

We are running a little behind on our schedule due to field trip and practicing for the winter program. This newsletter will reflect everything we will be doing up to winter break. The next newsletter will be December 19th.

Math

All the classes will be working on a cookie math hunt and gum drop math. We will also be working on a STEM Engineering Design book. They will be building a boat, hideout and bridge for the gingerbread man.

Grade 1: Completing Chapter 6-Count and Model Numbers

Grade 2: Completing Chapter 4- 2-Digit Addition

Grade 3: Completing Chapter 10-Time, Length, Liquid Volume and Mass

Language Arts

We plan to finish this unit by making gingerbread cookies. If time permits we will try to make cinnamon, holiday decorations.

Story: *Gingerbread Man*

Genre: Fairy Tales

1st graders

Skill: Plot; Character feelings

Strategy: Recognizing sight words

Phonics: Digraph th

Grammar: Verbs; Proper Nouns

Spelling words: that, then, this, them, with, bath, thick, tenth

2nd graders

Skill: Cookie Retell

Phonics: Long i (i, igh, ie, y)

Grammar: Verbs; Compound words

Vocabulary Strategies: Homophones

Spelling words: night, kind, spy, child, light, find, right, high, wild, July, fry, sigh

3rd graders

Skill: Elements of a story

Phonics: Silent letters kn, wr

Grammar: Commas in a series

Vocabulary Strategies:

Spelling words: itch, wreck, knee, patch, wrap, knot, watch, knife, stretch, write, knew, knock, match, wrong

Chapter Book:

Wednesdays in the Tower by: Jessica Day George

Project: Medieval Times (Middle Ages in Europe)

We are working on our play, *Sword in the Stone*. Each student has a part in the play. If you are not going to be at the Winter Program please let me know ASAP.

Thursday STEM: Engineering Design Book

General Information

Thank you to Jenn, Courtney and Melinda for driving my class to Cedarhurst. It was a fun and fabulous day!

Barnes and Noble Book Fair will be Saturday, December 8th. I will be there reading a story at 9:30 A.M. Will I read Max's Words or Horton Hears a Who? Come find out. We will have on display all of the students persuasive writing regarding CNS outdoor recess. Hope to see everyone there.

Wednesday, December 12 is ugly sweater day. Students can choose to wear their ugliest holiday attire. We will have an all-school assembly at 8:30 A.M.

Winter Program is Thursday, December 13 at Quigley Hall. The program starts at 6:30. I would like all students to be there at 6:15. Remember every student has a part in the play.

Student-led conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, December 19. The sign up sheet is outside the classroom. If this day will not work please contact me and we will set up a different time. Attending the conference is considered 2 days of attendance at school. If you do not attend the conference it is considered 2 days of absence.

Our classroom winter party will be Tuesday, December 18 at 2 P.M. The sign up sheet for special treats is outside the classroom. We will need fruit, veggies with dip, cookies, juice (cups), hot chocolate (I have a special treat for this.) and plates.

REPEATED INFORMATION

The all school song for the Winter Program will be "I Just Can't Wait to be King" from the Disney movie *The Lion King*. We will be practicing every day until the December production. This winter program will be at SIU, Quigley Hall, at 6:30pm. Please let me know if your child will not be there. It is important since our class is doing a play.

The playground is in need of boards for the fort area. If you have access to some and would like to donate please contact Courtney in the office.

Calendar of Events:

December 8: Barnes and Noble Book Fair

9:30A.M.: Ms. Kathy will be reading a story.

December 12: Ugly Sweater Day

December 13: Winter Program 6:30P.M. Quigley Hall SIU

December 19: Conferences

December 20-January 3: No School

January 4: School Resumes

Classroom Wish List

Gallon Ziplocs

Quart Ziplocs