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Kindergarten

After some reviewing for the first day of January, the kindergartener's are back in the swing of things. Our letters we are studying are Zz, Cc, Ee, and Yy.. We are learning more sight words and our reading is improving daily. In math we are finishing our unit on time and will be working on measuring and lengths. Everyday we write in our journals, copy the morning message from the board and practice our letters. We are writing our numbers 1 – 30 and will soon be writing 1 – 70. We will be counting by 5's to 100, by 10's to 100, and by 2's to 30 and also backwards from 20. This month we will also be visiting the nursing home.

First Grade

First graders are back from the holidays and are ready to learn! Most of the students are reading on a level 10 or above; which is good for this time of year. We will continue to improve our reading and phonics skills this month. In math, we'll be working on how to make and read picture and bar graphs. The graphs will be incorporated with our reading stories: If You Give A Moose A Muffin and The Doorbell Rang. After graphing we'll study place value and skip counting by 2, 5 and 10. We'll learn more about winter animals and birds. There will be a discussion about Martin Luther King and his holiday. Everyone's excited about the approaching 100th day of school. There will be a

lot of fun activities planned for that day. Happy January! Stay warm.

Second Grade

Second graders will be warming up in January with many activities. In reading we will start off with one of our lit. sets, Miss Nelson Is Missing! This month we will also we reading "Hello Amigos," "A Pet for the Goofs," and "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs." In math we will be learning to regroup with addition. In science we will be studying physical science, which includes matter, sound, heat, light, force, magnets, and electricity. In social studies, we will be learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. We are anxiously awaiting the 100th day of school which we will celebrate with lots of fun, learning activities.

Third Grade

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that you enjoyed your holiday and your time off. January brings us to the beginning of 2nd semester. Third graders have much to do before the end of school. The pace in the classrooms will speed up quite a bit. There is a lot to teach and learn in a rather short amount of time. The students will be working very hard on all reading and writing skills because of the upcoming MAP Test, which will take place in late March and early April. This semester's work will be done in MAP format so that the students may become familiar with the testing procedures. Students will also begin learning MULTIPLICATION in math. They will begin having timed multiplication tests. Please practice facts with your kids on a daily basis. In science we are starting on planets.

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade has moved into long division in math. This takes a lot of thought, as well as erasers!! The students are moving along nicely, though. In reading, each class is working on different books and skills. Our Social Studies has taken us from prehistoric Missourians to the first explorers. We've learned that these first

people to encounter Native Americans were French explorers looking for furs to send to Europe, or to convert the natives to Catholicism. Our Science lessons are teaching us about physical science, particularly, force and motion. Our current writing project is about the American bald eagle. We'll research all about their habitat and bodies, and then compile the data into a book. Later this month we'll be visiting Clarksville to partake in a presentation about these majestic birds. We'll get to view them in the wild, too, if the weather cooperates. Fourth grade students are half way through the requirements of the Reading Circle certificate. They must do a book report every two weeks to achieve this requirement. As you can see, fourth grade students are getting more and more responsibilities, as well as knowledge.

Computer Lab

Thanks to everyone for the cards, phone calls, thoughts, and prayers during my recovery. My new hip is doing great and I am looking forward to 2008. All classes second through sixth will be using Microsoft Publisher this month. We will investigate how to construct flyers, menus, and trifold brochures. We continue to encourage everyone to get signed up for "Search and Give". Microsoft and Scholastic have teamed up to create an easy way for schools to make money. Through the use of Window's Live ID search engine, we earn money by searching and using other resources on this site. It is simple to set up an account and if you use the Internet, the school earns "free" money. Once again, I like to concentrate on ways to improve technology in the elementary school, without having the children sell things. **Please try to get family, friends, and neighbors to participate. I am resending the information in case it got misplaced in the holiday shuffle. They simply enter 63343 in zip slot to view all of our schools. They are free to choose any of the listed school names; they all go in one account.**

Art

There is a "flurry" of activity in art. We are busy doing many different snow activities. Pre-School students are making penguins with their feet. Kindergarteners will be painting snow scenes using marshmallows instead of brushes. First Grade will be learning the paper craft of cutting snowflakes and creating collages (I'm sure the custodian will be glad when we finish working on them). Second-graders will design winter snow globes. Third Grade is creating penguins using construction paper. Fourth Grade has begun working on two-point perspective. Fifth-graders are being introduced to *Op Art*, and have begun making their own optical works of art. Sixth grade students are working on watercolor and salt winter pictures.

Library

Students in 1st-3rd grade are reading the Show Me Reader Award Nominee Books. In March, they will join other Missouri students in picking their favorite author. The Winter Book Club is wrapping up, and students who have attended regularly, given their book talks, summarized the books, and written an author biography have qualified to go to the Warrensburg Literature Festival. Other students still have until February 23rd to read ten of the Mark Twain Award Nominees and report on them. Good readers make good students, so keep encouraging daily reading time.

NOTICE: SHOES WITH WHEELS (HEELIES) ARE NOT TO BE WORN TO SCHOOL.

Important Dates

1-11 HS STUCO sponsored Hat Day \$1.00
1-21 NO SCHOOL ML King Day
1-25 4th grade to Clarksville Eagle Days
2-5 1:00 Dismissal for Teacher PD

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