



Charles E. Walters School

Parent Newsletter

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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 CLOSED WINTER BREAK	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board of Ed Meeting/LHS/ 7PM	13	14
15	16 CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 CEW PTA Meeting 7PM	24	25 CEW Science Fair Summary Form- <u>Final Due Date</u>	26 Board of Ed Meeting/LHS/ 7PM	27 CEW Let's Get Healthy 7PM	28
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Kindergarten January 2023 News

In Foundations, the students are working on the formation of capital letters, tapping out simple CVC (consonant/vowel/consonant) words, syllables, dictation, and alphabetical order in Foundations.

In writing, we will continue to work on writing mechanics such as sentence structure, capitalization, finger spacing and punctuation.

In reader's workshop, the students practice using all their "Super Reader Powers". The next Reading unit will focus on reading non-fiction texts. The children will learn about the importance of reading for information.

In math, we will explore simple addition and subtraction problems to ten. Students will use correct vocabulary, symbols, and strategies to solve numeric and word problems, and compose & decompose facts to 10.

In science, students will be learning about engineering and design principles through STEAM activities. They will also learn about Winter Animals and adaptations.

In social studies, students will learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will also focus on good behavior and kindness.



School will be closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day on January 16th.

C.E.W Does It
R.I.G.H.T.
Respect
Integrity
Good Behavior
Helping Others
Teamwork

Save the Date
Kindergarten will be having a Blizzard Day performance on February 8th. Due to space limitations we can only have one adult per child. No siblings are permitted to attend. We will also be live streaming the performance for your viewing pleasure!
**Students will be asked to wear all white.

Reminders:

- *Be sure your child can zipper, button, tie shoes and put on mittens and gloves independently.
- *Please check and empty your child's book bag every night.

Mark Your Calendar
Be on the lookout for our

R.I.G.H.T Rally date:

For our R.I.G.H.T.
Rally.....wear your teal
C.E.W. Does It R.I.G.H.T.
shirt!

Please make sure to
READ every night and to
return your book baggies
every day!
Remember to submit
your homework every
week!

1st Grade January News

Reading:

We will start our new unit, "Learning About the World by Reading" and we will be continuing the unit throughout the months of January and February. Students are learning how to get themselves ready to read an informational book, they are becoming better at figuring out new and important words that relate to specific topics, and they are studying informational books more closely to learn as much information as they can from the pictures, features, and words.

Writing:

We will begin to work in our nonfiction unit as we write "All About Books". We will be sharing all we know and teaching our readers all about our favorite topics!

Foundations:

Students should now be able to read and spell one-syllable words with digraphs, bonus letters, glued sounds, and the suffix -s. As we progress into the New Year, students will be introduced to reading, spelling, and marking up words with consonant blends. Words will become longer and combine all skills taught.

Social Studies:

In January students will discuss their goals for the new year and learn about the works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They will also continue their study of families and recognize that all families are different, yet the same.

Science:

We will be finishing up our Mystery Science winter explorations and we will be starting a new unit focusing on lights and sounds. Our first mystery will be "How do they make silly sounds in cartoons?" The kids will certainly have fun exploring all the different ways they can make sounds!

Math:

Students will continue practicing addition strategies and start working on subtraction concepts and subtraction strategies. They will be using pictures and objects to show taking from, using story problem solving strategies, subtracting to compare, taking apart numbers, and subtracting from 10 or less.





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Second Grade Newsletter

Reading

In reader's workshop, students will be studying characters. We will be discussing character traits, feelings, wants, and troubles that the characters may face in the story.

Writing

In writer's workshop, students will be introduced to poetry. They will analyze the structures of poetry. Students will also be writing about their reading. They will write letters about their reading, too.



Math

Students will be continuing to build their addition skills. We will be building our mastery on 2-digit addition and introducing 3-digit addition.



Science

Our students are continuing to explore Mystery Science. We are also discussing the seasons and how to dress appropriately for the winter season! BRRRR!

Social Studies

In social studies, students are learning about landmarks, American symbols, and map skills.

3rd Grade January News

Happy New Year!

Here are the third grade objectives for the month of January:

Social Studies:

We will continue our studies of continents, oceans and landforms.

Reading:

Third graders have been working on nonfiction reading and will continue to do so throughout the month. In reading, students will work on determining the main idea through supporting details.

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!

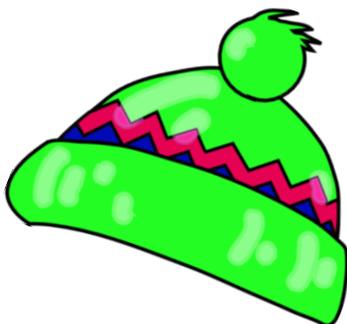


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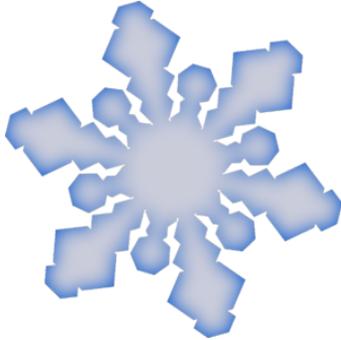
Students will create non-fiction texts on a topic in which they are experts. We also will be continuing working on our Google Slides projects.

Math:

We will continue working on multiplication as well as multi-step word problems. Later, we will begin to learn division strategies. We will continue flashcard practice as well as our Math Madness Competition (Multiplication facts up to and including 12).



4th Grade January 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.

Science:

Students will begin the Lego Unit. They will explore how renewable energy impacts communities, by creating renewable renewable energy sources and a town.

Math:

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

Reading:

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

Writing:

Students will be continuing 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.

Health:

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



MUSIC



Special Areas

Kindergarten and 1st grade music:

In January students will continue using the First Steps curriculum to explore the world of music. We will put more of an emphasis on movement in the classroom to explore and train the concepts of beat, rhythm, and dynamics. Movement is the core of music and it is important to learn music utilizing it!

Orchestra:

During the month of January students will continue to refine their basic skills such as holding the instrument, memorizing the strings, and proper playing technique. We are continuing to learn how to use our left hand and the bow. Both of these skills take time to learn and will start to feel more comfortable within this and the next month. I look forward to learning popular song melodies once we are comfortable with our left hands!

-Mr. Nevola

K-1: Students in the primary center will begin connecting music to art. Students will listen to classical pieces and draw what they think it is about. Students will be learning about the Carnival of Animals by Camille Saint Saens. They will listen to, move and play instruments to the music as well as read poetry that goes along with the composition.

2nd-3rd: Students will be learning how to sing various nursery rhymes and folk songs. They will learn how to accompany themselves on the Orff instruments while singing.. Students will learn about meter, rhythm and form during these lessons.

4th grade: Students will explore music from different cultures. Students will sing, dance, and play instruments with songs from Jamaica, Mexico, Ghana and the Netherlands this month. Students will continue to accompany themselves on the glockenspiels, xylophones, metallophones, and non-pitched percussion instruments.

Band: Students will continue moving forward in their method books. Students should practice at home daily to better themselves each week. In January, students should be able to play Jingle Bells, Old MacDonald, Twinkle Twinkle and London Bridge.

-Ms. Pilocane

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Special Areas Cont'd



What's happening in primary Physical Education?

Happy 2023! For the month of January the students will be participating in our most favorite unit, Scooter Highway! The students will learn about their community and street safety all while being actively engaged in our CEW town. Our town includes a construction site, diner, arcade, dance studio, car wash, gas station and much more! At the end of the month students will learn about the importance of personal fitness.

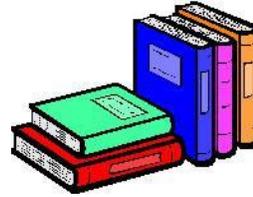
What's happening in Intermediate Physical Education?

Happy New Year everyone. To start off the new year students will be working on Adventure Education activities. These activities and games emphasize teamwork and cooperation. The second part of the month we will be working on basketball skills. We will teach the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, and shooting.



Special Areas Cont'd

LIBRARY



Kindergarten Library

In December, we started working our way through Mo Willems' Gerald & Piggie series, and we've had a blast so far reading *I'm a Frog* & *Should I Share My Ice Cream?* We will continue the fun in January with a couple more Gerald & Piggie Stories (*I Broke My Trunk* & *We Are in a Book*) before moving onto Mo's Pigeon series for the last two weeks of the month. Students will have the opportunity to vote on which of Mo Willems' characters was their favorite, and we will do a guided drawing of the winning character(s) when the results are in!

1st Grade Library

In December, we started to travel the world with a new friend, Lars, the little polar bear! This series by Hans de Beer has already taken us from the North Pole to the jungles of Africa, where we met a Hippo, a grey whale, an eagle, and many more creatures. Our next stops are Siberia (Russia) and the bamboo forests of China. All the while, we will be reviewing the four major story elements in this series: characters, settings, problem and solution.

Happy Reading! - Mr. Braun

During January, 2nd grade will begin to explore the story elements that make up a story. We will be learning about setting, character, plot and problem and solution. We will be focusing on how we can use the illustrations and text to identify details about these story elements.

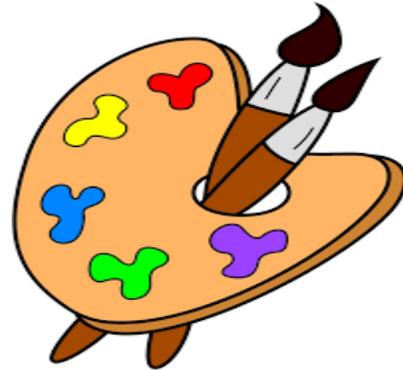
The 3rd graders will continue learning about different genres and will focus on fantasy and science fiction. They will learn what elements authors include in these particular genres. We will also be comparing and contrasting these two new genres to our previous genre fairy tales. We will explore how these three genres are similar and different.

Our 4th grade students will continue working on their extreme weather research project. During our time researching, we are focusing on taking good notes, putting information into our own words, and locating information in World Book Online. They will also be learning about plagiarism and copyright and how they can avoid plagiarizing.

In January, our kindergarteners will continue to learn about what an author and illustrator do. In addition, our kindergarteners will also enjoy a variety of winter themed stories. We also dive into one of their favorite authors as we begin our Mo Willems author study. During our author study, we will learn about Mo Willems, compare and contrast his books and learn about the different ways he illustrates his books. Our first graders will begin their Jan Brett author study. During our author study, we will learn about Jan Brett, compare and contrast her books, and discuss her illustration style.

-Ms. Schneyman

Special Areas Cont'd



ART

Happy New Year!

This month in Art, all 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders will be reflecting on and drawing their favorite memory from 2022. Perhaps they learned their multiplication facts, won a tournament, went on an airplane, got a pet, or went somewhere new. Then they will draw what they hope or predict will happen in 2023 like go to Disney, learn to play an instrument, try something new, etc. Next, we will learn about why we celebrate Martin Luther King Day and create artwork based on the themes, peace and freedom. Some students' artwork will be selected to be showcased at the Coram Fire Department for the MLK Jr. Walk on January 14th.

Wellness Corner

Ms. Indelicato: School Counselor

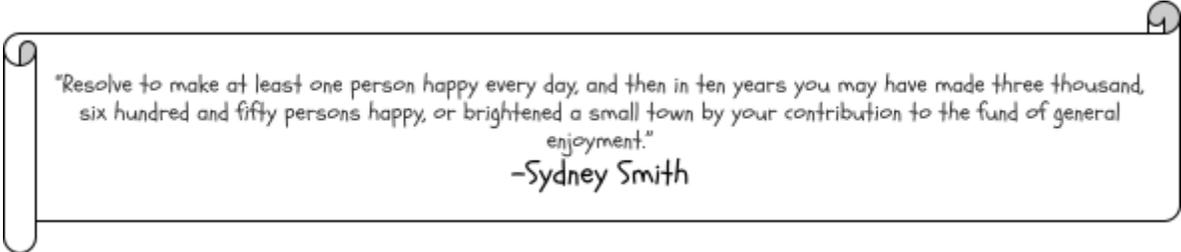
Ms. Harmon: Social Worker

Ms. Castelli: Psychologist

Ryan Zipper: Behavior TA

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A new year is upon us and it is a time to make new beginnings and new resolutions. It is a chance to look back at the past year on the lessons that were learned and taught. We move forward into the New Year with the memories that were created and look forward to the ones that will be created.



"Resolve to make at least one person happy every day, and then in ten years you may have made three thousand, six hundred and fifty persons happy, or brightened a small town by your contribution to the fund of general enjoyment."

-Sydney Smith

We would like to thank everyone that helped make the holidays brighter for those in need. We were able to help a lot of CEW families. A little bit goes a long way. Thank you again!

Enjoy and cherish your family time together.

Happy New Year!

HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

JANUARY 2023



We would like to welcome everyone back from our Winter Recess and wish them a Happy New Year!

During the month of January, we would like to start our New Year with keeping our health and safety as a priority. As we settle into winter, please take some time to continue to go outside with your child and enjoy the many activities cold weather can bring. Before you go sledding, skating, skiing, snowmobiling, horseback or quad riding take a moment to review safety habits for participating in those activities. We always want to make sure that we are also dressed appropriately for the weather, so be sure to wear your coats, boots, hats, gloves and scarfs when necessary.

During the school day, students may visit the health office for various reasons. We do not notify parents/guardians of every health office visit but will make every effort possible to communicate with you when we feel it is necessary. If at any time you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact the nurse in your child's building. As always, the CEW Student Handbook is an excellent reference for your family. We are also available by the email listed below.

January is National Thank You Month, what a great way to start the New Year by thanking anyone you choose. Try to pick a new person each day to thank; whether we are an adult or child, those simple words can cause an endless smile and a good feeling all day.

We look forward to a wonderful, safe, happy and healthy beginning to 2023.

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