

Carr & Crosby's Classroom Corkboard

December 8, 2017

Edition 7

Enjoy a well-earned Thanksgiving vacation, with family and friends. We look forward to new and exciting learning as we head into winter! Remember to ask yourself, "What am I thankful for?"

Literacy

Reading: Readers are analyzing characters from their choice reading books, to better understand character traits, character motivation and the author's craft that weaves these personalities into an interesting story. Ask your child what they have discovered about their focus character!

Writing: We're in the home stretch of our narrative unit and students have learned an abundance of strategies and techniques to take them further as writers. They've been practicing hooking a reader, staying in present tense, adding figurative language and dialogue that is true to the event. Ask your child which small moment they have decided to publish!

Word Work: Buddy Checks - Students have created their own, individualized spelling word lists, which they are practicing on a daily basis. Their lists contain fifth grade high-frequency words, as well as words that use the word pattern we are studying in our daily spelling lessons.

Mathematicians at Work

Mathematicians have deepened their thinking about the equal sign to understand that it symbolizes balance between the value of the expressions on either side, rather than "here's the answer." Ask them if they can explain it to you, so they work on articulating with clarity and precision!

December Number Corner has students separating data from personal information as they collect student height and foot length. Together, we have been creating scatter plots to see if there is a correlation!

What you can do: Your student has a new December writing prompt calendar! Each night they are to choose one prompt and write 3-5 complete sentences on their designated lined paper. Remind your child that the only way to become a better writer... is to write and allow them to have fun with the prompts while choosing ones that speak to them as a writer.

Save the Date

K-3 Winter Concert
- LUHS Auditorium
Thursday, Dec. 14
- 6:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 21
Holiday
Celebration

Thursday, Dec. 21-
Lanpher Library
Books due back

Winter Recess
Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

Early Dismissal -
Friday, Dec. 22

ECO

Fire Challenge Finale!

Autumn ECO concluded yesterday with a spark, as student pairs faced a fire building challenge. If they could find all the necessary parts of a fire (tinder, mousetails, chickadee sticks) and use a match to create a miniature fire, all by themselves, in an aluminum tin, then they could put that flame into action. Fire-roasted marshmallows and fire-burned bowls were their reward for hard work and dedication. We will halt ECO for the winter, while Sports for Life reigns, then return in March.

Online Corkboards

Take a peek at our online websites!

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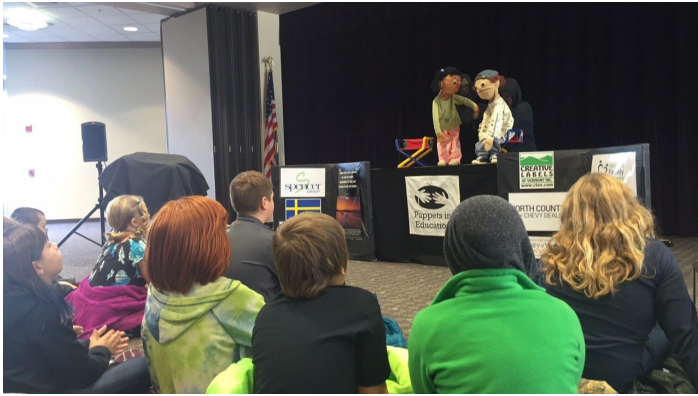
Holiday Celebration

On Thursday, December 21st, 5th graders will celebrate their holiday traditions with friends while enjoying snacks and a gift swap. Please have a gender neutral gift, pricing under \$5, wrapped and ready by Wednesday, December 20th. Snack donations are more than welcome!

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