

PANTHER PRESS

KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC 16

Holiday Headwear Day

DEC 17

Grinch Day

DEC 18

Candy Cane Lane Day

DEC 19

Polar Express PJ Day

DEC 19

K & 1 Winter Art Show & Music Program

DEC 20

Wacky Winter Wear Day
Caring Convocation
All-School Holiday Sing
Winter Parties
NWEA Window Closes

DEC 23 - JAN 6

Winter Break



Ms. Stevenson's Scoop

The food drive wrapped up today with almost 700 items donated! Thank you for all of your support and generosity. We have some of the most thoughtful and caring families at KES!

All items collected will be given to the Cheer Guild to share with families in need this holiday season. Congratulations to 2nd grade for the most items donated: 196!

Next week, students are encouraged to participate in our fun holiday dress-up days as we finish up our last week at school before break.

Have a great weekend, Panther families!

-Ms. Stevenson

Character Counts: Caring

Miss Veach & Fred wrapped up visiting classrooms this week to talk about the positive character trait that we are focusing on right now: CARING

At KES, caring means being kind, thoughtful, and concerned about others. It also means being friendly and expressing gratitude.

Over the past several weeks, we have focused on what it means to be caring. Students who show they care about the people and things around them have earned T.R.R.F.C.C. tickets. We will celebrate our caring students with a convocation.

Winter Art Show & Music Program

Kindergarten and 1st grade students are excitedly preparing for their winter music program & art show! It will take place on Thursday, December 19th at KHS. The art show begins at 5:30 p.m. and the music program starts at 6:00 in the auditorium.

Students will meet in the hallway beside the auditorium and walk out onto the stage together. Doors will NOT open until 5:30.

General Health Reminders

'Tis the season for germs! So, in an effort to keep everyone as healthy as possible, students returning to school after being sick must be fever-, vomit-, and diarrhea-free for 24 hours WITHOUT medicine.

Inclement Weather Plans

Winter weather is here. There will be three different types of winter weather days used this school year.

You will receive a phone call through the all-call system for any delays or closures. This information will also be posted to our website & Facebook.

CAB Day

Assignments will be posted to Google Classroom by 9:00 a.m. There will be no virtual teaching sessions. Teachers will be available via email during normal school day hours.

Panther Day

This will be a virtual instruction day. Teachers will meet with their students via Google Meet.

Snow Day

There will be NO assignments or live teaching sessions. Students can enjoy the day off.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Email Mrs. Wilson at tiffany.wilson@cab Beard.k12.in.us with any transportation changes

Include in the email:

- Date for the change
- Child's first and last name
- Teacher
- Destination
- New bus number (if known)

Please send a note with your child on the day they are going to a different place. If possible, please do not call the office with changes.

***Changes to transportation must be received before 12:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is critical to your child's success in school. All children are expected to be in school each day unless they are ill.

It is important that students are screened each morning for COVID-19 and other illness symptoms prior to arriving at school.

Students are allowed 20 absences per year. A letter will be sent home making you aware of absences.

If your child will be absent from school, call the KES office at 765-345-2151 or send an email to:

Mrs. Wilson at
tiffany.wilson@cab Beard.k12.in.us

-OR-
Mrs. Roland at
emily.roland@cab Beard.k12.in.us

MEDICATION

Parents or guardians are responsible for bringing any new, unopened medication to the nurse's office.

This includes cough drops.

Parents or guardians and/or a doctor must fill out medical forms in order for medication to be dispensed.

Antibiotics given 3 times per day should be given at home: before school, after school, & at bedtime.



Mrs. Bryson's KINDERGARTEN



Helping Your Child Prepare for Middle of the Year NWEA Testing

One of the best ways you can support your child is by making basic reading and math time a priority and establishing routines.

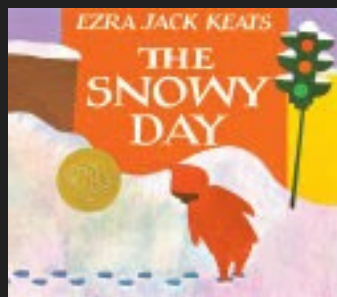
- **Encourage independent reading:** Help your child find books they enjoy and encourage them to read on their own. This helps improve reading comprehension and vocabulary.
- **Practice basic math problems:** Use flashcards or apps to practice addition, subtraction, and simple multiplication.
- **Introduce keyboard skills:** If your child isn't yet familiar with typing, now is a good time to start teaching them.
- **Ensure a good night's sleep:** Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test. This helps ensure they are alert and ready to focus.
- **Provide a healthy breakfast:** A healthy, balanced breakfast can give your child the energy they need to concentrate during the test.
- **Positive reinforcement:** Encourage your child to do their best but don't put too much pressure on them. Let them know that this test is just one measure of their abilities.

Tips for Reading with Your Child...

Encourage your child to:

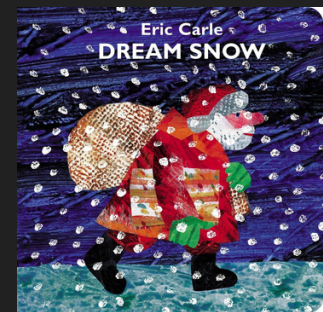
- Set aside a special reading time each day.
- Choose a cozy, well-lit spot where you can read together without distractions.
- Ask open-ended questions about the story to engage your child's imagination.

Favorite December Picture Books



The Snowy Day
by Ezra Jack Keats

The Snowy Day, with its vivid, contemporary illustrations and text, has become one of the most beloved and iconic American children's books. Join Peter in his red snowsuit as he ventures through the snow.



Dream Snow
by Eric Carle

It's December 24th, and the old farmer settles down for a winter's nap, wondering how Christmas can come when there is no snow! It is in his dream that he imagines a snowstorm coming.

Tech Tidbits

[Storyline Online](#)

Grade range: 1 to 6.

Cost: Free educational content



A children's literacy website, Storyline Online®, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Readers include Oprah Winfrey, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Viola Davis, Terry Crews, Connie Britton, John Lithgow, Jennifer Garner, Betty White, and dozens more.

December Reading Strategies

- **Story Retelling:** Encourage your child to retell their favorite holiday stories. This strengthens comprehension and narrative skills.
- **Word Hunt:** Create a list of holiday-related words and have a word hunt around your home. This fun activity promotes vocabulary development.
- **Writing Letters:** Have your child write letters to their favorite book characters. This encourages creativity and personal expression.



WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY

IN NEED OF A WARM WINTER COAT?

CALL: 765-524-5695

FOR BOTH CHILDREN & ADULTS



FAITH CHAPEL
359 E. MORGAN ST.
KNIGHTSTOWN, IN 46148



Knightstown Elementary
Presents...

Kindergarten & First Grade's Winter Program

Thursday, December 19th

Doors Open & Art Show
Begins @ 5:30 p.m.

Music Program Starts @ 6 p.m.

Knightstown High School
Auditorium

Enter through Door 7





DRESS-UP DAYS

December 16-20

Monday, December 16th - Holiday Headwear Day

Wear your favorite holiday headwear - Reindeer ears, Santa hat, etc

Tuesday, December 17th - Grinch Day

Wear Grinch Gear or Green

Wednesday, December 18th - Candy Cane Lane Day

Wear Red & White

Thursday, December 19th - Polar Express Day

Wear Pajamas

Friday, December 20th - Wacky Winter Day

Wear your ugly sweater, festive attire

