



December/January Newsletter



Happy Holidays from Mrs. Elias

The holidays are among us and I am SO thankful for all of the beautiful days we have had this fall! I encourage our families to spend more time playing board games, watching movies, talking and reading. I challenge you all to take a break from the screen time. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Important Dates/Items to Remember:

- The Christmas Program is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th during the school day. It will be recorded and a link will be provided to families to watch the recording of the program. Student dress for the concert should be nice clothes you would wear to church.
- Band Concert: It will be virtual and looking for it to be posted on December 14 (original concert day).
- Christmas parties will run much like our Halloween parties ran. Parents will not be able to attend the parties, however if you are in charge of games, snacks or goodie bags you can send them prior to the parties that are scheduled for Friday, December 18th. Please remember that drinks and food must be individually packaged from the store and games should allow for social distancing.
- If you know your child/children will be missing school due to an appointment, sending a note prior to that day will help in classroom scheduling. Also, please review the parent/student Handbook for guidelines for homework makeup. Remote learning while we are in-person instructing is utilized only when a family decides to remote learn for the quarter, a child is not present in school due to a positive COVID test or required to quarantine due to a COVID exposure. Please continue to self-certify your child DAILY so we may all remain healthy.
- We will use the following guidelines in determining whether students go outside or stay inside during winter weather for recess: Please have children wear coats to school!
 1. If the temperature is above 32 degrees, students will go outside.
 2. If the temperature is between 25 and 31 degrees, wind chill will be considered before a decision is made to go out or to stay inside.



If the temperature is below 25 degrees, students will remain inside.

This newsletter includes December and January calendars, plus December lunch menu. The January lunch menu will be posted on the website before we return on January 4th so be watching the lunch tab of our website.



L.G.S. Families,

Christmas is a time of giving, sharing and celebration. Please help the 1st Grade class complete our annual "act of kindness" project. Each year I choose a way to teach my students to pay it forward. This year our project will be filling "Blessing Bags". We will fill gallon size Ziploc bags with items from the list below. I will supply the Ziploc bags. I'm hoping if each family could donate one item we could fill quite a few bags!



We plan to organize, sort items and pack bags in class. I will deliver the bags to Kendall and Grundy County Police Departments. Police officers will be handing the bags out to those in need of some "warm wishes" this winter.

If you would rather not shop and feel more comfortable sending in a cash donation I can purchase items for our bags. You can send money in an envelope marked "Blessing Bags" (1st Grade) and I will purchase items we need.

Items we could pack in the bags:

- Gloves
- hand/foot warmers
- granola bars
- small fruit cups (pears, peaches..)
- individually wrapped packages of cheese and crackers
- socks/slipper socks
- travel size deodorant, shampoo, lotion
- Kleenex packets
- Toothbrush & travel size toothpaste
- Chapstick
- Small size water bottles
- Wet Ones (individual packs)
- Hand sanitizer (small bottles)

Please send donations to the office.

- All donations are due by Friday, Dec. 4th.
- First Grade class will sort, organize and pack the bags in class on Wed. Dec. 9th.
- I will deliver our donations on the week of Dec. 14th.



Thank you in advance for your help!
Mrs. Jacobson and the 1st Grade Class

Merry Christmas!

Music News

Hello!

This is just a reminder that this year the Christmas concert will be recorded and a link for it will be posted on the school website after Wednesday, December 16th. The students will be practicing together on Tuesday, December 15th, and recording on Wednesday, December 16th. Students must be at school Wednesday to be in the concert video. Students are encouraged to dress up for the recording but please also keep in mind that they must wear that outfit all day at school. We look forward to performing for you!

Musically,
Mrs. Pfizenmaier



News from the Resource Room

Snowflakes, Hot Chocolate, Snowmen and Sledding... Winter is arriving soon! The school year has been going great in the resource room! My students work hard every day on their goals and make progress. I am so proud of what they have achieved this year. This month we will be working on some fun winter writing activities. My students enjoy writing their own books about a fun subject they enjoy! I encourage all my students to read books at home to earn AR points!

This month my reading small group will be reading WONDER and completing activities along with the book. I think this is a wonderful book to teach students about kindness. We will be presenting posters with some information from WONDER. I enjoy working with many students within the building; it is such a joy to see their progress! I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Thank You,
Ms. Kenney



News from Coach McKinney

The 2020-21 school year has been a little different for all of us!!! The students are doing a great job of taking care of themselves and each other. We are quickly approaching Christmas break...and we all are looking forward to that. Hope everyone has a great holiday season.

In 8th grade Health, we are continuing with our nutrition chapter. The students will take part in a food log project. This project will make us aware of the food we consume on a daily basis. We are looking forward to it.

In PE, the students have learned a few new games learning to keep our distance. We have also brought back some old ones too!

The sports here at Lisbon have been put on hold and we hope to be back on the courts and fields in the near future! Stay safe everyone and GO LIONS!!



Kindergarten News

The kindergarten class had such a fun time at our Thanksgiving feast! We enjoyed eating together, singing songs and reading Thanksgiving books!

We completed our Clifford unit. The students had fun taking Clifford home and doing some great activities with Clifford. Thank you to the parents who helped the students write in the journal and to make this unit a memorable one. It has been exciting to see so many students have fun with Clifford through the years!

Kindergarten will be working on color words in the months of December and January. We will not only be recognizing our color words, we will be spelling them, too! We will be having a color words test...hopefully the students will pass with "flying colors"! 😊 We will be working on the number words in December, as well. As these new concepts are introduced, I ask that the parents reinforce these skills at home. Also, please continue to work on the sight words, as well as reading all the little readers that are sent home through the weeks. It is so exciting that the students are beginning to recognize their sight words in other sources of reading, other than just in the reading curriculum! They are learning to sound out words, as well as starting to read

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	pink
	orange
	yellow

sentences! Keep up the great reading, Kindergarten!

With Christmas quickly approaching, December will be a busy month for everyone! The Kindergarten class has some decorating to do! I will be setting up a small Christmas tree and ask that each student bring in a small, preferably non-breakable ornament to help decorate the tree.

We look forward to our Christmas party on Friday, December 18th. Thank you to the parents who will be planning a fun party for us! We will be having a gift exchange this year — boys bring a \$10.00 gift for a boy and girls bring a \$10.00 gift for a girl. In addition, please label your child's gift "To Boy" or "To Girl", and with their name so we know who the gift is from. Please have gifts at school by Monday, November 14th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

The Kindergarten class wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Dike



Holiday News in 1st Grade

Hello!

First grade has been working hard reading and taking AR tests. Keep up the good work! Our class Christmas party will look the same as our Halloween party. Our party will be Friday, Dec. 18th. We will not be able to have room parents attend our party. Our chairperson (Kari Friestad) will contact you if you are signed up to help with this party. Parents sending in food, please remember that the food has to be store bought and individually packaged. Games can be sent with your child. Please keep in mind they need to be COVID friendly games. This means we need to be spaced 6 ft. apart. (Examples BINGO, crafts..) If you have any questions please let me know.

Our class will be doing a gift exchange. Girls will bring a girl gift, boys will bring a boy gift. Please complete the label as follows..... To: Boy or Girl From: write your child's name. The cost should be under \$10.00 and it should be labeled. Gifts can be brought in anytime and put under our classroom tree. All gifts need to be here by Monday, Dec. 14th.

Keep up the good work on Book-It reading!

Please continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald Charity. 1st grade students collect them from each classroom at the end of each month. We thank you for your donations.

Each year I try to think of a way to show kindness, spread joy and help others around the holidays. I think it's a great way to teach my students how to be thoughtful, giving and show acts of kindness. Please be watching for our annual 1st grade kindness project information coming home soon.



Have a Merry Christmas!
Enjoy the Holidays and our break!
Mrs. Jacobson

2nd Grade Holiday Greetings

November has flown by! In second grade Lyla Carlson won the fire department escape plan poster contest. In the spring Lyla will get to ride the fire truck to school. Thank you to the fire department for providing this cool experience for the students. Please continue to review addresses and phone numbers at home.

This month our class participated in the Kendall County Agriculture in the Classroom Fall Poster Contest. We had two winners from our classroom. Our Lisbon District winner was Callie Delaney. Callie's prizes included a certificate, pencil, and an agriculture book. The Kendall County winner for second grade was Hart Efurd. He received a certificate, pencil, agriculture book, and a \$25 Target gift card. Our class was so excited for our winners!

The students are looking forward to the Christmas party which will be held on December 18th. Although our party will look a little different than usual, we will still have fun. Our chairman is Tammy Akre. She will be responsible for contacting the parents and reminding them what they are in charge of. Rachel Andersen and I are providing our food, and Blair Carlson is in charge of drinks. The food must be prepackaged treats. Paper products will be provided by Katie Findlay. Katy Pope will create treat bags, and Blair Carlson will be responsible for developing the games and sending them in, along with good instructions please. Parents will not be able to be present at our party. We will have a gift exchange. Girls need to bring a gift for a girl, and boys need to purchase a gift for a boy. The suggested spending amount is ten dollars. Please send the presents in by Monday, December 14th.



If you are looking for some educational items for your child this season please consider a set of addition or subtraction flashcards. There are also some good math games on the market. The second grade students need to master the basic facts. Please try to work on these facts over the holidays. I would also like to see more students taking advantage of the IXL math website. I do get a weekly report of the number of problems each child completes each week as well as the skills practiced. Using the website is a great way to practice and master those math skills in a fun and unique way. The student who spends the most time on IXL each week earns a yellow slip for our character counts drawing.

Please encourage your child to read over the holidays. You might consider giving a gift of books this season. If you ever care to purchase Scholastic books from the book order as gifts just send me a note or message on Seesaw. I will let you know when the books come in. December Book-It forms will be due our first day back after the break. I have been very proud of the students. Many of them are reading diligently and taking Accelerated Reader tests. They love to see how many points they have acquired. Many of the students are starting to read chapter books more frequently.

While we are thankful for still being able to be in the classroom, it is important that we plan for the possibility of going to remote learning. If you have not already joined the journal on the Seesaw app, I ask that you do it as soon as possible.

Happy Holidays!
Mrs. Rehberg



3rd Grade News

Please continue to encourage your child to read for 20 minutes per day. Students can take tests on most books available, not just books from the AR cart. If students read a book from home, they can bring it in and take an AR test. Please review vocabulary and spelling words for the week. Please make sure you are looking over all of your child's homework and initialing his/her assignment notebook.

We are starting multiplication and division. Please practice with flash cards and IXL. Please have your child practice math on IXL for 10 minutes a night. In Social Studies, we are learning about Economies. In Science, we are finishing up our chapter on how plants and animals live together. We are all very thrilled to learn about our animal projects.

Your child will bring home his/her book to review two nights before a test. Please re-read the chapter together and look over the vocabulary page and study guide that will come home too. Make sure your student has an understanding of the main ideas in the chapter.

Thank you, Mrs. Doorn



Happy Holidays from 4th Grade

November was a very busy month and I sure am thankful we were able to stay learning in person! I don't know where the time is going. Before you know it, Christmas will be here and then the New Year. Don't forget to encourage your fourth grader to keep reading for Book It and AR. The holidays will be a wonderful time to catch up on a great book or two. Please remember that they have to read a second book this quarter by December 18th and pass the AR test with a 70% or higher. The grade they get on the test is the grade that goes in the gradebook. If this test is not passed or they don't read their second book, it will be graded as 0%. All of the fourth graders earned their Book It certificate for the month of October. Great job 4th graders!!! Please make sure to keep accurate minutes and that the minutes they read correlate with the number of tests they take.

In math we are continuing to multiply and will soon be dividing. In chapter 5 we will be multiplying with two-digit numbers and in chapter 6 we will be dividing by a one-digit number. Please practice the basic multiplication facts so they can focus on the concept of multiplying/dividing greater numbers and not trying to figure basic facts. This will help alleviate any additional frustrations during these chapters. A great time for reviewing facts would be in the car or while waiting in those long checkout lines. 😊

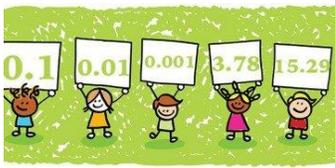
Here are some important dates to remember... The gift for the Christmas Gift Exchange should be at the school by Monday, December 14th. Remember to wrap and label the gift girl or boy. The Christmas program will be sent via the website sometime the week of December 14th. This class has been working really hard in Music and they can't wait to perform for you, even if it is in a different format. Our Christmas party will be on Friday, December 18th. Erika Swenson is the chairperson and she will be contacting you to remind you of what you signed up to send in for our party. Please remember that all snacks must be pre-packaged. Emma Smith is the games person. Thank you in advance to all the parents who are sending in items. We really appreciate it.

Please make sure your child is dressing appropriately for the weather; winter coat, boots, snow pants, hat, and gloves. I will soon be fading out the assignment notebook signature if your student has done their homework on a regular basis. Hopefully this will be one last thing you have to do, as long as your student stays on top of their responsibilities. If not, I can faze it back in.



Happy Holidays to you all!

Mrs. Myre 😊



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from 5th Grade!

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving! We have many things to be thankful for, and I am thankful for each student in the 5th grade.

Our Book-It looks a little different this year. Parents can sign up online for the rewards that your student earns every month. Your son or daughter will still need to turn in his or her monthly calendar. Congratulations to Jade Mitchell, Kellen Westerfield, Colt Zabel, Tyler Carlson, and Kyla Wesseh for participating!

In Math, we just completed a chapter on adding and subtracting decimal numbers. It isn't an easy skill, and this is the perfect time of the year to have your student practice adding money. They can make a Christmas list and add up how much it costs. It's a great way to practice adding decimals or subtracting them.

We are in the middle of Unit 2 of our Reading series. The unit concept is doing the right thing so we've been reading stories about people who have the courage to do the right things. After we finish the unit, we will be doing ten days of Christmas reading and activities. We love all things Christmas!

We just finished a chapter in Science on motion and forces. We've studied Newton's Laws of Motion. Please ask your child about them! They were quick to learn these.

In Social Studies, we are finishing a chapter on explorers. We will be choosing an explorer and writing a report on his/ her life. We will spend the next few weeks working on our reports.

Our Christmas party this year will look a lot different. We will have our own classroom party with no parent volunteers. If you signed up to bring food, drinks, party goods, or treat bags, I will send home a note the first week of December to remind you of the date of our party. I will also send out a note about gift giving this year. Thank you so much!

Mrs. DeGraaf

Holiday Happenings in Mr. Bozic's room



This school year has been going by quickly, and it has been great to see every student grow throughout this year. I am grateful to have students in the classroom this year while others are remote. Every class will continue working on skills to use in the classroom and beyond, and I look forward to seeing more growth in the classroom.

In 6th grade, our Reading classes will be covering some more complex ideas from our stories. Students will continue their journals as well on our reading days. Science will be finishing our book on Earth's Surface and starting on Earth's Atmosphere. Social Studies will be finishing Europe and Latin America. Our students will be covering different cultural aspects as well as holidays and their origins.

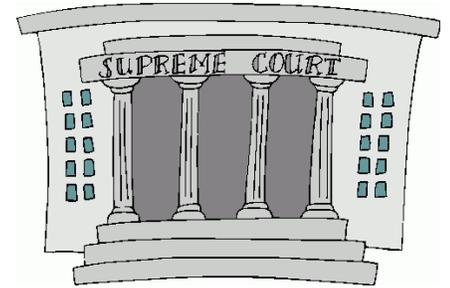
In 7th Grade Social Studies, students will be doing a research project on the Northeastern states. We will also be looking at Westward expansion and slavery post-Revolutionary War. Students will also be looking at the structure of our government.

In 8th Grade Social Studies, students will be looking at our Judicial Branch. Students will look at the structure of our Judicial Branch. Students will also research impactful Supreme Court cases throughout our history. Students will also begin to look at Reconstruction after the Civil War.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me by email.



Mr. Bozic



News from Miss Zielske's Room

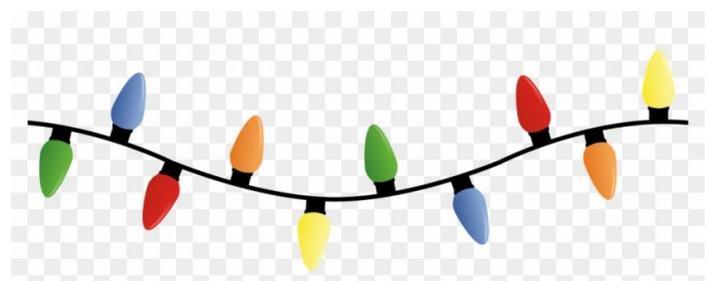
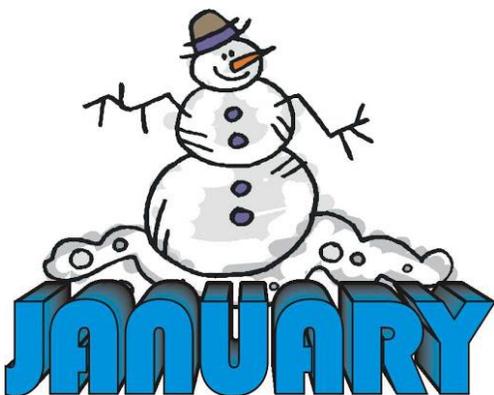
I can't believe November is over. I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break!

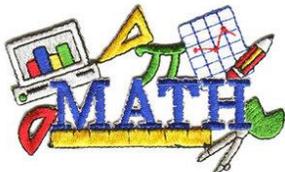
In English, all students have been improving their ability to punctuate complex sentences correctly and use a variety of different sentence lengths in their writing. Seventh and eighth grade even learned how to write a compound-complex sentence. Sixth graders started their Genius Hour projects, which involve researching a topic of their choice. They will typically work on these projects once a week in class. In December and January, each grade will be alternating Shurley English units with argument writing units. Students will learn how to develop claims, evidence, and explanation of the evidence without using feelings or emotions toward the subject. Seventh and eighth graders will dive a little deeper and learn about counter arguments and rebuttal. We will be doing several class activities that focus on different types of argument writing that include having to read articles and gathering information before a claim can be made.

Students in seventh and eighth grade are continuing to use different reading strategies in their stories. In December, seventh grade will be reading a Chicago Bears-inspired play called *Brian's Song* and comparing it to the movie version. Eighth grade will be taking a break from their reading textbooks to do a novel study of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. They enjoyed their mini-research project on Victorian England topics to help give us background on the novel. The next AR book is due by December 18th. You can continue to order books from book order on the Scholastic website. My classroom code is L7RLL. If you order online, I am guaranteed free shipping, and the books are a little cheaper.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas season!

Happy Holidays,
Miss Zielske





Mrs. Heap's Holiday News

Wow! I can't believe that it's December and the holidays are just around the corner. We have accomplished so much already, but of course, we have so much more to cover before the end of the year. Math classes are working on a variety of topics. Sixth grade is beginning a geometry unit and will continue in the math curriculum by working with ratios and percentages. The seventh grade class is working with percentage problems and will progress to solving inequalities. Eighth grade is graphing linear equations and learning about angle relationships. In January, they will be solving absolute value equations and solving and graphing inequalities. Additional math practice on IXL.com is available to students anywhere there is an internet connection. If you are having trouble logging in at home, please contact me and I will help you get connected.

Science classes have started new units. Seventh grade students are beginning a unit on cells and heredity. In December, students will present a modified version of their Cello-O Jell-O projects to other classrooms in the school. They will focus their attention on studying heredity. Eighth grade is finishing the chemistry unit. They have been building small models, starting with atoms, and continue until we can model large molecules and compounds.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 18th, which includes a movie, snacks, and a gift exchange (spend about \$10). The movie takes place in the morning with a break for treats around 10 AM. As the event gets closer, we will send out a Sign-up Genius invitation for treat donations.

The junior high would like to support the community service project being sponsored by the 1st Grade class. Since the items overlap, we are going to ask, that in lieu of the mitten tree, please donate to the 1st Grade "act of kindness" project. Let's see how many "Blessing Bags" LGS can donate!



I would like to wish all of my students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. It is truly a blessing to work with your students each day!

Mrs. Heap

Merry
Christmas