

Fourth Grade News

Welcome back! Hopefully everyone enjoyed a wonderful break.

Our next unit of study in Social Studies will be the Southeast Region.

As a part of this study we will learn the states and capitals for this region. Please practice these at home.

Have you seen any cool rocks lately? We will be digging into the interesting world of rocks, minerals, and fossils in our Science units.

As always, continue reading for 20 minutes daily.

Fifth Grade News

Instructions for science showcase, which is the new and improved invention convention, have been sent home with all 5th graders. This project involves investigative procedures. This might be a good project to work on over the holiday weekend. Boards for the investigation will be provided and the project is due January 30th the first day of open house week.

We hope everyone had a most blessed holiday and a very Merry Christmas. Welcome Back!

5th grade teachers

P.E. Newsletter

We have been busy learning new games and sports concepts in our P.E. classes. We have been working on floor hockey, basketball skills and even had a basketball free throw contest with winners in every class.

We are looking forward to our boys and girls going to the Elks Free Throw Contest. As soon as we find out details we will pass this on to our students. Good Luck to all those attending. We had a really fun time playing our favorite holiday game - Decorate the Christmas Tree, a relay game that the students use lots of equipment to decorate another student who is the tree. It is so much fun!

We are studying about nutrition in Health and will be learning so much about the food groups and healthy eating habits. Our goal this year is to concentrate on 5-a-day with lots of colors in our food to help us eat all of the healthy vegetables and fruits.

Welcome Back!

Mrs. King & Mrs. Neasbitt

Counselor's Corner by Carolyn Thomas

This is a fan letter to our Northern Hills Families! I am so fortunate to be able to observe hundreds of random acts of loving kindness and care performed all year long by our wonderful Northern Hills families. Our PTO devotes so much time and energy to making miracles happen all day long, from this terrific newsletter, funds for the staff, our Welcome Center, the Holiday Store, the T-Shirts, the Fun Fest, Hospitality fun for our teachers, our helpful Directory, fabulous Yearbook, exciting Book Fair, Homeroom parents, Media Center helpers, Pup Pal readers, and the fantastic Color, Cut and Copy Crew and countless other things: We could not make it without you!

So many selfless acts are secretly performed for our students.

You need only whisper a need and there are so many generous hands reaching to answer that need. Food, money, clothing, time and kindness is given over and over again. Children without funds are given vouchers for the Holiday Store, T-Shirts, Fun Fest Tickets, Yearbooks, and Book Fair. Anonymous money and gift cards are sent to families in need, and your generosity is overwhelming. My office was overflowing with gifts for our adopted Christmas family. We need only look at Oprah to see the transformative nature of kindness, for she relates her current generosity to an impoverished Christmas when three nuns brought her family food and gifts. Your goodness is a glorious model for your children and they reflect your kindness in their daily lives and their exemplary behavior. As we count our blessings this holiday season, I consider the privilege I have to work with such magnificent families, one of my greatest blessings. Your thoughtfulness and generosity truly blesses us all! I hope your Christmas was filled with joy, and may you and yours enjoy every blessing of this glorious season!

Pre-K

Pre-K will be studying all about Winter when we come back. We will then learn all about bears-reading and pretend. We will talk about hibernation and what that means. We will focus on healthy bodies in conjunction with our Olympic theme for Open House. Then we will move onto dinosaurs. Letters we will introduce and review include W, B, D and G. We will focus on rectangles and the color blue this month. Hope all of you had a wonderful holiday. *Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hickey*

