A Note from the Principal

Sunset Families,

As we enter the month of December, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

It's hard to believe that the first half of the school year is already coming to a close! Our students have been working hard, growing in both their academics and character each day.

At school, we continue to focus on Visible Learning strategies to help students understand how they learn best and take ownership of their progress. We are also continuing to build strong social and emotional skills through our Character Strong curriculum, which teaches important values such as empathy, kindness, and respect.

As we approach winter break, I encourage all families to help students keep reading during the time away from school. Whether it's a favorite book, a new series, or reading together as a family, continued reading helps students maintain and build their skills while enjoying some quality time.

Finally, I wish you and your family a safe, restful, and joyful winter break. Thank you for all you do to support our school community. We look forward to welcoming our students back refreshed and ready for a wonderful new year of learning and growing together!

Best regards,

Dr. Brandon J. Cheeks

Principal

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Gambino's Dine and Donate

Enjoy a pizza and donate to Sunset PTA.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Character Strong

Empathy is "understanding and connecting with other people's feelings." It is a trait that helps students be kind.

Family challenge:

- Discuss - Is it hard for you to share how you feel with others? Why or why not?
- Schedule a family movie night so that you can specifically watch for feelings and emotions. During the movie, pause to discuss the display of **empathy** being shown.

Music Programs

First Grade

"Winter Lights"

December 9, 6:00 p.m.

Students arrive at 5:50 p.m.

Second Grade

"The Nutcracker Suite"

December 9, 7:00 p.m.

Students arrive at 6:45 p.m.

Give the Gift of Reading

1. Create reading routines and read together everyday.

2. Talk about the pictures and ask questions.

3. Read different kinds of books.

4. Stop and discuss events, information, and vocabulary.

5. Read with expression.

6. Read favorite books again.

Frosty Festival and Holiday Shop

Frosty Festival

Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
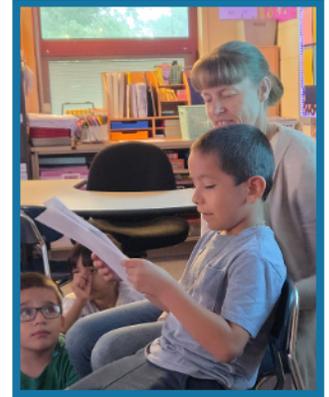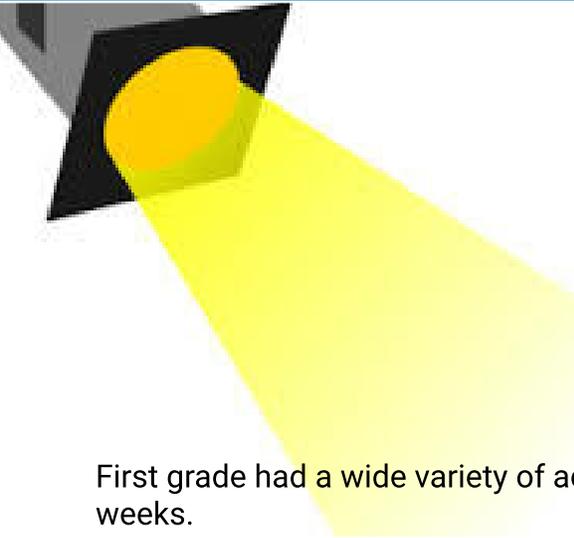Enjoy fun, games, and Santa!

Holiday Shop

Thursday, Dec. 4 during Frosty Festival 5:30-7:30 p.m.
This is an opportunity for students to shop for affordable holiday gifts for family members. Once purchased, all gifts will be wrapped in a gift bag.

Spotlight on First Grade

First grade had a wide variety of activities the last few weeks.

A trip to P&M Pumpkin Patch was a day full of unique activities. Thank you to the PTA for funding this outing.

Mr. Beach came to play musical instruments with the classes. A morning of drumming was another experience with a special group coming to school.

Character Strong activities had the students working together to make letters with the bodies.

At writing time there was an opportunity to share what each of the students had written.

December Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6
7	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13
14	15 Day 4	16 Day 5	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

2 - PTA meeting

4 - Frosty Festival and Holiday Shop

9 - First grade music program

    Second grade music program

10 - Dine and Donate at Gambino's

19 - January 5 - Winter break

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