



Charles E. Walters School

Parent Newsletter

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<div>December</div> 		1	2	3
4	5	6 CEW RIGHT Rally	7	8	9	10 MS Character Adventure 8-12PM
11	12 PC Holiday Boutique	<div>Half Day Parent Teacher Conferences</div>		15 BOE Meeting LHS 7PM IC Holiday Boutique	16 IC Holiday Boutique	17 CEW Winter Wonderland 8-12PM
18	19	20 Dismissal at 12pm PC Holiday Boutique	21 Dismissal at 12pm	22	23	<div>Winter Recess – Schools Closed</div>
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Kindergarten December News



Children are working on sound symbol relationships and letter formation of lowercase letters. We will be finishing our lowercase letters by the end of December. Please review these letters and sounds with your child.

We have been reading independently from our book baggies and listening to books to promote a love of literature. In Reader's workshop, we will continue to learn about "Reading Superpowers" and word attack strategies.

Students will continue to write pattern books while focusing on stretching and writing the sounds they hear. We encourage the students to say a word slowly, like a turtle, and stretch it like a snake.

In Math we will be comparing numbers to 10, modeling, counting, writing, and finding ways to make and order 10. The children will also study greater than, less than, same as, and compare sets and numbers to 10.

Students will be learning about various holidays and traditions.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on December 13th and 14th in the afternoon - and in the evening on the 14th. Students dismiss at noon both days. Conferences are 15 minutes in length. Report Cards can be viewed through the Parent Portal only. Please try to log on to your Parent Portal prior to conferences.

Mark Your Calendar:

December 13 & 14

Half Days - Dismissal at Noon

December 26 - January 2

Schools are closed



C.E.W. Does it R.I.G.H.T.

Respect
Integrity
Good Behavior
Helping Others
Teamwork

Helping others is the theme of the month.

Reminders:

- *Please read nightly with your child.
- *Please learn to zipper, button, tie shoes and put on mittens and gloves!
- *Please check and empty your child's book bag every night!

Please be sure to review and reinforce skills over the winter recess and read every day! Please practice your sight words daily.

1st Grade December News



Reading:

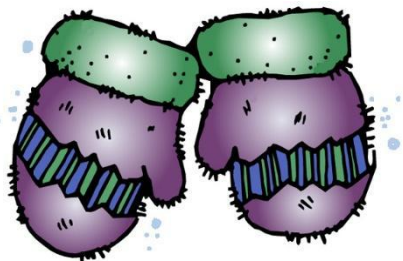
Students will continue their missions as "Word Detectives"! Students will be taking a closer look to solve unknown words. Students will continue practicing all the strategies learned to help them read more challenging books. Students will also practice comprehension strategies like retell and problem and solution with various winter/holiday themed read alouds.

Social Studies:

The children will explore the various holidays that take place this month, including Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. They will also discuss customs, celebrations, and traditions within their own families.

Math:

Our first grade students will continue to learn about two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes in geometry. Our students will be identifying and describing shape attributes. The students will be combining two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional shapes to create new shapes. Students will continue practicing addition strategies.



Writing:

We will continue with *Informational Writing: How-Tos*. This unit of study helps students write procedures for completing a task. Our first grade writers will write instructions that illustrate steps in sequence, reread and revise and use words such as "first, next, then, and last. Children love to be experts and write steps for all the things they know how to do!

Science:

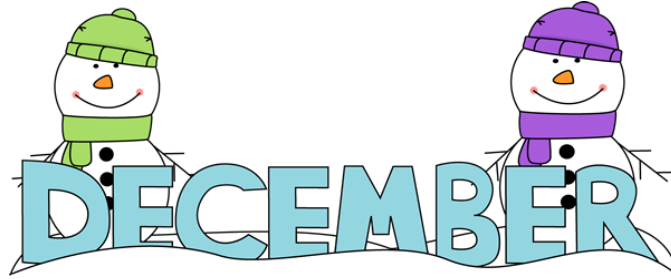
This month the students will be working on the changes in season. We will be discussing winter and the students will be able to identify and use new vocabulary words. Students will also be investigating snow through different activities.

Health:

Burr! It's cold outside! Students are learning about proper attire for the winter weather. Students are also learning about the importance of sleep and how it affects your day. Lastly, we are learning about how we feel when we are being safe.

Foundations:

Students are continuously learning trick words and they are becoming accountable for identifying and spelling decodable words with special patterns. We are noticing and sounding out words with digraphs, bonus letters, glued sounds, and the baseword/suffix-s. Students will be introduced to the complex glued sounds of -ang, -ing, -ong, -ung, -ank, -ink, -onk, and -unk.



Second Grade Newsletter

Reading

In reader's workshop, students will continue immersing themselves into informational texts. They will "learn the lingo" and read many books on a similar topic to become experts!

Writing

In writer's workshop, students will work on "fixing up" their informational books, by using checklists and partnerships to revise and edit. They will also make their writing stronger by adding interesting leads, comparisons, and illustrations that really teach a reader.

Math

In math, students will continue to work on solving 2-digit and 3-digit addition equations. Making a model (drawing) to regroup ones and tens is a helpful strategy. Using flashcards to review simple addition facts is also very beneficial. Students will apply problem solving skills and the concepts we have learned to solve a variety of word problems.



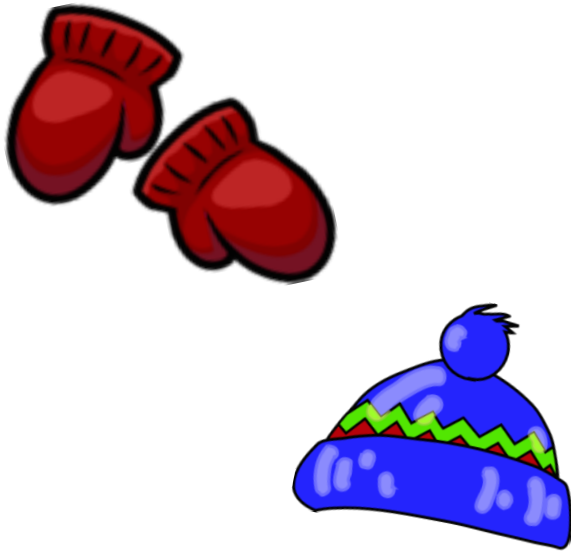
Science

We will be finishing the Mystery Science Unit on the properties and states of matter. Students will be engaging in hands-on activities in the classroom.

Social Studies

In social studies, students are learning about what a community is and comparing and contrasting rural, urban, and suburban life. We will also discuss holidays around the world and how other cultures may celebrate.

3rd Grade December News



Math:

We will be continuing our work on using different methods of solving multiplication problems. Additionally, we will begin exploring division and its relationship with multiplication, as well as continue to develop strategies for solving multi-step word problems. All classes will work on developing math fact fluency through the use of flashcards, culminating with Math Madness Competitions.

Social Studies:

We will continue to explore maps, the seven continents and the five major oceans. Additionally, we will begin to explore major types of landforms, as well as study various countries around the globe.



Reading/Writing:

We will be working on nonfiction units in both of these content areas. In reading, students will navigate nonfiction texts utilizing a box and bullets structure; this will allow us to determine the main idea of a text through the use of supporting details. Additionally, we will work on collecting information on a variety of topics for use in the creation of non-fiction books.

Science:

We will be working on understanding how animals and places they live change over time. Through our Mystery Science Program we will be investigating how fossils are the window of our past!

4th Grade December News

Social Studies:

Students will continue to be learning about Native Americans in New York State, specifically the Algonquian and Iroquois. Students will learn about Native American culture and how it has shaped our culture today.



Math:

Students will learn how to divide by 1-digit numbers. Students will also learn the relationship between factors and multiples.

Health:

Students will be continuing to learn about managing stress, conflict resolution, and their growing and changing bodies.

Science:

Students will continue to investigate how energy is stored, how it can be made to move objects, and how collisions transfer energy between objects. Students will also construct devices that convert energy from one form into another, such as heat into motion and electricity into light.

Reading:

Students will be learning how to use non-fiction books and articles to research different types of extreme weather. Students will compare and contrast two different types of extreme weather.



Writing:

Students will be learning how to write a persuasive essay. Students will choose a topic that they are passionate about, and learn how to support their viewpoint with relevant reasons and examples.

Special Areas

Physical Education



What's happening in Primary Physical Education?

For the month of December, the students will be working on many different units. We will begin the month with Jump Rope skills, following that we will move to Adventure Education, Yoga and Team Games. Students will learn many valuable skills such as teamwork, communication and competition. With the excitement of the holidays the students will be engaged in high energy competitive games.

Happy Holidays!

~Mrs. Yovino & Mrs. Ammirati



What's happening in Secondary Physical Education?

Well it is the holiday season and what better way to celebrate the holidays than with, "Scooter Highway". For the rest of the month until our break we will be working on scooter highway in the gymnasium. During class students will be learning the basic rules of driving on roads while having fun visiting many different centers. Some of these centers and activities will include ropes, cargo nets, game centers, and fitness centers.

-Mr. Riccio & Mrs. Ammirati

Special Areas Cont'd

MUSIC



Kindergarten and 1st grade music:

In December students will continue using the First Steps curriculum to explore the world of music. We will continue to learn and practice new words used to describe the music we hear all around us every day. We will also reinforce all the skills we've been learning such as singing in a group and by yourself and clapping/playing an instrument in rhythm.

Orchestra:

During the month of December students will continue to refine their basic skills such as holding the instrument, memorizing the strings, and proper playing technique. We will begin the process of learning how to use our left hand to play new notes, as well as holding the bow. We will learn these things individually for 1 or 2 months before we attempt to put them together.

- Mr. Nevola

K-1 - Students will be introduced to the Story of the Nutcracker . Students will be enjoying this classical ballet by Tchaikovsky through movement games, instrument playing, and melodic studies. Students will enjoy the parachute games, partner dances, and singalongs that accompany this unit. Students will also focus on musical activities related to snow and holiday themes.

2-3- Students will review aspects of the Nutcracker Suite. Students will be introduced to famous winter music such as Linus and Lucy. Students will perform movement activities to learn the form of this piece. Students will also be exposed to various holiday music related to Christmas, and Hanukkah.

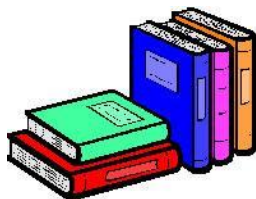
4th grade- Students will continue to learn about The Nutcracker Suite. Students will be enjoying this classical ballet by Tchaikovsky through movement games, instrument playing, and melodic studies. Students will hear the story of the Nutcracker and also the story of the Nutcracker in Harlem- which will feature a jazz version of the Nutcracker by Duke Ellington. Students will compare and contrast the two stories. Students will be playing the bucket drums along with the Nutcracker in Harlem story.

Band:

Students will be focusing on learning the note names on the staff. Students will identify the different letters on each line and space, as well as various rhythmic values. Students are encouraged to practice their note naming flashcards in addition to their practice sessions. This will build their confidence in the program.

-Mrs. Pilocane

LIBRARY



Special Areas Cont'd



During December, the 2nd grade will learn about the different parts of a book. We will explore all the different parts of a book and discuss what they do. Our second graders will also hear the story "Snowmen at Night" and then create their own predictions of what a snowman can do at night. They will also enjoy a read aloud of *The Gingerbread Man* and create a trap to catch the Gingerbread Man.

In December, the 3rd grade will review how to access and navigate Sora-our digital library. They will be able to explore and discover the different books Sora has to offer. The 3rd graders will start to learn about different genres. We will begin by discussing what a genre is and what different kinds of stories we have in the Library. Then we will explore different fairy tales and discover what makes a book a fairy tale. They will also enjoy a read aloud of *The Gingerbread Man* and create a trap to catch the Gingerbread Man.

Our 4th graders started off the month of December reviewing how to access and navigate Sora-our digital library. They will be able to explore and discover the different books Sora has to offer. Then we began our research mini-unit. During this unit, they will be working on their weather project and learning how to take good notes and access the VRC and its many digital resources. They will also enjoy a read aloud of *The Gingerbread Man* and create a trap to catch the Gingerbread Man.

In December, our kindergarteners and 1st graders will continue to practice how to tell if a book is fiction or nonfiction. We will also begin to learn about what an author and illustrator do. In addition, our kindergarteners will also enjoy a variety of winter themed stories about penguins, polar bears and snowmen. -Ms. Schneyman

Kindergarten - PC Library

In November, we finished the first series in our Mo Willems author/illustrator study, *The Knuffle Bunny!* In December, we'll kick the fun up a notch by introducing our next two series; *Gerald & Piggie* and *The Pigeon!* We will discuss the different characters and settings in these series, and compare them to each other; what is similar? What is different? Students will get to vote on which was their favorite character in our author/illustrator study, and when we return in the new year we will do a guided drawing of them!

1st Grade - PC Library

For the past several weeks, we've had our detective hats on as we worked our way through a wordless picture book trilogy, written by Aaron Becker (*Journey, Quest, Return*). In December, we will be working on four major story elements, we will review characters and setting, while putting an emphasis on problem and solution in each of our stories. We will explore these story elements with a series of books by Hans de Beer, *The Little Polar Bear*. Get your passports ready, because Lars is going to take us on a journey all around the world! He will show us new places, introduce us to new animals and plants, and we will explore all of the things he shows us through a Google Earth virtual tour.

-Mr. Braun

Special Areas Cont'd

ART



Grade 2:

This month, second graders will be continuing with the element of art, color. They will create a step-by-step drawing of an Among Us character and color it in using two primary color crayons to create a secondary color of their choice. This time, students will be introduced on how to properly use watercolor paint and brushes for the background.

Grade 3:

This month, third graders will be continuing with color theory. We will dive into color while learning about the art movement, Pop Art. The students will understand basic color schemes: primary, secondary, and complementary colors as seen in Pop Art. They will also look at and produce art in the style of Wayne Thiebaud using a basic color scheme.

Grade 4:

This month, fourth graders will continue with color theory while learning about the art movement, Pop Art. We will review the color wheel as well as what colors are primary, secondary, and complementary. Students will produce artwork in the style of pop artist, Roy Lichtenstein. Using onomatopoeia, we will learn how to create block/bubble letters and create drop shadows to make it more three-dimensional. Students will decide what color scheme to use to best represent their sound word.

Ms. Kim Leahy
Art Teacher
CEW and Ridge Elementary

Wellness Corner

Ms. Indelicato – School Counselor

Ms. Harmon – School Social Worker

Ms. Castelli- School Psychologist

Mr. Zipper- TA

The school year is in full swing and believe it or not the holidays are upon us!! Our Longwood Character Adventure is on Saturday, December 10th from 8am to 12pm at the Middle School. This is a *SPECTACULAR* event that everyone thoroughly enjoys!

Also, do not forget CEW's own Winter Wonderland on December 17th from 8am to 12pm. Another event that the children are sure to enjoy!

Parent conferences are on December 13th and the 14th. Children have half days on these dates! Be sure that you have scheduled your appointment with your child's teacher!



CEW DOES IT R.I.G.H.T.!

Happy Holidays!



HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

December 2022



As the days get shorter and colder we are now getting ourselves completely ready for the Winter Season to begin. In these winter months we want to ensure that our children stay healthy & warm. Please be sure that you send your children to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Items such as coats, boots, hats & gloves may be needed. The students will be continuing to go outside for recess weather permitting so we recommend warm layers.

December 5th – 11th is National hand washing awareness week. with cold and flu season upon us it is always good practice to teach / show our students how to wash their hands PROPERLY.

December it is important to remember safety with our toys and gifts. Be sure to read all warning labels and age recommendations as some items contain small parts or other items that may not be appropriate for all ages or abilities.

We look forward to a wonderful, safe, happy and healthy conclusion to 2022.

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