

Roosevelt Elementary

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P.B.I.S.

Word of the month:
Gratitude



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 	5 2 hr. late start	6	7
10	11	12	13 PTSA meeting @ 6:30	14
17	18	19	20 	21
24 Winter break –No School	25 Winter break –No School	26 Winter break –No School	27 Winter break –No School	28 Winter break –No School
31 Winter break –No School	Jan 1 New Year's Day–No School	Jan 2 School resumes		



Preparing All Students for a Successful Tomorrow

Greetings Roosevelt Families and Friends!

As you can see we had a very successful Turkey Bingo. We managed to give away several toys, games, books and 52 turkeys thanks to Jennie-O who made such a generous donation.



Again, in the areas of Math and Reading, please know we are working hard with two new 'curriculums'. In Reading we are independently reading 30+ minutes each day so please inquire about their books. Ask recall questions to see if they remember key details and events. In Math, don't expect homework. We want to be sure students are at a 85% accuracy before we send work home and with our 'new Math', we're still practicing.

Mr. Mitteness and I are working hard to recognize and celebrate students each day who meet their personal best. A couple ways we do that is through "Positive Calls Home on Friday" and "Lunch with STARS Students" both are wonderful ways for us to personally connect and celebrate the wonderful things

your children, our students accomplish each day.



Education is a partnership between school and home, please contact me (lockhartl@willmar.k12.mn.us) if I can be of any assistance to you.
Lori Lockhart - Principal



CLASSROOM NEWS



PreK:

During the month of December in preschool we will be reading a variety of Gingerbread stories. We will be comparing what is the same about the stories and what we notice is different about them. We will be retelling some of the stories and trying to remember specific details that go with the stories. We will be making a graph to show all the data we are recording. Along with this, we will be working on letter names and the sounds the letters make and playing many counting games as well.

Kindergarten:

Wow, December is here! We have been busy learning and working hard at practicing new skills as well as reviewing skills we have already learned. In reading, our focus will be to identify characters, setting, and major events of a story. We will also continue to practice retelling familiar stories. In math, we will continue learning about comparing weight, length, height, capacity. We will also begin comparing numbers to 10. Thank you for taking time to ask your child about his or her day!

1st Grade:

For reading we will continue our work with describing characters, settings, and events in fiction stories. Please continue to have your child do their reading homework every night (reading their book to you). For writing we will be writing opinion pieces. For math we will solve addition and subtraction problems within 20, using the making 10 and take from 10 strategies.





2nd Grade:

Second grade is working on recounting fiction stories using story elements this month. In Math we are continuing our work on adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers with multiple strategies (with and without regrouping). We also continue our work with solving story problems using the read-draw-write method. We will be focusing on engineering standards in Science and on voting as well as timelines and calendars. For December in Social Skills we will focus on Gratitude. It will be a busy month! Remember to make sure your child has proper winter gear for recess!

3rd Grade:

Hi! The third graders are working on sequencing and using steps in a technical procedure from how-to texts, a list of procedures, and directional texts. After that, they will be studying sensory language and elements of a poem. In writing, they will be using informative and explanatory texts to convey ideas and information clearly.

In Math, the students are well on their way to being able to meet their expectations for multiplying and dividing within 100. They will be building on their multiplication and division skills and the study of factors from 2 to 10. In Social Skills we are focusing on Kindness and Caring.

4th Grade:

Fourth grade has had another busy, yet fun, month!

In math, we've been continuing our hard work on various multiplication and division strategies. It's been great to see students grow and strive for success during math!

During literacy, we have been focused on identifying character traits, which the students have really enjoyed, and we've continued to review main idea. We've also moved onto Unit 3, which is focused on theme of a text.

In social studies, we've been focusing on map skills. We've covered longitude and latitude, the four hemispheres, and identifying/explaining various map features. We're looking forward to another fantastic month!



5th Grade:

Hello from 5th grade! We continue to build and strengthen our classroom communities with social skill activities and morning meetings. The 5th-grade teachers work with the kids to use grit and have a growth mindset when tackling math problems that are difficult. Kids are reminded that failure is the first step in being successful. We are continuing to build our reading stamina during our daily independent reading time. Our classrooms are working hard to reach a classroom goal of 40 books per student read at school. During the month of December, we will head into Module 3: Fractions in Math. Reading will focus on Theme and Main Ideas.

Media:

Welcome to December! Due to the many holidays that occur during this month our theme is "Explore the World". Students will be talking about traditions, music and food from countries across the world. Make sure to have you students pick up a Monthly Challenge sheet in order for them to have a chance at winning some fun prizes! Thank you for encouraging reading!

EL:

What if parents don't speak English and don't know how to read?

Even if a parent cannot read, there are many ways they can develop their children's oral language skills and support their literacy efforts. Here are a few ideas: storytelling, "read" wordless picture books, say rhymes and sing songs, take trips to the public library, engage in meaningful conversation, watch educational children's programs together.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/empowering-ell-parents-families-home>





Stem:

3rd Grade: December will be doing the Solar System along with a little Rap: "I'm, the Sun-I'll be rapping first on this track from the beginning, the center of the solar system, Planets be Spinning Around Me, I'm So Hot, I'm Roasting you see, so pass the Mic to the planet closest to me..."

4th Grade: STATES OF MATTER.... "What's the Matter??.....Everything in Science....Matter the Stuff things are made up...what STATE will they be in? No, not just MN, Solid, Liquid, or Gas you will see!!!

5th Grade: I like to Move it Move it...What's that mean?? FORCES in MOTION unit will Start at the end of-December. How can you stop something in motion? What are the 3 Laws of Motion...Ask Isaac Newton or your student!!!

Music:

With the beginning of our second quarter of school the students in music class have had a chance to review the basics and are now taking things to the next level. Grade 5 is working on learning how to play songs on the recorder. Grade 4 is learning some of the steps to composing their own music. Grade 3 is learning to play songs on their bell sets. Grade 2 has been working hard on learning note names and rhythms. Grade 1 has also been doing a lot of rhythm work. Kindergarten has developed a strong sense of steady beat and is now learning simple rhythms. The state of Minnesota has developed standards for music that cover: Create, Perform, Respond and Connect, all of which we work to give the students experiences in as we go through our year.

REMINDER

These are the Songfest dates and times:

Grades 2-3 Friday, March 22nd at 2:00 pm

Grades 4-5 Friday, April 12 at 2:00 pm





Nurse:

Here at Willmar Schools, we do not exclude a student from school if nits (eggs) are present in hair, but we do exclude for live lice. It's a good practice to check your child's head on a regular basis throughout the year. Adult head lice or their eggs (nits) are most often found behind the ears and at the base of the neck. Head lice are most commonly spread by direct head-to-head contact with hair of other people who have head lice. Head lice are commonly spread within households. There are a number of effective treatments for head lice. Typically, a medicated shampoo is the most effective treatment to kill the live lice, though there are natural (suffocant) methods as well. The main thing families need to remember is the treatments DO NOT KILL THE NITS (EGGS). The nits "glue" themselves on to shafts of hair and need to be physically removed either with fingernails or a lice comb (metal combs are much more effective than plastic combs)- or they will hatch into new live lice- and the cycle starts over again. Hair should be combed DAILY for two weeks after the treatment is done to remove any residual nits. Head lice are certainly a nuisance, but they are not generally considered a health hazard. Nor is head lice a sign of poor hygiene; in fact, lice prefer clean hair. Please see the following link for more information: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/headlice/headlice.html>



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P.E. :

Physical education class are working on Gymnastics, Basketball and Volleyball units. Please remember your tennis shoes! NO Boots!



Roosevelt Elementary



DECEMBER NEWS AND EVENTS!!!!!!

MEETINGS

Roosevelt's Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has many fun events planned during the school year for our Roosevelt students & families. This month's meeting will be held on December 13 at 6:30pm. Follow us on our Facebook page: Roosevelt Elementary PTSA Willmar, MN. for the latest information and updates. We are always looking for fresh, new members and ideas so we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

CONGRATULATIONS to our top winners of our Fall Box Tops Contest: 1st: Benn, 2nd: Dahl, 3rd: Bernhagen!!! Each class received their cookies and milk reward for all their hard work in helping us to raise \$488.00!! We will be having another Box Tops classroom competition March so start saving them now!



VOLUNTEERS

Send us an email TODAY at:

willmarrooseveltptsa@gmail.com

We will add you to our NEW volunteer list for this school year. Mention your cell number to receive text reminders via the Remind App before all of our events and volunteer opportunities.

UPCOMING DATES

January 11:

Movie Night

February:

Teacher Conference Meal

March 1:

Bingo for Books

First Week of May:

Teacher Appreciation

May 30:

End of the Year Dance at Lakeland, BOGO Bookfair

Cherrydale Prizes!

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Students who qualified for the limo ride and ice cream party will be receiving their rewards on this day.



WANTED!

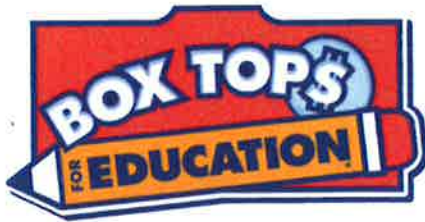
Roosevelt is now accepting Kwik Trip Milk Moola! Start collecting today and leave in the PTSA drawer found in the entrance.



WANTED!

YOU can help Roosevelt Elementary School!

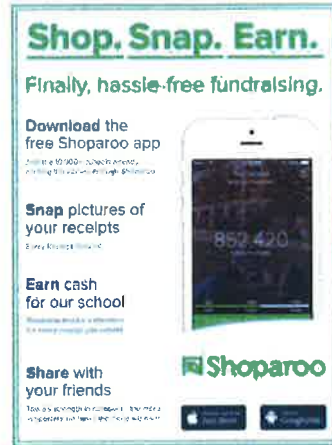
Box Tops for Education



Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of products. For a complete list go to btfe.com and click on the Earn tab and then select Clip Box Tops.

What we earn: 10¢ each

Shoparoo Mobile App



What we earn: \$40-\$400

Kwik Trip - Milk Moola



Roosevelt can earn 5¢ for every cap or bag top collected from Kwik Trip and Kwik Star's Nature's Touch® product! There is no limit to the amount of cash you can earn and you can use it for school trips, new books, or playground equipment, the possibilities are endless!



What we earn: 5¢ each

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CARDINAL TENNIS

Begins Sunday, December 9



Quick Start Tennis for Grades 1-5 is designed with smaller courts and slower balls to improve hand-eye coordination. Students will learn the basic fundamentals of tennis. This course includes a FREE tennis racket (if you already have a racket from a previous session, please register for Session B).

COOKIES & CANVAS

Saturday, December 15



3-7 graders, do you love art? Spend the afternoon with Blue Ice Studio creating a large canvas painting with step-by-step directions. We will have fun enhancing our artistic skills, getting creative, singing and making friends!

WRESTLING

Begins Thursday, January 3



K-6th graders enrolled in this course will gain experience and learn the basic techniques instructed in the Varsity Cardinal Wrestling Program. Students will be encouraged to compete when the athlete, parents, and coaches feel is appropriate.

Coming in 2019!

- **Kids' Archery League**
Grades 2 & up
Sundays, beginning Jan. 13
- **Intro to Cross Country Skiing**
Grades 2 & up
Tuesday, Jan. 15
- **Bachata Dancing**
Ages 6 and older
Tuesdays & Thursdays, beginning Jan. 15



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