PTO’s Passport to the Classroom...

ECSE

ECSE classes are just plugging along. We are getting close to learning about 1/2 of the alphabet and continuing with the concept of numbers 0-5. The next month gets crazy as the holiday season approaches. We have lots of fun and hands on activities planned for the month of December.

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Preschool

Pre-K is focusing on choices! In this theme we are learning all about healthy habits including eating, exercising, and bedtime routines. We just finished lots of fun Turkey art and are looking forward to letting our creativity show in more holiday crafts including candy cane finger painting, reindeer art, and making ornaments. Before winter break, we will see how much our brains have grown in letter recognition, sounds, patterns, and sorting!

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Kindergarten

Thank you for supporting our grade level feast for Thanksgiving, we all had an absolute blast! I hope you enjoyed the Thanksgiving break with your families. We got to talk about the Mayflower, the pilgrims, Native Americans, and what being thankful is all about. We are looking forward to our next classroom party which will be our holiday party on the last day before winter break begins (December 21st at 3:30pm). This month we are looking forward to reviewing and learning our last few letter characters. We ask that you keep reading at home and filling out those logs, reviewing letters and their sounds, and our sight words (listed on our monthly calendars). We are looking forward to a month of learning and getting into the holiday spirit!

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First Grade

In Math, we are currently working on addition and subtraction to 20. In Social Studies, we are focusing on wants/needs, first and current president, and holiday/beliefs. In Language Arts we will be starting Unit 2 of Lucy Calkins and reading and writing non-fiction. We also received our 2nd science kit (light and sound). We will also do some fun activities with the books The Christmas Promise, Imogene’s Antlers, and Polar Express. Notes will be coming home before break about any possible supplies kiddos may need to re-stock after break and some teachers may send home “Boredom Busters” (Things to do over break with your kiddo)

Don’t forget about the PTO Chili Supper/Basket Auction, December 6!

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Did you know?...PTO

We need you! The Chili Feed and Basket Auction is one of our biggest fundraisers every year and we need your help!

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PTO Shout Out!

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Holiday Photo Mini Sessions
at the Chili Feed.
2 digital photos for $25.
Click the link to Sign up!
Space is limited!

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Special Thank you to LEESA CROUCH for coordinating the Parent Teacher Conference Meals. We appreciate your dedication to SHES.

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SHES Community Outreach
December 15th

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Second Grade
Reading: We are learning about tigers in two different books. We learn vocabulary, how to use text features to learn nonfiction, and how to be experts in what we read.
Math: We are learning place value like hundreds, tens, and ones. We compare numbers, order numbers, and move from numbers by going up or down by tens and hundreds.
Writing: We are learning how to write letters to show our opinions. We share our opinion, support it, and remind the audience about our thoughts.
Science: We just got a new kit on solids and liquids. We will sort using properties. We will classify and learn about what makes objects solid or liquid or even both!
Social studies: coming soon... economics and needs and wants.

We might be needing more snacks for each room. Keep reading and turning in reading logs.

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Third Grade
Math: We will be working on subtraction strategies to subtract 3 and 4-digit numbers, learning how to tell time to nearest minute and mastering their 3s, 4s, and 9s multiplication facts this quarter.
Language Arts: We will be reading the story Titanic: Lost and Found and will attend a presentation from a Titanic expert from the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. They will also learn the parts of a friendly letter and have a chance to write a letter to Santa, which may be featured in the Topeka Capital Journal. We will also be learning dictionary skills this month.
Reader’s Workshop: We will be reading nonfiction texts and learning about text features and how they can help us when we are research reading about a topic.
Writer’s Workshop: The third graders will be writing a descriptive paper to describe the one gift they are wishing for the most this holiday season. We will also write a short lantern poem in cursive handwriting.
Science: Our Matter and Motion science kits have arrived. We will be learning about solids, liquids, and gases with a variety of experiments.
Social Studies: We will be learning about Holidays Around the World. They will choose a country and research the holidays celebrated in December and January. They will write about their findings, create a poster board and present it to the class.

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Fourth Grade
Fourth grade is continuing to progress through the year smoothly. In math, we just completed the addition and subtraction of multidigit numbers unit. We are moving on to our multiplication standard which will end with knowing how to add 4-digit by 1-digit and 2-digit by 2-digit. In reading, we finished our unit that included "Tiger Rising" and multiple ways to understand a story with character analysis. We are moving on to our Weather Unit which will include learning non-fiction texts and their text features. The exciting Energy and Circuits Science Unit has arrived and we are diving in. We encourage families to check out the wish lists for teachers which will be located in the front hallway at the beginning of December. If you are unable to see these, we ALL love Amazon, Target, Dr. Pepper, and food!

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Fifth Grade
We are currently finishing up our Native American Research Projects, as well as our unit on Division. I recommend that students practice their multiplication and division facts at home with parents. We have a field trip coming up on December 7th. Eight dollars for the field trip is due by December 1st, with the permission slips due back by the 5th. If any parents would like to donate snack items for our class store it is always welcome!

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Sixth Grade
This month 6th grade is working on Ratio and Rates in Math. In Language Arts we are working on point of view and theme. We will start a force and gravity kit soon in Science. In Social Studies we are studying Ancient Egypt. Getting ready to mummify a chicken (King Cluck).

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