



PCA Eagle's Nest News

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THINGS TO NOTE ...

- **Bus Families...** There is no afternoon bus TOMORROW, Wednesday, December 4.
- **Girls Basketball** 4th - 8th grades practice starts this week! Practices are listed on calendar below. Please wear work out clothes and gym shoes and also bring a water bottle.
- Our **Boys Basketball tournament** starts this Saturday in Neponset. We will have a better idea on time after tonight's game.
- **Christmas Program & Open House...** December 13th at 6:30 p.m. This is for ALL students in grades K-8. Our night will begin with the Jr. High choir. Then our K-5 students will perform "This is Amazing Grace", written and directed by Miss Chariss Hoffman. Invite your family now.
- **January 2020 hot lunch menu** will be sent home this week, Wed., Dec. 4th to be returned on Wed., Dec. 11th! It will also be posted online. Please watch for it!! Check the office for credits/debits!

Christmas Program & Open House Volunteer Information: Fri., Dec. 13th @ 6:30P

To serve in the kitchen: Carmen Grey. Need 2 more volunteers.

To bring 2 doz. cookies: Jennifer Searl, LeAndra Harris, Carmen Grey, Angie Wall, Elizabeth Zawistowski, Krystal Bickett, Natalia Slevin, Laurie Cowser, Jen Schail, Stephanie Swisher. We are needing 3-4 more volunteers. Thank you!



**Early dismissal
2:00 p.m.**

Classroom Christmas Party Volunteer Info: Fri, Dec., 20th. (Check with the teacher as to start time.)

Kindergarten: Jessica Odell & Ashley Gray

3rd grade: Elisha Pollok & Heather Heaton

1st grade: ????????????

4th grade: Cheri House

2nd grade: Sarah Scruggs & Elizabeth Zawistowski

5th grade: Angie Wall

6th, 7th, 8th (to help serve food and monitor games): Laura Richey

PCA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Tues, Dec 3	3-5P	Girls B-ball Practice	Tues., Dec 10	Boys B-ball Tournament @ Neponset
	5:00P	Boys B-ball @ DePue	Thurs, Dec 12	3-5P Girls B-ball Practice
Wed, Dec 4	Progress Reports Issued			Boys B-ball Tournament @ Neponset
Thurs, Dec 5	5-7P	Girls B-ball Practice	Fri, Dec 13	6:30P K-8 Christmas Program
Sat, Dec 7	Boys B-ball Tournament @ Neponset		Mon, Dec. 16	3-5P Girls B-ball practice
Mon, Dec 9	3-5P	Girls B-ball Practice	Tues., Dec 17	3-5P Girls B-ball practice
Tues, Dec 10	3-5P	Girls B-ball Practice	Thurs., Dec. 19	3-5P Girls B-ball practice
			Fri., Dec. 20	Dismiss at 2P for Christmas Break



December

04 - Mrs. Zawistowski	Food Service Coordinator	18 - Mrs. Wilson	1st grade teacher
08 - Mrs. Skaggs	Secretary	22 - Braxton Bickett	1st grade
09 - Myla McCoy	3rd grade	26 - Miss Neff	Reading/Math Aide
18 - Michael Glass	5th grade	30 - Evan Wilson	5th grade
18 - Mrs. Wilson	1st grade teacher	30 - Titus Cook	8th grade
		30 - Mrs. Cherie House	P.E. teacher



The Jr. High Choir will be going to PHS to observe a choir rehearsal next Tuesday, Dec. 10th in the morning. **After the rehearsal, we will go to Pizza Hut for lunch. The cost will be \$5.00 for the buffet and \$1.00 additional if students desire a drink. Please bring your \$ to the office ASAP.** Thank you!

Jr. High Choir Students will be performing first for the Christmas Program on Dec. 13th. Please have them dress nicely for the concert and be at PCA by 6:00 p.m. that evening.

Upcoming Community Events:

Sunday, Dec. 8th at 3:00 p.m., the Community Band and Bureau County Chorus will have their Christmas presentation, "Silent Night, a Concert of Holiday Music". This will be at the Princeton High School auditorium. You and your family are invited to attend.

Also, you are invited to attend PBC's Christmas Eve Service, "Come Celebrate the Glory of the Lord" on **Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 6:00 p.m.** A presentation of singing, special music, scripture, and candle lighting ~ all to celebrate the birth and glory of Jesus, the Christ Child. Miss Hoffman will be singing with the children "Jesus Is Here". Come and celebrate with us!

TEACHER'S NOTES FOR YOU!



Sonshine Preschool Note ~ Miss Elisha Dec. 2 - 6, 2019

Theme: Christmas

Bible Topic: Christmas: Mary and Joseph

Wednesday: *Mary and Joseph Take a Trip and Obeying God*

Friday: Review

Bible Verse: Luke 1:37 - "For nothing is impossible with God."

Bible Song: "Mary and Joseph Blues" ; Christmas Songs

ABC Bag/Snack

Wed, Dec. 4-Bryant

Fri, Dec. 6 - Everly

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Kindergarten Tidbit ~ Mrs. Whitlock

I pray everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving. You have such precious children and so much to be thankful for. If you signed up to help with the Christmas Class Party, start thinking. Our helpers are: Jessica Odell & Ashley Gray.

We are finished with all our letters and blends. HOORAY! Your children are so excited.

Now we start our reading groups and get our Readers. The students are picking names for their groups and are excited to get our "I am Learning to Read" books. They will be sent home a few times before Christmas.

We are planning our Open House surprises. The children have picked the Scavenger Hunt places to show you. Be sure to stop in the Kindergarten room before or after the "Christmas Program" Friday, December 13th.

This week we will finish Our Great Country in Social Studies and get ready to take off to see the world. The students will get passports and tickets to journey around the world.

In Numbers we are adding the "80 Family" and counting to 100. Please continue to practice all the numbers 1-89 and numbers that come after a number. We are adding the 3 addition family and will continue to practice writing our numbers. We will have a written evaluation in Numbers.



Finding the missing vowel in words will keep the students busy reading and sounding out words. What vowel will make a word. Rule: "When there is only one vowel, it usually says it's short sound and you mark it with a smile." The reading groups will be reading all the blend ladders and several words to prepare us to start our reading books. We will read sentences and introduce spelling a word. There will be a reading evaluation this week.

In Handwriting we will continue practicing writing letters. For Language Enrichment, we will be introducing words that end the same and rhyme. We be learning the poem "What Can I Give Him?" We will make ornaments for our tree.

We will finish the Bible story of King David and Mephibosheth and talk about showing kindness and keeping our promises. We will do Random acts of Kindness in the school and/or community this month and make cards for PCA sponsored child, Allison, and Darren, Mrs. Whitlock's sponsored boy. There will be no student gift exchange. Promote acts of kindness at home too. We will also start the story of Esther.

Keep reading for Pizza Hut's "Book It." We had several students get free pizzas this last month.

Remember we go outside even if it is cold, so please send your child with warm coats, hats, mittens and scarves, even snow pants and boots for extra warmth.

Please restock your child's extra clothes or bring some so we have warmer clothing. We may get a little damp outside so changes may be more often.

1st grade ~ Mrs. Wilson



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Our classroom Christmas Party is December 20th from 12:30 – 2:00pm and we need two parents to help organize and lead the party. I have Nativity Bingo! Please let me know if you would be willing to help with the party. Thank you!

Bible - This week we will learn about Elijah and the Widow. Our memory verse is “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of the others.” Philippians 2:4

Phonics – This week we will learn and practice the double consonant suffix rule – when a root word ends with one consonant and the vowel is short, double the consonant before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel: ex. run-running.

This week’s special sounds are -tch in patch, -ear in ear, and -ear in bear.

Math – This week we will learn to identify the difference between cups, pints, quarts, and gallons. We will introduce the 9 addition family facts. We will also be counting from 151-200, identifying one half dozen items and learn about the quarter. We will continue to review counting by 25’s, telling time, and reading thermometers.

Spelling – please practice week #14 words at home.

The December Book-It Reading Calendars will be sent home this week. Please color in each day your child reads. Thank you!

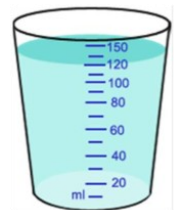
2nd grade ~ Mrs. Bickett

December Book-It sheets have gone home with your student. Students need to read a total of 120 minutes during the month of December.

Students have chosen their speech material for the speech contest. A copy should have gone home with your child before Thanksgiving vacation. Please encourage your child to begin memorizing their poem, Scripture portion, or fable.

In Bible class this week we are learning about Elijah. This week we will see how Elijah trusts in the Lord. We are working on Psalm 100:4 this week. “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” We will recite this verse on Friday. We will also have spelling test 14 on Friday. Bonus spelling words for the week are: because, usually, knife, Genesis, and Messiah.

In math classes this week we will work on the 15 subtraction family, liquid measures, elapsed time, boiling point of water, normal body, temperature, and adding whole numbers to mixed numbers.



In Phonics and Language class we will finish the special sounds on chart 13. We will learn about the difference between singular and plural nouns and how to make nouns plural by adding s or es or changing y to i, and irregular nouns like child- children, etc. We will also learn about possessive nouns.

We will learn the letters Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, and Nn in cursive this week. We are learning about our five senses, our skeleton, heart and lungs and teeth in science class.

3rd grade ~ Mrs. Glass

Bible verse: Luke 19:10. We will be learning about “the lost” this week. The lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son, and missionaries (David Livingstone).

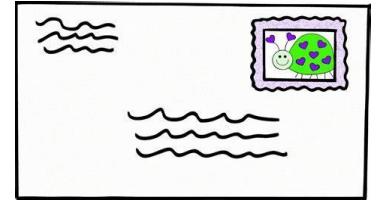
Math: We will start cross multiplying money, working with centimeters on our rulers, and we will start division with remainders. Friday - test.

English: Test on Tuesday. We will be working more with placing our commas. We will also learn how to address an envelope.

Spelling: list 15 - test on Friday.

Science: We will continue in Chapter 3 - our weather, and the earth’s atmosphere.

History: Quiz - pg. 91-110 over Patrick Henry and George Washington. We will continue learning about Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Banneker.



4th grade ~ Mrs. Odell

We will now be working on John 1:1,2,14 – “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” Colossians 1:15-17 is a great reminder of just who Jesus is and we are continuing Jn. 3:16-21, too. I again realize that their capacity to memorize is astounding in light of the many words they know for the Christmas program songs!

We are due to test over chapter 10 in history. It will be Wednesday or Thursday.



We need three or four drivers for our in-town field trip. We will leave around 10:05 on Wednesday, December 18, and be gone for about an hour. We’ll go to a nursing home and RP Lumber to deliver the mittens, etc.

On Wednesday, December 11, we will be presenting our “gifts” to one another. These are presentations that could include a song, poem, reading, dance, skit, magic trick or anything that is from the abilities God has given each child. Wow! We are so busy!

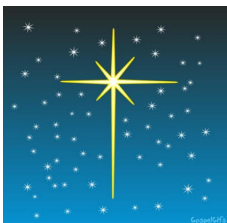
We are reading Saved at Sea now with the children reading one chapter an evening on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and two chapters over the weekends.

We test on spelling list 14 tomorrow and then begin list 15.

Have a great week!

5th grade ~ Mr. Clausen

Keep working on your Nation Notebook.



When you wish upon a star ~

Choose Jesus!



Science ~ Mr. Cornman

6th: Constellations; Figures in the Stars, we will be studying the many different constellations in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. We'll then study our closest star, the sun and the many aspects of it.

7th: Creation and Science. Using Science and God's Word to dispute Evolution.

8th: Vapor pressure of different substances, the workings of Heat Pumps, Refrigeration and Air Conditioners. Quiz 10 pages 101 - 110 probably Friday.

Mrs. Cook's Jr. High News:

8th grade Spanish Test tomorrow!

7th & 8th graders are working on Poetry writing for ACSI.

7th grade should expect a daily quiz in Language Arts.

All students who are submitting the "Freedom of Speech" essay must get it to Mrs. Kiser or myself by Friday.



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