



Pinehurst Elementary News

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A Message from the Administration, Dianne Benton & Ian James

Happy New Year! We hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. The New Year is always a time of celebration and resolutions. As we begin our second semester, now is a great time to check in with your child's learning. Take a moment to celebrate his or her achievements thus far and talk with your child about his or her goals for the rest of this year. We are honored to continue working with your child this year and committed to helping each child finish the year strong and well-prepared for the next grade level.

We would like to thank our teachers, students and families for a first semester that has been jam-packed with learning, growth and fun. We can't wait to see what we can accomplish together in 2017!

Second Grade News

The Second Grade Team is busy working on many math strategies. We are practicing adding, subtracting and regrouping. Some classes are working on Time and Money.

Please work with your students at home to improve these skills. In reading, we have covered Fiction, Informational Text and are beginning Biographies. Please read with your child every day to help them read more fluently.

The students learned about different holidays in December, and wrote about one or more for their Writing Benchmark. In Social Studies, we are learning about Martin Luther King Jr, and all the contributions he made to our county.

We are learning about Magnets, Weather and Matter in Science. Thank you for helping your child complete their homework and read every night!

Third Grade News

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year!

We have recently finished MAP testing in Reading and Math, and are looking towards the SC Ready test this spring. In reading we are going to be reading biographies and continuing to practice building a deeper understanding of what we read. In Math, we are working on mastering our math facts and learning about fractions. In science we are starting a new unit on Energy and Electromagnetism. In Social Studies we will learn about the causes and battles of the Civil War.

Students can always visit www.reflex.com to sharpen their math skills! Students should also be reading for at least 20 minutes each night and visiting www.lexia.com to improve their reading skills.

Fourth Grade News

4A will be starting new material in almost all subject areas. Math, we are finishing up long Division and heading into problem solving with word problems, studying the triangular trade, and beginning our unit on Light and Sound. The students in 4B are thrilled to be back at school and have been busy since they returned. 4B is finishing up MAP testing, going on a field trip and starting new units in all subjects. 4C class is working hard on implementing technology in the classroom. Through the use of iPads and Google Classroom, they are researching, analyzing, critically thinking, and problem solving to prepare for the 21st century environment. 4D remains as busy as ever! They are currently learning about sound and the Triangular Trade Route, as well as learning to respond to text dependent questions in writing. Please make sure your child is reading for a minimum of 30 minutes each night! 4E has been working hard this year! They are currently studying animal adaptations, opinion writing, triangular trade, long division, and learning how to make predictions and inferences while reading. Keep up the great work 4E! 4F is learning about mathematical patterns, the European Settlements, animal and plant adaptations, as well as reading informational text.

We are looking forward to our field trip at Fort Sumter!

Fifth Grade News

We are finishing up a unit on the Industrial Revolution and beginning our Unit on WW I, followed by WWII. We will be analyzing mixtures and solutions in our new Science Unit. We will be looking deeper into what makes up solids, liquids, and gases. In math, we are beginning to work with fractions. Students will be able to add and subtract, and multiply and divide fractions.

The students are very excited about our upcoming field trip. On January 31, we will be heading to the USS Yorktown to reinforce our studies of WWI and WWII.

PTO News

Parents, we need your help! Please take our parent survey and let us know how we are doing. It is an online survey and should only take about 5-10 minutes to complete. The link is:

<http://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/13512/p2116>

You can also go to our Facebook page and access the link. Thank you for making us a better school!!

News from Related Arts

Music

5th grade will soon begin playing the recorders. While a recorder will be provided for the students to use at school, it would be great for them to have one at home to practice with.

They can be ordered at Guitar Center at 7620 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, SC2940. They can also be ordered online at:

http://www.amazon.com/Grover-TD180RD-Tudor-Candyapple-Recorder/dp/B001LG8086/ref=sr_1_8?ie=UTF8&qid=1444075176&sr=8-8&keywords=recorders+candy+apple

PE

We are doing a lot of running activities. Relays, Steal the Bacon, and Capture the Flag. These all help our lungs get stronger. We will keep working and playing hard in PE.

Art Selfies

Students in grades 2-5 are making cross-curricular connections while creating a variety of Self Portraits.

2nd Grade -**ELA** reading the *Mixed Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle and creating a Self-Portrait with a mixed up animal.

3rd Grade -**Social Studies** connections creating a Self Portraits using South Carolina Symbols in their Background.

4th grade - **ELA** creating surreal (fiction/nonfiction) self-portraits.

5th grade -**Math** connections using measurements to draw the face correctly.

Nurses' Corner

Cold Versus Flu

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses. Generally, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms are more common and intense. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose and colds generally do not result in serious health problems.

Flu symptoms may include fever or feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue. Special tests must be done within the first few days of illness to tell if a person has the flu.

Ways to prevent the flu include; yearly flu vaccination, avoid close contact with people who are sick, stay home when you are sick, cover your mouth and nose when sneezing, clean your hands, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

See your doctor if you feel you or a family member has the flu. An antiviral drug may be indicated and they work best when started within two days of getting sick.

Have a healthy and happy 2017!

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

