

Reading**By Daphne Moe**

Reading is an awesome activity! We have many opportunities to read in our class such as Reading Express or the computer after morning work. Every afternoon we join Mrs. Johanson's class and have read aloud together. Sometimes Mrs. Harris reads and sometimes Mrs. Johanson reads. We just finished A Dog's Life. It is a really good book. We are practicing main idea and details with our new novel Charlotte's Web. I hope your child is reading each night for their reading minutes calendar. We will finish Charlotte's Web before Winter Break.

Science/Social Studies**By Millie Kate Fox**

In science we are learning about mass, matter, volume, and texture. I think we have a project coming up. A texture we are learning about is smooth. We are talking about how volume is the amount of space that matter takes up. We are also learning about how mass is the amount of matter an object has. We are starting Project Lead the Way, and we are building a lever, an inclined plane, and a gear. We will use them to help a tiger get out of a hole.

Writing**By Nick Van Es**

Cursive is hard, but fun. It gets easier and easier every time we do it. I like how quiet it is when we practice and learn cursive. We have learned all the lowercase letters and are starting to learn the uppercase letters. We are going to start using cursive more in class, too. We also have finished our first WordMaster challenge. My word was shelter. I looked it up in a dictionary, made a reference card, and presented it to the class so they could learn the meaning too. We have also been practicing singular and plural possessive nouns.

Specials**By Mrs. Harris**

→ Art in the Studio with Mrs. Workman--Students are using black ink and pastels on a very cool animal project. The project is using several class periods and has many steps.

Upcoming Dates

-Fri, 12-21 1:30-2:10
Winter Celebrations Be sure to have an approved background check on file in the office if you plan to attend.
-Mon, 12/24/18 - 1/4/18
Winter Break NO SCHOOL

Math**By Patrick Hamilton**

Hello, Hounds. In math class we do our math journal, math review, Xtra Math, and Front Row. We use our dry erase boards sometimes to practice skills. We also play fun games like multiplication war. Right now in math we are learning about decimals. Decimal represent less than one whole. Decimal place value columns are tenths, hundredths, and thousandths. To the left of the decimal are whole numbers like ones, tens, hundreds, or thousands. A decimal point separates the whole numbers and decimals. We will be having a test on decimals before Winter Break.

Teacher Tidbits

- I hope that each and every family has a wonderful Winter Break filled with special moments to remember and relax.
- An important letter came home with students today. Please be sure to read it and contact me with any questions. I appreciate all of your feedback.
- Spelling will return to normal routines after Winter Break (tests on Tuesdays). Remember to practice through the week to be ready for Tuesdays.

