



Roosevelt Elementary



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January 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Winter break- No school for Staff or students
4 School Resumes in Distance Learning	5	6	7	8
11	12	13 	14	15
18 PreK-12 Teacher In-Service (No school for students)	19 AA students return to hybrid	20	21 BB students return to hybrid	22 End of Term 2
25	26 	27	28	29

P.B.I.S.

Word of the month:
Fairness



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Pre K:

Preschool wants to thank our families for the amazing job you have done with distance learning! We appreciate all the parents who are helping their child get logged into our google meetings and for sending us photos and videos of the other activities we have posted in our google classroom. Your involvement is the key to your child's success. All of the learning activities and videos we have posted will help keep them on track for when we can return to school!

Kindergarten:

Thank you for your support as we transitioned to Distance Learning this last month! We are so thankful for supportive families and kindergarteners who are resilient! Just a few reminders to please check your child's math and reading work daily. We expect assignments to be turned in for each area every day. There are videos to watch BEFORE you complete the assignment. We have also greatly enjoyed seeing your child in groups during the day!! These small group times have been so much fun for us as teachers to connect with your child and to provide him/her with the math and literacy instruction they need. Finally, please remember apps such as Epic!, RAZ-Kids (Kids A-Z), and Khan Academy kids are available to your child every day and will have assignments from your child's teacher. These are great additions to our curriculum and FUN ways to practice!! Happy 2021 and we look forward to the second half of our school year!

1st Grade:

Thank you for helping your child at home while we learn from a distance! We are so grateful that you are making sure that your child is completing homework neatly and carefully.

Reading-

In the month of January, we will be digging into these questions: How do plants change as they grow? What is a folktale? How is life different than it was long ago? How do we get our food?

In January, Spelling/Phonics...

- Jan. 4-8: long i sound (i_e words)
- Jan. 11-15: soft c (ce words)
- Jan. 18-22: long vowel sounds
- Jan. 25-29: oo, u

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1st Grade (continued):

Comprehension...

- We will be focusing on describing characters, settings, and major events in a story using key details.

Writing: This month students will be writing opinion pieces. They will introduce the topic, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide a closing sentence.

Math: This month in math we will be...

1. Identifying and counting coins.
2. Measuring and reading graphs
3. Solving addition and subtraction problems.



2nd Grade:

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a restful break and enjoyed time with each other. We are excited to be back with our students! In Literacy, we are transitioning back to Nonfiction text to look for text features. Students have worked hard to recount Fiction stories, and we will continue to practice those skills again this year!

In math, we are continuing to add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers in Module 4. We will continue to use multiple strategies to solve these problems. Lastly, the 2nd Grade Team is so thankful for your flexibility at home. Distance learning could not run as smooth as it has without you all!

3rd Grade:

Happy January!

The third grade team is very proud of all the students' hard work! These are crazy times but they have been troopers. We are continuing to work on recounting stories, but will be starting our poetry unit in literacy! And we will be continuing our multiplication and division work in math! Keep up the great work, all of us miss you so much!



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4th Grade:

In 4th grade, we have been working hard to adjust to a new learning model. For literacy, we will be looking at how authors write different texts. We will be comparing and contrasting the different texts that we read. Students will be learning how to measure angles using protractors and different math strategies. Please continue to encourage your student to log in with their teacher. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Stay well!

5th Grade:

Hey 5th grade families, we hope your winter break was a great one! We are ready to jump back into our learning. We know that this month we may be transitioning out of distance learning after January 15th, so we are prepared for whatever happens. We will be continuing to work on adding and subtracting fractions in Math and finding relationships in scientific texts. We appreciate your support and thank you for all that you have been doing to help at home!

STEM:

3rd-STEM: we are working on learning planet facts, students will make a solar system project with the sun and all the planets in our Milky Way Galaxy!

4th-STEM: It is HEATING up with HEAT and Electricity in January. It's gonna be cold outside so we will learn about Heat Transfer and Electricity inside!

5th-STEM: Let's keep it Simple with SIMPLE MACHINES and how to make our Life easier by using simple machines!

PE:

During this difficult time of distance learning we remind you to keep physically active. Physical activity will create a healthier person in many areas and not just the body. Our mind and emotions are also affected by physical activity in a positive healthy way. Hopefully we will be back in the classroom soon.

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Music:

As we continue our distance learning, for at least the next few weeks, please remind and check that students are completing their weekly music lesson. Lessons are in the form of a recorded lesson from me and generally have a small assignment or question to answer. I always respond with some form of feedback when checking assignments. Thank you for all you do!

Grades 3-5: Lesson assigned on Tuesday/Google meet to ask questions or get help on Wednesday from 1:30-2:15.

Grades K-2: Lesson assigned on Thursday/Google meet to ask questions or get help on Thursday from 1:30-2:15.



EL:

ELL students will be taking the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 assessment soon. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is an English language proficiency assessment for grades K–12. The test is administered every year to help school districts monitor the English language development of students identified as English language learners in four sections: Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing. The Kindergarten assessment will be taken one on one with an EL teacher, and grades 1-5 will take the assessment online at school.

PTSA:

PTSA is looking for volunteers. They have several openings and would love to have volunteers. If you are able to help please email Lori Lockhart at lockhartl@willmar.k12.mn.us. Please include your name, phone number and email address.



Upcoming meeting dates:

Tuesday, Feb 16 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 20 @ 6:30 pm



Greetings Roosevelt Friends and Families:

It is with great hope and optimism that I greet you and say Happy New Year! 2021 has to have better things in store for us than a pandemic and Distance Learning! Thank you again for your ongoing support and supervision at home while we've been in Distance Learning.



The GOOD NEWS is we start back on Tuesday, January 19th in Hybrid. So we'll have AA students on-site Monday and Tuesday and BB students on-site Thursday and Friday.

One new change will be It will be the same model as the high school as we will be LIVE on google classroom for Reading and Math in Grades 1-5th. Here are the times when we'd like students to join us live, even on their days at home.

These are the times all students at home are to join LIVE Google Meets

As always each day is 8:30 Morning Meeting.

1st Grade 8:50 Math 12:10 Literacy	2nd Grade 9:45 Literacy 2:05 Math	3rd Grade 8:50 Math 12:50 Literacy	4th Grade 10:40 Math 12:25 Literacy	5th Grade 9:45 Literacy 1:50 Math
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As we switch to Hybrid, I want to share a few discoveries we find to be helpful for students and parents at home:

1. Establish a routine and know your child's day, especially the LIVE sessions.
2. Create a learning space like a desk or table where your child has a hard surface, plugin, and chair, allowing for an 'alert' posture. It is also essential that this space is quiet.
3. Disconnect from screen time; too much is not healthy.
4. Be aware of background noise; it really impacts how well the teacher can communicate and share the lesson.
5. Get exercise, and be sure to try out the challenges Mr. Selchow and Mrs. Rosendahl post for you. Sitting in front of the computer for long periods of time is unhealthy, we need to move.
6. Be sure your children are submitting their completed work. Not only do they need to attend the LIVE sessions they need to complete and submit their work.
7. Be realistic (give yourself a break!) and take it one day at a time. Don't forget to breathe, build in time to relax for you as the parent(s), and remember you are doing the best you can!

Thank you for the continued support and ongoing partnership. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, I am eager to listen. I can be reached at lockhartl@willmar.k12.mn.us or 320-231-8474.

Lori Lockhart, Principal