

Roosevelt Elementary

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Word of the month:
Gratitude



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December 2019



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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January 6 school resumes



Classroom



PreK:

In preschool we continue to practice writing our names, learning letter names and what sounds the letters make. Another big area we are working on daily is self-help skills. With cold weather already here it is important to send warm coats, hats, mittens, and soon snow pants and boots. We are working with the children to put all of these things on by themselves and practicing zipping their own coats. Encourage them to do this at home as well!



Kindergarten:

Kindergarten friends have been so busy learning! We have learned some fun math games, like Bump, One More, One Less, Garbage, and others! In reading we are learning about verbs and nouns. Our writing is starting to come along. Many of our littles can read already, and most are very close. Keep practicing those letter names and sounds at home. We have only had about 12 sight words, please help your child learn them. They should know I, a, can, we, see, it, the, like, is, do, come by now. Keep reading at home!

In Math we are learning all about shapes! Flat shapes; triangle, square, circle, hexagon, rectangle and trapezoid. We also learned solid or 3D shapes! We know sphere, cylinder, cone, and cube!



1st Grade:

We have been so busy in first grade with lots of learning, fun and friendship! In Literacy we have been working on describing characters, settings, and events. We have also worked on explaining the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts, identifying the main topic of a text and giving three details to explain the main topic. Our firsties are really diving into math! We have been working on addition and subtraction within 20. In first grade, there is a big focus on making ten to add or subtract because ten is a friendly number to work with! With colder weather and snow moving in, please send winter gear - hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots with your child. Students do go outside for recess during the winter!

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2nd Grade:

Brr, the weather is getting colder as we jump right into December! This month in second grade we will be practicing recounting a fiction story from beginning to end and identifying the theme or lesson of the story. We are also working on writing a friendly letter to someone special to us. In math we are learning new strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. During social studies we will learn about different cultures and what makes each one unique. Thank you for asking your child about his/her day each night!

3rd Grade:

3rd Grade has been working hard in the new quarter! We are excited about what they have been learning and how hard they are working! In math we have learned new strategies to add and subtract multi-digit numbers, and have also begun revisiting multiplication! They are taking the challenges in stride! In reading, we have just completed a fun couple of weeks looking at and making our own poetry. We are continuing to learn new reading strategies and practice with them during our independent reading. Please continue to encourage 20 minutes of reading at night to complete the reading calendar! We look forward to a fun few weeks before our holiday break!

4th Grade:

Fourth grade has been working hard to be STAR students.



In reading, we have been focusing on the theme and what we can learn from the stories that we are reading. We have also been practicing finding the main idea and supporting details in our texts.

We have been learning many different strategies to multiply and divide. We are working on showing our thinking in different ways.

Students will be working on an opinion writing project.





5th Grade:

What?! December already?! Where has the time gone? November has been a very full month here in 5th grade at Roosevelt. We have gone very deep into multiplication and division with decimals in math and now have started our unit on fractions. In reading we have been spending much of our time in informational texts, including texts about busy bees, super ants, Martin Luther King Jr., and Nelson Mandela. We have been finding main ideas of our texts and key details and using that information to write stellar summaries! Moving forward we are jumping back to fiction texts to really dig into the themes that we can find in them and the lessons to be learned from our characters. These students are doing such a great job of keeping a growth mindset this year and struggling through tough times to become better learners and young men and women!



Media:

Happy December! We sure have some Marvel-ous readers here at Roosevelt and this month we are highlighting the superhero in us all! Have your student come on down to the library this month for a fun superhero themed reading challenge and remind them that all challenge finishers have a chance at winning a BIG prize! 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>



Classroom



Music:

On Thursday, November 21st our students in Kinder through Fifth grade took part in a lyceum brought to our school through funding by Minnesota Public Radio. The OK Factor's mission is to empower general music students to explore their musical voices as a classroom, and see how each of them individually has the creative power to improvise and compose. Through active listening and interactive learning exercises, Olivia and Karla (O.K.) made the basics of composition and improvisation understandable, fun and easy to approach. Olivia plays cello and Karla plays violin. Their presentation fit right in with our State Music Standards that address creating of music!



PE :

In physical education we continue to work on our basketball, volleyball and gymnastics units. With the cold weather please remind your child to bring tennis shoes for class. It's much easier to run and play games in tennis shoes than boots.

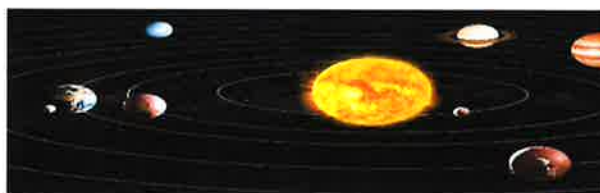


Stem:

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!!!



Classroom



Nurse:

We nurses want to remind all families to be regularly checking your student for head lice. Cold weather season tends to bring an upswing in head lice activity. We get many questions about head lice, so it's a good time to review our policy and some facts about lice.

Here at Willmar Schools, we do not exclude a student from school if eggs (nits) are present in hair, but we do exclude (send a child home) for live lice. As recommended by our school nurse consultant at the Minnesota Department of Health, we no longer send letters home to a classroom when a student has head lice (or strep throat or the like) as it often ends up being a breach in confidentiality. Therefore, it is very important to be checking your student's hair regularly, year round. 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 (they do not jump). 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 EGGS (NITS). The eggs "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 a lice treatment has been done to remove any residual eggs. 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>





Thank You



PTSA:

Thank you to the following volunteers for their help in various PTSA events:

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| Jenna Bernhagen | Nancy Aasen |
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| Ken Bestge | Loydene Bernhagen |
| Roc & Kristel Arcilla | Jodi Neis (& her high school students) |



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DECEMBER NEWS AND EVENTS!!!!!!

MEETINGS

The Willmar District Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has exciting events planned this year for Roosevelt families and are looking for help for the events to take place. Please consider volunteering by contacting us at willmarrooseveltptsa@gmail.com. We also encourage you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at WEAC (district office). Follow us on our Facebook page: Roosevelt Elementary PTSA Willmar, MN for additional updates.

CONGRATULATIONS to our top winners of our Fall Box Tops Contest: 1st: Bernhagen, 2nd: Knott, 3rd: Eddy!!! Each class received their cookies and milk reward for all their hard work in helping us to raise \$360.00!! We no longer can accept cut out Box Tops but are participating in the Box Tops for Education via the app so download it today!!!



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 10:

Movie Night

February:

Teacher Conference Meal

March 6:

Bingo for Books

First Week of May:

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

May:

End of the Year Event at Roosevelt Elementary School

Cherrydale Prizes!

Students who qualified for the ice cream party & opportunity to make Ms. Lockhart into a human sundate will be receiving their rewards this month.

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Indoor Rock Climbing

Dec. 5, 4-5pm (page 18)

Story Hour @ Pioneer Cabin

Dec. 12, 4-5:15pm (page 18)

Blue Ice Studio Cookies & Canvas

Dec. 14, 2-4pm (page 20)

Cookie Art

Dec. 19, 10am-12pm (page 26)

Blue Ice Studio Make & Take Session

Dec. 21, 2-5pm (page 19)



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WINTER PROGRAM CATALOG COMING JANUARY 2!



Find us @WillmarParks

Register online at willmarparks-rec.com
or call 320-235-1454.

Upcoming Recreational Activities

Youth Wrestling

January 6-March 30, 6-7:30pm

Grades K-2: Mondays \$45

Grades 3-6: Mondays & Thursdays \$65

Singlet deposit: \$30, refunded at end of season if returned in good condition

Youth Hockey

Register at www.willmarhockey.com

Open Skating

Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm

\$3 per person at the door

Open Curling

Saturdays, 7-10pm

\$3 per person at the door

Dec 21 & 28; Jan 4 & 11;

Feb 1, 15 & 29; March 7

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 'curriculum's and we are in our 2nd year with Eureka Math. In Reading we are independently reading 30+ minutes each day so please inquire about their books. Ask recall questions to see if your children 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.

The ONLY homework we are issuing is TO READ AT HOME!

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" "Games with Principals" 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 (lockhart@willmar.k12.mn.us) if I can be of any assistance to you. Lori Lockhart - Principal

