

# TAYLOR ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 2025

## Dates to Remember

- 12/8 PTO Meeting @ 7
- 12/12 Cookies with Santa 6-8pm
- 12/19 No School for Students



## Message from the building Principal

Happy December!

Wishing all our families a safe, joyful, and restful upcoming holiday break! This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to slow down, reconnect, and enjoy time together. We are grateful for the support and partnership of our school community, and we hope the break brings warmth, peace, and plenty of memorable moments for everyone. We also hope to see you at our *Cookies with Santa* event, where we look forward to celebrating the season together.

As we move through the winter season, we kindly remind families of the importance of consistent attendance and arriving to school on time each day. Regular attendance helps students stay engaged, confident, and prepared for success. Please also be sure that students come dressed for the weather, as colder temperatures and outdoor activities require warm layers. Thank you for helping us ensure a safe, comfortable, and successful learning environment for all.

Mr. Wright

**Mr. Rose - School Counselor**

December is the season of giving. The character traits this month are kindness and compassion. Students will learn the importance of being kind and showing compassion to others during their monthly mindfulness lesson. Helping make the world a better place for all to live in and feel appreciated and accepted. We are more alike than we are different, so helping the students understand this will be my main goal.

### **Mrs. Turner - School Nurse**

Just a reminder, flu and cold season is upon us. Children who exhibit the following symptoms should stay home from school:

- A fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Any symptoms that prevent him/her from participating in school activities, such as: excessive tiredness or lack of appetite; productive coughing or sneezing; headache, body aches, earache or sore throat.

**Please keep your child at home until fever, vomiting, diarrhea is gone for at least 24 hours WITHOUT medication.**

### **Kindergarten Grade Updates**

December is an exciting month in Kindergarten with Grinch Day and Polar Express Day! In math we are continuing to learn about teen numbers and how to write them. In literacy we are adding new heart words such as put, are, does, and see. In reading we will finish up our unit on community heroes, and begin "Happy Healthy Me".

We encourage families to practice heart words with their kindergarteners. These are our heart words so far: A, the, as, to, do, I, is, was, you, of, for, from, your, said, all.

### **First Grade Updates**

It's the most wonderful time of the year....but we still have lots of learning to do. As we are coming to the end of the 2nd quarter, in reading, 1st graders will be busy learning about two syllable words, open and closed syllables, and we will begin focusing on long vowels and the many ways those sounds can be spelled. We are finishing up Module 4 in HMH. The stories for the 3 weeks of Module 5 are about "why light and dark come and go?" We will build vocabulary through our Power Words, look for text features, make inferences, make and confirm predictions, discuss story structure as well as the central idea. In math we are continuing to practice addition, subtraction, missing addends, balanced equations, and will begin geometry learning about Shapes, Solids and their attributes. In Science, we will learn about light and sound, tying into our reading selections for HMH. In Social Studies, we will learn about Americans long ago and today as well as celebrations around the world. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!

## Second Grade Updates

In second grade, we've been working hard as we move through our curriculum! In HMH, we are exploring fairy tales and the author's purpose. Students have been reading a variety of stories—both classic and modern—while learning why authors write the way they do. In math, we're continuing to practice multiple strategies for addition and subtraction. Some of these approaches can be challenging, so we encourage families to keep reviewing basic addition and subtraction facts at home. As we head into the winter season, we have many exciting activities planned for our students. Stay tuned for more information! 😊

## Third Grade Updates

In third grade, we are beginning an exciting author study on Jan Brett. Students will be comparing and contrasting several of her stories to deepen their understanding of an author's style and craft. In math, we will continue practicing math fact fluency while also exploring perimeter and area. As winter approaches, we have plenty of exciting and enjoyable activities lined up for our students. Keep an eye out for more details!

## Fourth Grade Updates

In Reading, we will continue our unit *Rise to the Occasion*, focusing on plot, theme, visualizing, point of view, elements of drama, and figurative language.

In Math, students will keep practicing two-digit by two-digit multiplication and begin using different strategies to solve division problems with larger numbers. They will work with equations, arrays, and area models—including problems with remainders and fractions.

In Social Studies, students will explore how important historical events and influential people helped shape the development of Ohio.

In Science, focus on understanding ecosystems, how organisms are connected, and how they adapt to their environments.

We are excited to announce all students have access to REFLEX on the TRE portal. This is a great application to help students master multiplication facts.

Let us know if you have any questions—we're excited for a great month of learning and celebrating winter!

## Fifth Grade Updates

Math: We are now beginning to divide whole numbers, then use that knowledge to be able to divide decimals! A good conception of multiplication facts is very needed by this point in the school year.

ELA- Students will listen to, read, and view a variety of texts and media that present them with information about the people who settled the American West. A genre focus on informational text will provide students with opportunities to identify central ideas, text structure, and author's craft techniques in order to better understand unfamiliar texts. Students will also encounter personal historical fiction to build knowledge across genres.

## ESL Updates

Hello Families. Now that the colder weather is here, please remind your child to wear warm clothes to school. The students have a 30 minute outdoor recess if the weather is above 25 degrees. This month we have winter break beginning Friday, December 19, 2025 to Friday, January 2, 2026. School opens again on Monday, January 5, 2025. Some classrooms will have class parties on Thursday, December 18th. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to donate items for the party.

## Specials

**Physical Education:** Please have your student(s) wear tennis shoes or sneakers to class on days they have P.E. Please no crocks, boots, slippers, or sandals. If weather has you putting your student(s) in boots please pack their tennis shoes in their backpack.

**Library:** Please make sure your students are returning their library books to school. I encourage all families to read with their students every day for at least 15 minutes. Ask your kindergarteners and 1st graders about their dinosaur reading buddies! This month, we are getting festive, reading about December holidays around the world, gingerbread tales, snowmen, and giving back. Happy Holidays!

**Makerspace/Innovation:** Our 4th and 5th grade students are putting the finishing touches on their St. Jude Epic Challenge inventions and are excited to begin planning how they'll build their prototype models. We will also be joining schools around the world in celebrating Code.org's "Hour of Code," with a special focus on exploring A.I. this year.

**Music:** We are finishing out the semester strong! Students are continuing to practice their musical talents by singing, dancing, and movement with a variety of styles. 4th and 5th grade students will work on rhythm projects this month to create a song. Be on the look out for a video of some "performances"! Younger students are refining basic musical ideas and working on responding to what they hear. Ask K/1 students about their new friend (song) - "Aiken Drum"!

## Special Education

The K/1 MDILC will be starting our Ginger Bread Man unit this month! All of our classroom lessons and project will have a gingerbread man focus! We can't wait! Please remember to check your email for classroom updates. These email are titled, "News from Mrs. Barlow."



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