



J-T Elementary



# Newsletter

Home of the Wildcats

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**December 10: Board of Education Meeting**

**December 12: End of 15 Weeks**

**December 13: Wildcat Net Fest**

**December 18: 4-6 Concert**

**December 22-January 2: Winter Recess**

Our Elementary and High School Biweekly Newsletters are now available on the district website at [www.jtcsd.org](http://www.jtcsd.org).

CLICK HERE 

**ELEMENTARY**

**WINTER CONCERT**

**MUSIC BY:**

- 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND
- 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHORUS

**TROUBSBURG CAFETORIUM**

**THURSDAY**

**18**

**DECEMBER**

**AT 6:30 PM**







# November's WILDCAT of the MONTH



November  
Wildcat of the Month



River G.  
Pre-K



November  
Wildcat of the Month



Ronin Foster  
1st Grade



November  
Wildcat of the Month



Ehren Beam  
3rd Grade



November  
Wildcat of the Month



Morgan Porter  
6th Grade



November  
Wildcat of the Month




Mrs. Mills  
Classroom Aide

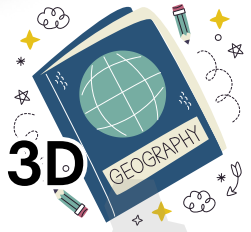


**Wildcat of the Month**

**W** WELL-MANNERED  
**I** INVESTED IN LEARNING  
**L** LEAD BY EXAMPLE  
**D** DEPENDABLE  
**C** COOPERATES  
**A** ACTIVE IN SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY  
**T** TRUSTWORTHY



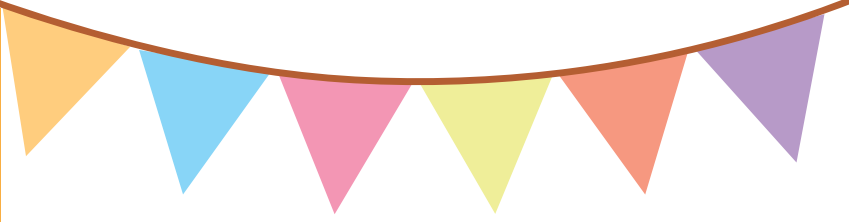

# INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS



## Exploring America's Landforms in 3D

In 6th grade, students have been diving into the study of landforms and bodies of water. Each student selected a U.S. state to research, focusing on the unique landforms found there. Using their research, they first created detailed maps, then brought them to life by transforming those maps into three-dimensional models that showcased the rich variety of landforms across the states.





# LEARNING & EXPLORING IN PRE-K

EXPLORING WILDLIFE AND NATURE BEFORE HIBERNATION.



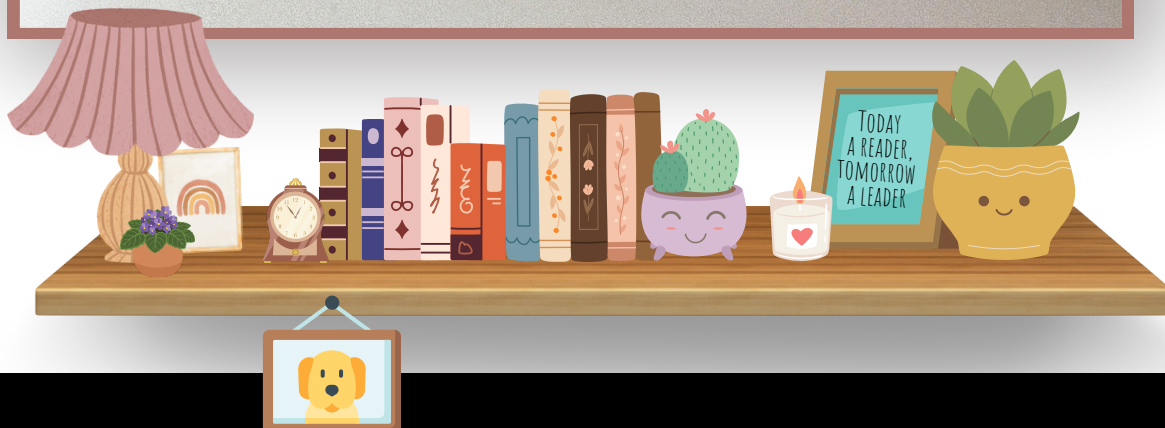
WORKING HARD ON FINE MOTOR SKILLS AND HAVING FUN ALONG THE WAY!



# Growing Strong Letter Recognition Skills

In Mrs. Stone's first-grade reading groups, we have been focusing on strengthening students' understanding of b/d reversals. Students engaged in a hands-on activity using playdough to build words that included b and d, which helped reinforce correct letter formation in an engaging, multisensory way.

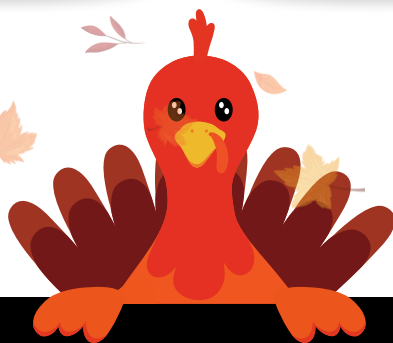
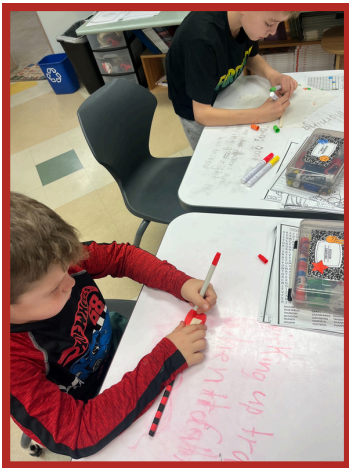
Students have also been practicing the "bed" strategy, where they hold their hands out with their thumbs up to form the shape of the word bed, with b on the left and d on the right. This visual and kinesthetic cue has supported students in distinguishing between the two letters during reading and writing activities.



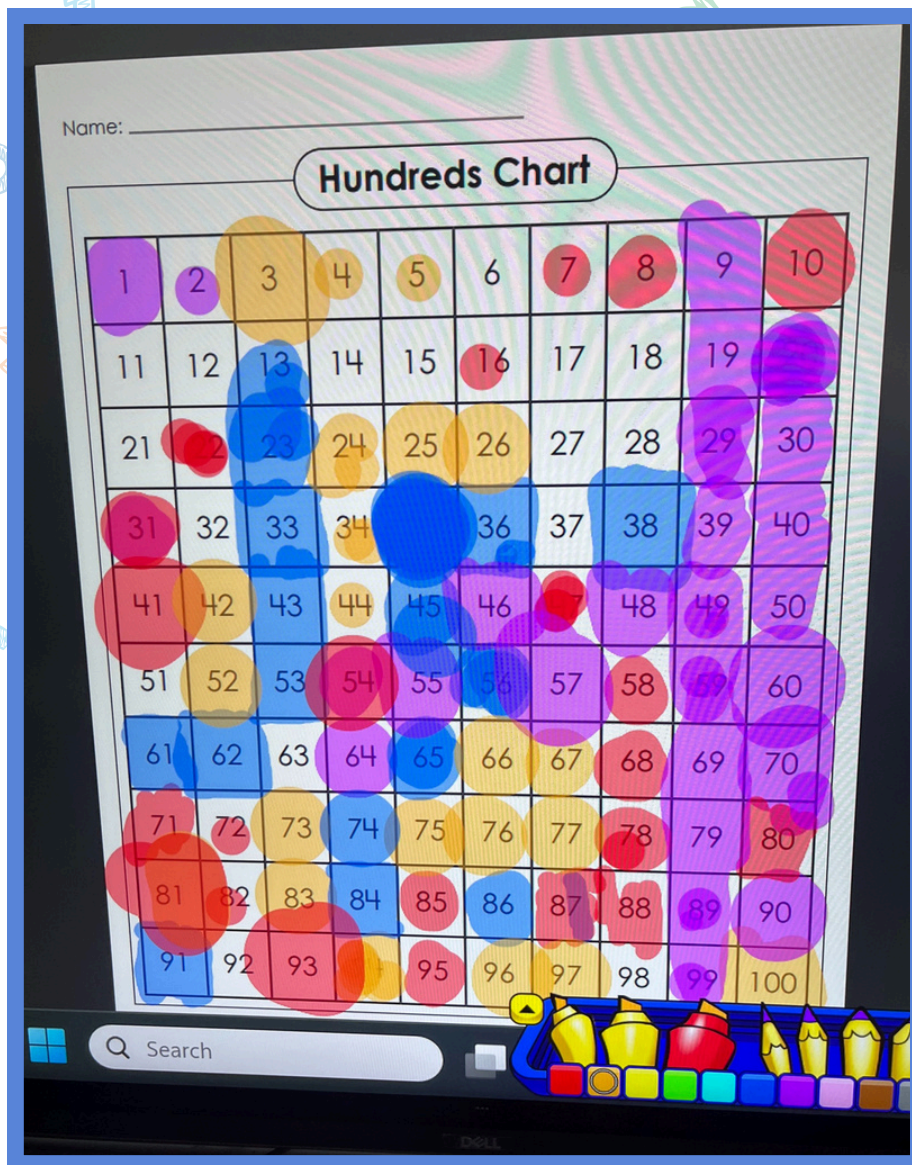
# A Spoonful of Thanks



On Friday before Thanksgiving break, 3rd graders started what we hope will be a new tradition for their families. They decorated a **Thanksgiving Spoon of Thanks**, which they took to Thanksgiving dinner to pass around the table. When someone holds the spoon of thanks, they get to share something they are thankful for and pass it along to the next person at the table.



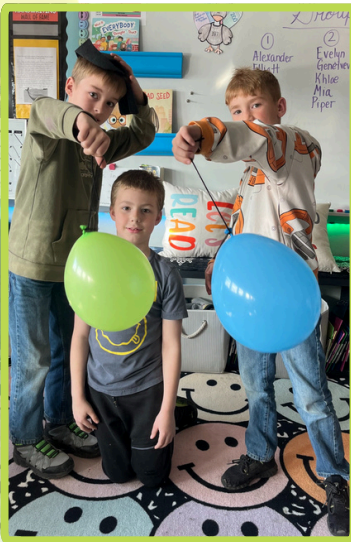
# Third Grade Math Review



Before we took our Module 2 math test, students completed a review activity in partners. After each correctly completed question, partnerships got to color two numbers on a hundreds chart. When the review was over, a few random numbers were selected and those students received a small prize! It was a fun and successful review for all!

# Shocking Discoveries: Third Graders Explore Static Electricity

3rd graders explored properties of static electricity in our *Electric and Magnetic Forces* unit. They were tasked with getting their balloons to attract to one another (by creating opposite charges in the balloons), repel from one another (by creating like charges in the balloons), and then to see if they could get their balloons to attach to a classroom surface using static cling.





# From Balloons to Bee-Bots: Second Graders Celebrate the Macy's Parade



The Second graders learned about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and the creator behind the balloons we see today. We designed our own "balloons" and "flew" them over our city skyline. We then programmed Bee-Bots to travel through a maze of skyscrapers, police officers, reporters and spectators. Finally, we invited our 6th grade Paw Pals to come join in the fun with us.





Third graders met with their Paw Pals to create Thanksgiving placemats to take to their Thanksgiving dinners! It was a PAW-some time!



**PAW  
PALS** 



# Friendship, Food, and Fun: A Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast



On November 21st, the combined Kindergarten classes enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving Feast. They enjoyed their Friendship Fruit Salad, corn bread, impossible pumpkin pie (made in class), and chicken cooked in a rotisserie right in the classroom.



THANKFUL



# Let it Snow

*Snowy adventures with our Kinders.*



# PLAY-DOH CLUB



**The Wildcat Wellness Student Team** created a "Wildcat Wellness Winter Workshop" to share some tips about how to stay physically and mentally healthy during the holiday season! Here are some of their suggestions:

- eat healthy food 🍌🍏
- be kind to others 🤝💚
- dress appropriately for the weather 🧤🧦
- wash your hands 🧼
- make sure to sleep good when you can 😴
- don't be greedy 🙅
- try a new hobby 🎨



# WILDCAT NET FEST



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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**MODIFIED, JV, AND VARSITY PLAY AT HOME**  
**ALUMNI GAME FOLLOWS AT 6PM**  
**DON'T MISS IT!**

## Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Greenwood Cafeteria**

**3:00 - 6:00 pm**

**! Eat in or Take out**

*Sponsored by the 11<sup>th</sup> grade class to help with prom expenses*



**Donations Only**

# 2025-26 Yearbook UPDATES

**ORDER TODAY**





### 2025-2026 J-T YEARBOOK - ON SALE NOW

Yearbooks are now on sale at a low cost of \$35.00 through December 31, 2025. Cost will increase to \$45.00 per yearbook on January 1, 2026.

Reserve your copy today to guarantee a yearbook at the end of the school year, as only a limited number of books will be printed.

Options to Pre-Order:

- Order online @ [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)
- Scan the QR Code

Send in your payment (be sure to include the 8% sales tax) along with the order form to: YEARBOOK ADVISOR. All checks payable to: JT YEARBOOK.

Thank you for your continued support!

*J-T Yearbook Staff*

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## Elementary INTERVENTION

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING?

I am currently in my 28th year of teaching and in my 15th year at JT.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING AN INTERVENTION TEACHER?

I love working with students from all different grade levels throughout the day! It is very rewarding when students start to grasp skills or concepts that they have been struggling with.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?

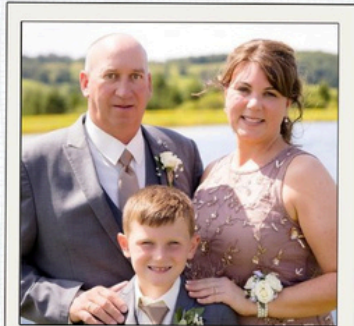
My favorite thing about JT is the students. There are so many students that are kind-hearted, hard working, and that are eager to learn each day.

### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

I enjoy traveling with my husband, reading, walking, making quilts, and watching my grandson play sports.

### WHAT'S ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

One day I'd love to take a trip to Norway to experience its natural beauty and cruise through the fjords.



MRS. HULSE



## Elementary INTERVENTION

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING?

I am currently in my 16th year of working at JT.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING AN INTERVENTION TEACHER?

I am a Reading Specialist and work with students on reading intervention. I enjoy this because it is very rewarding to help students who may be struggling to figure out the patterns to help them become better readers. When you get to see the light turn on and they finally get it, it is just a great feeling to know that you were part of helping them become a successful adult.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?

One of my favorite things about JT is that I know many of the families in the community. I feel this helps me build great relationships with the families and they can trust that I am doing the very best for their child.

### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

A couple of my favorite hobbies are hunting and doing lawn work. I love to be outdoors.

### WHAT'S ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

One item on my bucket list is to visit all fifty states with my wife.



MR. JORDAN



## Elementary INTERVENTION

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING?

I have been an aide for three years, and this is my first year in a teaching role. All of these years have been at JT.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING AN INTERVENTION TEACHER?

What I love most about being a reading intervention teacher is watching students gain confidence as their skills develop. It is incredibly meaningful to witness their growth and see their hard work reflected in their daily progress. I also appreciate the opportunity to build supportive relationships in my small groups so that each student feels encouraged to take risks as a reader. Knowing I can help lay a solid foundation for their future learning makes this work truly rewarding.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?

My favorite thing about JT is the welcoming, supportive environment. The students and staff truly make it feel like a supportive school family.

### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

I enjoy listening to music and spending time with my family.

### WHAT'S ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

One thing on my bucket list is to swim with dolphins.



MRS. STONE



Wildcat  
Pride





# J-T ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION  
OF CREATING HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS THAT GO  
TO FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM NOVEMBER 24TH  
TO DECEMBER 15TH IN GRADE-LEVEL  
CLASSROOMS.

PRE K: JELLO, CAKE, BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX

KINDERGARTEN: BREAD OR MUFFIN MIX

1ST GRADE: STUFFING MIX

2ND GRADE: MASHED POTATOES

3RD GRADE: CANNED VEGETABLES

4TH GRADE: CANNED FRUITS

5TH GRADE: CRANBERRY SAUCE, PICKLES, OLIVES

6TH GRADE: GRAVY OR GRAVY MIX



# December 2025



## JASPER-TROUPSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Egg Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots	2 Chicken Quesadilla w/Rice Egg Salad Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	3 Chicken Alfredo w/Bread Egg Salad Sandwich Green Beans	4 Sesame Chicken w/Rice Egg Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!	5 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Egg Salad Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots
8 Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sliced Carrots	9 Meat Nacho Grande w/Rice Ham & Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	10 <b>NY MENU DAY!</b> NY Cheese Lasagna Rollettes Warm Dinner Roll Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Fresh NY Mixed Salad Greens! Homemade NY Apple Crisp NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk	11 Italian Meatball Sub Ham & Cheese Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices! NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes	12 Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots
15 Pepperoni Pizza Buffalo Wing Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sliced Carrots	16 Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	17 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans	18 Cheeseburger on a Roll Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!	19 Mini Pancakes w/Sausage Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots
22 	23 	<b>WINTER BREAK</b> <b>DEC 22nd - Jan 2nd</b>		26 
29 	30 <b>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY!</b> See menu for details	31 <b>SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!</b> Students Return: January 5th, 2026	This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.  Make Online Payments at <a href="https://payfort.net">PayFort.net</a>	

### DAILY ENTREES

PBJ Sandwich  
Chef Salad w/Bread Choice  
NY Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/Soft Pretzel  
**Mon:** Cheeseburger on a Roll  
**T/Th:** Cheese Pizza  
**W/F:** Chicken Nuggets w/Bread

### DAILY SIDES

Tossed Salad  
Fresh Vegetables  
Assorted Fruit  
**M/W/F:** 100% Fruit Juice  
Chilled NY Milk

### PRICING

**Breakfast & Lunch:** \$0.00  
**Milk/Ala Carte Sides:** \$0.75  
**Snacks:** \$0.50-\$1.60  
**NOTE:** Every student receives 1 bfast & 1 lunch at no charge per school day. Each bfast & Lunch must be a COMPLETE REIMBURSABLE MEAL, or student will be charged ala for each item on their tray.

### BREAKFAST MENU

**Monday:** Mini Pancakes  
**Tuesday:** Cinnamon Roll  
**Wednesday:** Stuffed Bagel Bites  
**Thursday:** Breakfast on a Stick  
**Friday:** Stuffed Bagel Bites  
**Daily Items:** Cereal Bowl, Bfast Bar, Muffin Top, Graham Crackers, Asst. Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice & Chilled NY Milk

**wake up!**

School Breakfast

Contact the Food Service Office at (607) 792-3675 or go to the School District Website Food Service Page & click on the Contact Us button to fill in and submit your info. If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please notify us.

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