

5th Grade December Newsletter

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas Vacation with your families. Family time is so important to the kids. Take some time to be together, play cards, play in the snow, cook meals and eat together without the regular daily pressures. We are blessed to work with these great children, they make every day unique and joyful. Thank you for being such wonderful parents who teach their children to love learning and inspire them to do the best that they can.

Mrs. Blaedow and Mr. Conforti



Important Dates

Decemeber

- 12: Third and Fourth Grade Christmas Concert
- 12: MeadowMart shopping Day
- 13: Report Cards and Learning Continuums are digitally shared
- 13: Holiday Sweater Day
- 17: Culvers Night
- 21: Basket of Facts Project Due - Celebration Day!!
- 21: Optional Gift Exchange at 2:00pm. Sing along at 2:45. Have a happy holiday!

January

- 2: Classes Resume
- 18: Geography Bee

Christmas Party and Gift Exchange (Optional)

The holiday season is here! Friday, December 22nd we will be having (an optional) gift exchange with all the classmates. If you would like to participate, you MUST bring a gift for your gender, and it should be the kind of gift you would enjoy. The price of the gift is \$5 max, and it must be wrapped or in a holiday gift bag. The celebration will start at 2:00pm. If you bring a gift, you will receive a gift.

We are having a Christmas party on Dec 22nd. Students can sign up to bring snacks for the party. The choices for the food are "salty", "healthy", "sweet" and a "drink". We will also need plates and cups. Everyone that signs up can bring the food in the day of the party. Thank you for contributing.

The Basket of Facts Projects

Students are researching, writing, creating and analyzing information to create a “Basket of Facts” about a topic of their interest. Kids are learning about topics ranging from Mount Everest, Ancient Greece, World War 2 Spies, The Berlin Airlift and the White House. They are choosing the 10 most interesting things they can learn about their topics and displaying them in a creative 3 Dimensional way that represents their topic. The figurative “basket” can be constructed at home with parent encouragement and guidance. The writing will be done at school. Students will add their 10 facts to the model. The projects have several due dates that you should monitor with your child along the way.

Social Studies

We just finished up our Biztown economics program. Thank you to all the parents who helped us make our simulation day so successful! We are going to be starting a new unit on Native American cultures. The students will be learning about many different Native American tribes and how they used their surroundings to create homes and farm the land.

Math

Our class started a new unit on volume this week. This is a relatively short unit, and we should finish it up right before the holiday break. I will be sending home the Unit 3 tests on Monday, so please check to see how your child did on that test. We have been doing Ten Marks all year long, and the kids are getting about two classroom assignments each week. Those assignments are due one week after they are assigned, and they help me to see how the kids are doing on those standards. If you don't do so great the first time around, there are problems that can be done to improve your score. This is called an Amplifier. I have been putting these grades into Infinite Campus as formative quiz grades.