moved onto our second Social Studies unit of the year: Landforms. Students will be learning all about different landforms and creating a fun project showcasing their knowledge.

Discovery World Field Trip



Everyone had a fantastic time at Discovery World! Thank you to the parents who came along to make our day so fun!

Reminders:

December 12 - Report cards are visible on Infinite Campus and math and literacy continuums will be shared via email.

December 12 - Holiday Sweater Day

December 12 - 3rd & 4th Grade Holiday Concert

Rehearsal - 2:30pm

Concert - 6:30 p.m.

December 21 - Holiday Spirit Day

December 22 - January 1 - Winter Break

January 2 - Students return to school.

January 10 - College Sports Day

Please enjoy the break and this special time of year with your child.

We wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season and a Wonderful New Year!

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