



Roosevelt Elementary



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Word of the month:



Paraprofessional Appreciation Week

Jan 22-26

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January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 	2 School Resumes	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15 Prek-12 Teacher work day No school for students	16	17 	18	19 End of Term 2
22	23	24	25 4 th Grade orchestra concert 6 pm- WEAC	26
29	30	31 Professional Development; 2 hr late start for students		



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New Year

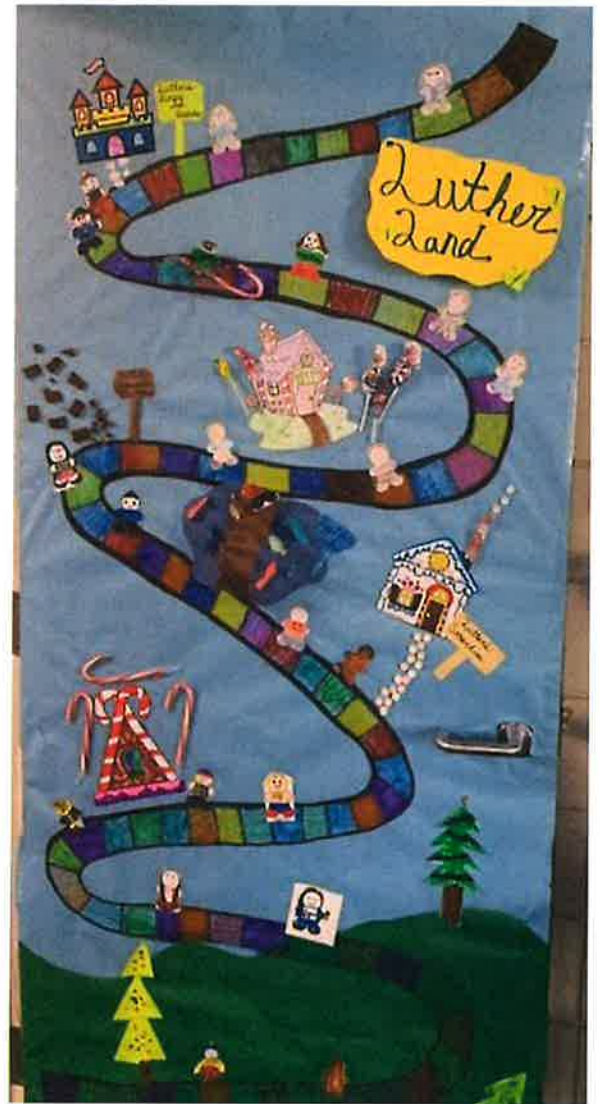


Preparing All Students for a Successful Tomorrow

Happy New Year to our Roosevelt Family and Friends!



As we come to the end of 2023 I cannot believe how quickly the school year has gone! We're doing great things and this week, Dec. 18-22, we are having some **Winter Holiday Fun!** Here are a few pictures of classrooms that have decorated their doors for the building-wide competition we are having with judging to occur on Friday, Dec. 22nd. **Best Door Wins!**



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I have one reminder from the bus drivers; parents, please do not drive through the bus lane. It is a safety factor as 89% of our students bus so we need to be extremely careful. Please stay out of the busing lanes.

Also at parent pickup, there are two lanes. The lane closest to the curb is to park, stay in your vehicle and your child will come to you. The second lane is the drive-through lane once you have your child. It is not a lane to pick up children from as we cannot have them run across lanes of potentially moving traffic.

Please park at the curb or park your car in a parking spot...thank you! Safety first! It is a busy time and we need to be careful.

Information RE: District Student Survey

At Willmar Public Schools, we are committed to inspiring and preparing all learners for their future in our community and the world. To do this, we must seek ways to improve the experiences for all students. In order to help us move forward with helping each and every learner, we are seeking feedback from our students. Sometime between January 10 - 24, students in grades 3-12 will be asked to complete a brief survey asking them about their experiences in school. Having direct information from our students is critical for developing plans to improve our schools.

Students' responses will be anonymous. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions. Only summary level responses, such as the percentage of students who agree or disagree with a statement, will be reviewed.

Survey questions can be found [here](#).

If you do not want your child to participate in the survey, please contact the main office at your child's school.



Thank you parents and guardians for your support and cooperation. I appreciate our partnership...we cannot do this without YOU!

Please call or email me if you have suggestions or wonderings. We want to make school the best it can be for your child! Thank you, Lori Lockhart, Roosevelt Principal

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PreK:

Welcome back to school! In preschool this month, we will be working hard on counting and making sets. We practice counting every day and hope to get to 29 by the end of the year. We also will be making sets with objects. We work on counting objects one at a time and having students give us a number of requested items. You could practice this at home by asking your child to get you 5 items and increase it to the number 10. Happy counting!

K:

Hello kinder families! We hope you enjoyed your break and we are excited to get a jump on our new year of learning! Our young readers are continuing to learn more letter sounds to help them grown in their reading and writing skills. The decodable stories we send home are great reading practice and an opportunity for your child to show off their hard work! We will also be reading books about farming; learning about different animals and foods that come from farms. In math we are starting a new unit for the new year! Students will be learning how to compose and decompose numbers, and how to add and subtract! It is still very cold outside so make sure you are sending warm clothes to school for recess!

1st Grade:

Happy New Year from First Grade!

We are excited to start a "New year" with your child(ren)! This month, we'll be describing characters and settings, as well as determining major events in a story. As you read at home, ask your child to tell you who the story is about, where it is happening, and what were the MOST important parts of the story. In math, we'll be wrapping up our unit on telling time to the hour and half-hour. Next, we'll be digging into real world addition and subtraction problems! As always, please be sure to send warm clothing to school with your child (coat, hat, gloves/mittens, boots, snow pants). Even on our "warm" winter days, it gets cold outside! Please label your child's clothing with their name as well to help us identify owners of missing pieces. We appreciate all you do to support your child! Thank you!

2nd Grade:

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful winter break! This month, second graders will be practicing some new skills and reviewing old skills. In reading, we will review identifying the main idea and text features in nonfiction books and learn about cause and effect in stories. We are also completing an opinion writing project. In math, we are learning strategies to solve double digit addition and subtraction problems and practicing solving word problems. This month our character word is honesty. We are also learning about the four zones of regulation and the feelings associated with each zone. Please talk with your child about their day at school. Thank you for your partnership!





3rd Grade:

Hello families!

2023 has come to a close and we just want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to each and every one of you, for sharing your student with us and for everything you do for them! We feel so lucky to have spent the last few months with them and are ready to start a new & exciting year! We are working on multiplication and division in math and are having so much fun with it! In literacy, we are working on character traits. In content, we are still working through our rotations. Mr. Molacek is working with writing persuasive essays, Ms. Welker is working on social studies with learning the structure of business and producers & consumers, Mr. Williams is working on learning to type and learning to write in cursive, Ms. Hornick is working in art with creating self-portraits!

From Mr. Molacek on persuasive writing: Creating a persuasive essay in the third grade is an exciting and educational experience for young learners. We start by helping your child select a topic for their essay. Next, brainstorm reasons and examples that support their opinion on the chosen topic. Create a basic outline that includes an introduction, body, and conclusion. Next, we emphasize the importance of revising and editing with a peer review. Finally, after incorporating any feedback, we have your child write the final draft of their persuasive essay. Encouraging them to use neat handwriting and pay attention to spelling and grammar.

4th Grade:

Last month students from the Focus House in Willmar gave all 4th grade classes a presentation about Bullying. This presentation taught students how to use Person First Language, be an Ambassador for Respect, stop Bullying, and how we can all be kind to one another. At the end of the presentation students pledged to use Person First Language, and to be an Ambassador for Respect.

Parents/Guardians, please be sure to look at your child's AVID Binder periodically. Students have been learning a lot this year. Ask your child what they are working on and learning. It may bring great discussion to your evenings.

Winter weather is coming. Children need snow pants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, and a warm coat (NOT a sweatshirt). If you are unable to purchase these items, please reach out to your teacher.





4th Grade (continued):

Make sure you have your E-Learning Packet. Your child must complete the work for the day in the E-Learning Packet and return to their teacher for attendance. If work is not completed, your child will be marked absent for that E-Learning day.

In content we are working on the following for the next 2 weeks:

Mrs. Luther-Social Studies-Latitude and Longitude

Mrs. Michelson-Writing-Informative Writing

Mrs. Hovland-Art- Island Art

Mr. Quitney- Handwriting/Grammar-Suffixes and Prefixes



5th Grade:

Welcome back!! To start off 2024, we are continuing to work with fractions in math. Examples of this include: solving real world problems, ordering fractions, mixed numbers, improper fractions, and decimals on a number line, and comparing fractions. In reading, we will be entering our poetry unit and exploring figurative language. For social studies, we will be finishing up with the early peoples and settlers of the Americas and move into learning about the independence of nations. In art, we will be working on radial symmetry and balance within a drawing. Please make sure your child knows where to locate his/her E-Learning Packet for inclement weather days!

EL:

Between January and March 2024, ELL students in grades kindergarten through grade twelve will participate in the administration of the ACCESS for ELLS Proficiency Test. The ACCESS is a required assessment that provides a standardized measurement of academic language proficiency for English Language Learner (ELL) students throughout the state of Minnesota. Each form of the test assesses the four language domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This information allows us to monitor individual ELL student progress on an annual basis.



JANUARY



STEM:

In STEM, we are busy studying:

Grade 5: Properties of Matter

Grade 4: Water as a valuable natural resource

Grade 3: Light In Action

Grade 2: Moving Objects

Grade 1: Helping the Environment

Grade K: Properties of Objects



Music:

In music, 5th and 4th graders are working on responding to music notation on the page and responding to what they hear around them while performing. 4th Grade has also begun to learn how to hold and play ukulele.

3rd grade just upgraded to using 2 mallets alternating while playing xylophones, and 2nd and 3rd are learning songs that will be a part of their Songfest in March.

1st grade is writing and reading rhythms and conducting their class to start, stop and stay together while playing instruments.

Kindergarten has been practicing using a singing voice instead of a speaking voice, and has now begun exploring instruments.

PE:

Please make sure your student has gym-appropriate shoes each day for physical education.

We continue our units Volleyball, Basketball and Tumbling. January 22nd Physical Education will be starting these new units, Hockey, Bowling & Racquet activities.

Thank you Walts for your generous popcorn donation. We appreciate it!

