



JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



(MP2 WEEK 6B: Week of Jan 4th – 8th)

KINDERGARTEN

COMING SOON!

1ST GRADE

First graders welcomed in the New Year by making New Year's Resolutions! In Reading, we read an information story, Seasons. We focused on the comprehension strategy of cause & effect. Our phonics focus: sh, wh & ph diagraph. In writing we are learning to stay on topic, and include details with complete sentences. We will be working on writing to inform through our pieces. Some classes will be writing about their favorite season. In Math, we continue to add & subtract through twenty, and work on story problems. In Science we are finishing up learning about plants and animals/organisms!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO READ NIGHTLY AND WORK ON DREAMBOX FOR MATH!

2ND GRADE

Happy New Year second grade families! Last week we spent a lot of time looking at pictures of artifacts from the late 1700's. This was part of our unit about life long ago.

Students enjoyed looking at each picture and trying to figure out what each object was used for in the past. In math, we continued practicing strategies for solving double-digit addition and subtraction problems.

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB!

3RD GRADE

Third graders were busy this week! We continued learning about text features used in nonfiction texts. Students started researching and taking notes on the history of candy using internet sources. In math, students are solving multi-step word problems with addition and subtraction. We are looking forward to having students back in the building!

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK, THIRD GRADERS!

4TH GRADE

Fourth grade has been working hard. In Math, we are writing equivalent fractions, decimals and getting ready for our end of unit assessment. In Reading, we are identifying the main idea of a text and finding details to support it. Our goal is to write a detailed paragraph stating the main idea and supporting examples. In Science we are investigating magnetism and will begin exploring circuits using a battery, wire and lightbulb. Hopefully, things will really light up soon!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTINUE READING AND WORKING ON DREAMBOX.

5TH GRADE

COMING SOON!

RELATED ARTS: PHYS ED, MUSIC, LIBRARY & ART

Physical Education

We are continuing our Safer, Smarter Kids Health units with each grade level: Kindergarten is learning about their Safety Stop Sign, using their I Mean Business Voice when they see something that is not safe, who their Grownup Buddies are, and determining who is in their Trusted Triangle.

1st Grade is reviewing their Safety Stop Sign, who their Grownup Buddies are, and who is in their Trusted Triangle, as well as using their Guiding Voice when faced with a Think-Feel-Act situation.

2nd Grade is learning about their Safety Superstar Tools, which includes their Safety Stop Sign, I Mean Business Voice, Trusted Triangle, Safety Barometer, and T-F-A. They are also learning about using their Safety Goggles to assess safe and unsafe situations.

3rd Grade is learning about being a Good Citizen, their Safety NETWORK, Digital Safety, and Social Media.

4th Grade is learning about the Kids' Bill of Rights, having a Voice, and The Right to Be Heard. 5th Grade is learning about Peer Pressure, Courage, Cyber Bullying, Harassment, and having a Cyber P.L.A.N.

Library

In library, we are continuing our work on genres of literature with a focus on fantasy and poetry. Younger students have enjoyed the Doreen Cronin books while older students have listened to a sampling of the chapter book, Three Good Deeds by Vivian Van Velde. A variety of poems have been used and students in second and third grades wrote winter haiku poems.

Students are practicing using the Kami and Nearpod apps for both synchronous and asynchronous library assignments.

BOOK CLUB – every Wednesday, starting January 13TH (4th Grade 11-11:45; 5th Grade 12:15-1)

Music

We are exploring FAST, MEDIUM & SLOW TEMPOS in music. We have been practicing our different cup games and reading rhythms at various speeds. 3rd – 5th Graders are rapping with “THE BEAT” and the “TEMPO RAP”. Grades K-2 are singing and performing the motions to the “GOOD MORNING SONG”, “TWIST WITH A BURGER” & “JINGLE BELLS”.

CHORUS – every Wednesday, starting January 13TH (4th Grade & 5th Grade 12:15-1)

Art

We had blizzards of fun this week in art class working on some winter themed drawings and paintings! Each grade level completed a snowy landscape drawing, as well as some fun, silly drawings, like a prickly cactus in a winter hat, and a steamy mug of hot cocoa on a snowy day.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE WINTER FUN IN ART IN THE COMING MONTHS!

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*******HYBRID LEARNING STARTS AGAIN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH*******

COHORT A STUDENTS IN SCHOOL ON MONDAY & TUESDAY

COHORT B STUDENTS IN SCHOOL ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY

For **RELATED ARTS**, Classes will have the same “Special” all week once a month.

On Wednesday, Students **ZOOM** with their classroom teacher and complete an **ASYNCHRONOUS RELATED ARTS** lesson through Schoology for the “Special” of that week.

