

Roosevelt Elementary

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P.B.I.S.

Word of the month:
Fairness



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1  No school	2 School resumes	3	4
7	8	9	10 PTSA Meeting 6:30	11 Family Movie Night 6:30-8 pm
14	15	16	17	18 End of term 2
21 Teacher In-Service (No school for students)	22	23	24	25 Kami Anez Book Visit PreK - 5
28	29	30	31	



Preparing All Students for a Successful Tomorrow



Happy 2019 from Roosevelt students and staff!

It is beginning to feel more like winter as the temperatures drop and those winter winds from the north strike our faces with an awful reminder, "...yes we are in Minnesota ,and yes it is January!...."

I want to thank you for sending your children to school with warm winter clothing, we are grateful to see them dressed properly. If you are in need of items please contact our office so we can get in touch with a person who can help. I do want to take a moment to reassure you, as parents, we do weigh the decision to stay in or go outside for recess based upon precipitation, temperature and wind chill. We try to make the same decision (stay in or go out) as Kennedy and Lakeland but due to factors such as how sheltered the playgrounds are it can change the decision especially as the wind is concerned. Your child's safety is our biggest concern so we weigh the decision carefully. It is healthy and good for children to go outside everyday, weather permitting, they need the exercise and to get the 'wiggles out.' That movement proves to positively affect learning and concentration.

As we begin 2019 I want to remind you to **STAY involved** in your child's education. Be curious and inquisitive about their day but be specific. Here are a few questions you can ask that may provide you more details:

- What's the coolest thing that happened or what wasn't so cool?
- Pretend you are the teacher, describe the day, what would you say about it?
- What or who made you laugh? How were you helpful today and to whom?
- Describe the book you are reading, why do you like it, what is happening in it?

It is so important for you to **check your child's planner** and to see for yourself if they have work to complete or completed work to share. PLEASE check their backpack and go through their folder(s) and or planner. We as a staff work hard to send homework, completed work, and or notes in the folders and planner so please take a look! There are WONDERFUL items your child does everyday so be curious to ask them about their day, their work and planner.

Again, if you have questions, concerns or comments please do not hesitate to call me at 231-8474 or email me at lockhartl@willmar.k12.mn.us

It is a strong belief of mine that we are partners in your child's education so please reach out to us as a school staff if we can assist you or your child.

Thank you

Lori Lockhart, Roosevelt Principal

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Pre K:

Preschool had a busy month of December full of gingerbread men, pajama parties, and Snowy Days! In January we will be learning about winter, clothing, and buildings. We will continue to develop our skills for kindergarten by practicing our names, learning about our letters and letter sounds, and sorting and comparing objects.

Ask your child one thing that they did at school each day! There are easy ways for you to incorporate what we are doing in school at home. During mealtimes have your child count the items on their plate. In the car or in the store have your child search for the letters in their name! Take a magazine or newspaper and have your child search and cut out colors, shapes, or letters. When your child goes outside to play let them get themselves ready by putting on their own snow pants, boots, coats, hats, and mittens.

Kindergarten:

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is January already. In reading, the skills we will practice include asking and answering questions and retelling familiar stories including the characters, setting, and major events. In math, we will be comparing numbers as well as composing and decomposing numbers. Thank you for supporting your child!



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1st Grade:

In reading we are continuing describing characters, settings, and events. We are also finding differences and connections between texts. Continue to have your child do their reading homework at home every night! In writing we are writing opinions, including whether they like indoor or outdoor recess better. In math we are learning about measurement and starting place value.

2nd Grade:

In reading, we will be working with non-fiction books (books with real things). We will use text features (i.e. photographs, captions, bold print) to find and share key details about a topic. Also, we continue to work on our reading fluency and reading with expression. We are focused on reading with a good pace and voice intonation. In math, we will continue to work on adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers using math drawings connected to the standard algorithm. Also, we continue to solve story problems using the Read, Draw, Write process. During science and social studies we will focus on learning about different cultures and forces of motion (push, pull, and gravity). Finally, we will be writing a book review. We will study stories written by Jan Brett. Your child will choose his/her favorite Jan Brett story and try convince someone else to want to read the book. January will be a fun month of learning!! Please continue to read with your child at home. We appreciate all you do to support your child!

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3rd Grade:

In Math, the third graders will be working on fractions this month! They will work with area models and the number line to further their understanding of fractions as equal partitions of a whole. They will be working with fractional units of halves, thirds, fourths, sixths, and eights. They will be comparing fractions to deepen their comprehension of unit fractions as the building blocks that compose other fractions.

In Reading they are continuing to develop their reading comprehension skills. They are working on their ability to pick out the theme, the author's purpose and character traits. In Writing they are working on opinion pieces that support their point of view.

4th Grade:

Fourth grade has had another busy month! In math, we finished our unit on multiplication and division. We have started our next unit, fractions. During reading, we have been talking about theme and lessons we can learn from the different stories that we are reading. After winter break, we will be starting a social studies unit on the northeast region of the United States. We are looking forward to another great month!



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5th Grade:

Fifth Graders have spent the first half of the school year tackling the expectations of academics and behavior. We have enjoyed watching the students grow and mature over the past few months. As we enter the new year, 5th graders will be working on comprehending plot, determining the theme in a story, and finding the main idea with supporting details. The work on strengthening our understanding of fractions will continue to excite and challenge students as they will learn different ways to solve problems. Our classroom writing projects are centered around researching famous individuals and writing about them. Look for those the end of January. A reminder that students need to be reading for 20 minutes at home for 5 days of the week. This is the only homework that 5th sends home. Thank you!

PE:

When we come back from break physical education will continue with 2 weeks of volleyball and basketball.

our next units are Low organized games, bowling, rackets and hockey.

Remember to wear tennis shoes!!



Media:

Happy New Year! Our theme for this month is "At the Movies!" We are highlighting fantastic books that have now hit the big screen! Please make sure to have your student swing by the library for another fun monthly challenge! Thanks for encouraging reading!

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Music:

As you might expect, there's rarely a quiet moment in the music room. Leading up to winter break, grades 3-5 have been discussing and practicing how to write their own music which will carry into the New Year. In doing so, they gain a better understanding of reading and performing music. Kinder-2nd grade is working on improving skills and learning new skills through the use of fun winter songs.

Be sure to keep an eye on future newsletters as Songfest information will be posted as we get closer to those dates. Just a reminder that they are as follows:

Friday, March 22 at 2:00 pm – Grades 2 and 3

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



EL:

There are many ways to support your child's learning at home. Here are some tips from Colorin Colorado, a bilingual site for educators and families. Demonstrate a positive attitude about education with your children. Monitor your child's television, video game, and internet use. Encourage your child to read. Talk with your child. Encourage your child to visit the library. Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently. Encourage active learning.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/twenty-ways-you-can-help-your-children-succeed-school>

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HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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!!!



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Nurse:

With winter break right around the corner, the kids will be looking for things to do on their days off! Playing outside (rather than playing video games!) is a great way to spend some of their free time over winter break, however, it is important to consider safety. The American Academy of Pediatrics has provided us with some helpful winter health and safety tips:

Outdoor Winter Activities

Ice skating, skiing and sledding are great ways to get exercise on a cold winter day. Remember, children should be supervised with these activities.

Skiing, Sledding and Skating Safety Tips:

Sled feet first, sitting up and facing forward, rather lying down head-first or backwards.

Sled on slopes that are not too steep and are free of obstructions like trees, fences, or busy roads.

Skate only on approved surfaces; make sure ice is at least 4" thick if skating on a lake or pond!

Never sled, ski or skate alone.

Do not chew gum or eat candy.

Children, particularly those under 12 years old, should wear a helmet when sledding and skiing.

Choose a hill that is snow covered, rather than ice covered.

Go inside periodically to warm up, dress in layers, and remove wet clothing at once to avoid frostbite and hypothermia

HAVE A SAFE and HEALTHY WINTER BREAK EVERYONE!!

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JANUARY 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 January 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!

Family Movie Night is coming to Roosevelt Elementary School on Friday, January 11th at 6:30. Join us for a family friendly movie, free popcorn and \$.25 candy. Students will be voting on the movie and it will be announced in a flyer to be sent home before the event. Don't forget your pillows & blankets!



VOLUNTEERS

Send us an email TODAY at:

willmarrooseveltpta@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

Box Tops for Education!

Don't forget to keep collecting your Box Tops for another classroom competition coming soon!



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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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Look for these elementary activities in January 2019!

- **Kids' Archery League** with the Little Crow Archers, for youth grades 2-12.
- **Intro to Cross Country Skiing** at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, for youth grades 2 & up.
- **Bachata Dancing** with Dulce, for youth 6 years and older, parents & adults.
- **All About Owls** with Sibley State Park naturalist, for youth grades 1-5.
- **PWELC Extravaganza** at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, for youth grades 1 & up.
- **Cookies & Canvas** with Blue Ice Studio, for grades 3-7.

Watch for the Willmar Community Education Winter 2019 program and activities brochure in your mailbox and online the first week of January!



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