



Roosevelt Elementary



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Word of the month:
Gratitude



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December 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6	7	8 Professional Development- 2 hr late start for Students	9	10
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20 	21	22	23 Teacher Conference Comp Day- No School for Staff or Students	24 Winter Break- No School for Staff or Students
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January 3rd (2022) School resumes



Dear Roosevelt Friends and Family

November was a busy month, but here we are, it's **December**! We held several awesome events this month so I want to take this opportunity to **showcase** them.



THE Fall Festival: Grades K-2nd: Thank you Kindergarten teachers for coordinating the event! Well done!



Veteran's Day Lunch:



Thank you to Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Bosch for coordinating our special Veteran event. It was wonderful!

THANK YOU JENNI-0: Roosevelt received 50 turkeys from Jenni-0 which were awarded during a virtual game of BINGO! It was awesome!



Thank you. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or email me as I am eager to hear from you and assist in any way possible.

Lori Lockhart, Roosevelt Principal lockhartl@willmar.k12.mn.us or 231-8474

Classroom



PreK:

Preschool is excited for the weather changes we are having! We go outside everyday so please send warm coats, hats and mittens everyday and snow pants and boots as soon as we have snow. Please let your child dress themselves at home as we spend a lot of time practicing this skill at school. We also continue to work on names and letters everyday. The best thing you can do at home is let your child use crayons, pencils, and markers everyday to draw and write.

Kindergarten:

Thank you all for your continued support of your kindergartener! We will be having some gingerbread fun this month as we read some favorite gingerbread stories. You will even find a create-your-own gingerbread family art activity to complete together in your child's folder soon! Math skills we are working on include 2D and 3D shapes (cylinder, sphere, cone, cube) as well as continued practice with number sense: breaking apart numbers, writing numbers, and counting. In literacy we are reading some fun fiction stories and finding the story elements (characters, setting, problem, and solution) to retell the story. We continue our practice with letter sounds, blending words, and sight words.

1st Grade:

In First grade, we are working on our short vowel sounds and word endings (st, nk, ing). We are practicing how to ask and answer questions, as well as describe the settings (where/when) of a story. Noticing how others feel, and understanding that it's ok to feel differently in the same situation is our focus for 2nd Step. In Math, our focus is on making a ten when adding two or three addends. It will be another busy month! Thank you for reading with your child at home and being such wonderful partners with us! Please remember to send snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves/mittens everyday. Make a game of practicing putting on snow clothes (complete with zippers!) - how fast can they do it?

2nd Grade:

What a busy and fun time! We would like to start by saying an extra THANK YOU to all of the parents and volunteers that helped us put on an amazing Fall Festival. We truly could not have given our students a better day, and it is because of your help that it went so well. They still talk about how fun that day was! It is an exciting month in 2nd Grade. We have worked hard in the last month to retell fiction stories! Students are working hard to find the characters, setting, events, problem, and solution. They are awesome!

In math, we finished place value and got right into adding and subtracting two-digit numbers! They are learning and practicing many strategies to solve these problems! Thank you for a great first start to our school year, we are excited to see what the rest of the year brings!

Classroom



3rd Grade:

Wow, December already!

Our third graders have had an awesome month learning many new skills. This past month we've explored some topics such as addition and subtraction strategies in math, and main ideas and supporting details using nonfiction texts in literacy. Our social-emotional learning focus this past month has been on being caring. We've also practiced some great calming and mindfulness strategies!

We hope all families have an amazing December :)

4th Grade:

It is hard to believe that we are moving into December already, before you know it we will be turning the corner towards spring. This month in math we will be finishing multiplication and division and moving ahead to look at geometry. In literacy we will be continuing with theme and will have some time to reteach and relearn some past material. Finally, in social studies we will be moving to the southeast region and the United States and exploring what makes it unique and special. Please reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns and have a great December.

5th Grade:

Snow is falling and we can go through the day now without the fans in our room :) In literacy we will be reviewing how to understand different perspectives about the same event in history. We encourage students to read some historical books for their 20/20 reading at home. In math we will be learning about the order of operations and solving algebraic expressions. We are looking forward to another great month!

EL:

There are many different ways that you can support your students' language development. Giving your student access to books is a great way to do this! Your library is one of the most important resources in your community, and anyone can use it. You and your family will find books, videos, music, newspapers, computers, and much more for kids and adults — for free! Students go to the school library during the week, but consider making it a family activity by visiting the public library in Willmar. The Library in Willmar is located at 410 5th St. SW, and is open Monday-Friday from 9:00-8:00 and Saturdays from 9:00-4:00.

Art:

In K-2 Art, we are continuing our study of color. We are learning about primary and secondary colors, warm and cool colors, and neutral colors. Our projects will focus on the use of color.





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:

This month in music class we are having fun with instruments in grades 1-3 as we continue to learn and practice beat and rhythm. We've even had some student conductors! Kindergarten has been working on moving safely to music and singing so-mi songs. And our 4th and 5th grades sang This Land is Your Land as Veterans Day approached and have been learning about Melody, Solfege, and Dynamics.

PE:

We are having gym classes inside now and will be starting three new units. Basketball, Gymnastics and volleyball. For gymnastics, we will be going up-side-down at times and need to be dressed appropriately.

Just a few reminders:

*School doors don't open until 8:15 in the morning. Please do not drop your student off before this time. The weather is getting colder and there is no supervision for students before 8:15 am.

*Kinder parents can come to the west parking lot door after school to pick-up their student. We will have older siblings come down to wait with the kinder students.

*Please be sure your children are coming to school with winter clothing, if you are in need of an item please let us know, we are happy to help. Our 'cold weather' policy reads, ".....students will go outside for recess unless the air temperature is below 0, or the wind-chill creates a temperature below -10 degrees F..."



Title I School-Wide Programs

Roosevelt Elementary Schools has Title I school-wide programs that focus on raising achievement of all students. Balanced literacy, mathematical concept development, and social emotional learning are strategies that are being implemented to accelerate student learning. In addition, Title I staff collaborate with classroom teachers to determine students that would benefit from additional reading or math support based classroom assessments and/or Star assessments. Alongside classroom teachers, Title I staff provide small group instruction focused on specific skills to support students with meeting grade level reading and math standards.

Parent Involvement, Family Events & Conferences:

Your partnership and involvement with your child's education is essential to his or her academic and future success. You are invited to participate in the following activities:

- We are planning a Math and Reading Family Event on Thursday, March 3rd.
- More about Title I at Roosevelt can be found at

<https://www.willmar.k12.mn.us/Page/4489>

View the *Willmar Public Schools District Parent and Family Engagement Plan* at <https://www.willmar.k12.mn.us/Page/4489>.

Assessments

Willmar Public Schools uses a variety of tools to measure and determine a student's academic growth and proficiency of grade-level standards.

- Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)
- ACCESS for ELLs
- Star Assessments
- Classroom assessment and more

For more information about assessments, including a form to opt out, and school testing calendars, please visit

<https://www.willmar.k12.mn.us/domain/742>.

Parent's Right to Know

Each school year school districts must notify parents/guardians of children attending Title I schools that they can request information regarding the professional qualification of their child's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). A paraprofessional provides academic or other support for students under the direct supervision of a teacher. If a student receives instruction from a teacher who is not highly qualified, parents/guardians must be notified. If you would like to request information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s), please contact your child's school.



EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

WHAT IS IT?

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY

1

Contact your preferred participating provider directly to learn about their application process.

2

Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) to submit an application and to find participating providers near you.

3

Complete a mail in application and send it along with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

LEARN MORE



Call **833-511-0311**, or



Visit **[fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)**





Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic

Possible Newsletter Blurb:



The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or by calling 833-511-0311

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a qualifying household with up to \$50 off their monthly internet bill.



Learn more at: fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

Qualified Households Can Receive:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service, including equipment rentals; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

See if You Qualify and Apply
Call: 833-511-0311
Visit: fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

