



SHOEMAKER NEWS

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SHOEMAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pre-K Through 2nd Grade Highlights

PreK -We will ring in the New Year by reviewing letters A-P and learning the letters Q, R, and S. We also review our numbers 1-14 and work on numbers 15, 16 and 17. The students are excited about investigating the various types of weather. We will be discussing bears in Science. -Mrs. Groseclose, Mrs. Ashley

Kindergarten- In Language Arts, we will learn about our last Superkid character Hot Rod (Hh).The students will learn letters Hh, Uu, Bb, and Rr. They enjoy learning about the Superkids. They will also explore different Math skills. The students will continue partner work for partners 2-6 and visualize teen numbers as a ten and extra ones in Math. We will extend geometry concepts as we make 2-dimensional patterns on triangular grids. The students are excited about Penguins and completing winter activities in Science. In Social Studies, we will learn about Martin Luther King, Jr., maps and globes. -Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Flanary, Mrs. Porter

First- We will continue our great adventures with the Superkids and begin More Adventures of the Superkids In Math, we will be learning about circle graphs and solid shapes. The students we will begin their unit on Presidents’ Day. In Science, we will be learning about magnets and the solar system.-Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Kindle

Second - We are beginning our next reading book “*The Super Kids Take Off.*” We will find out what new adventures the Superkids and Ms. Blossom experience! Our second graders are also excited to begin cursive handwriting! In Math, we will be counting money, telling time and beginning subtraction with regrouping. In History, we will study the ancient civilizations of China and Egypt.-Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Vermillion, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Lewis

ECSE, ABA and Life Skills at a Glance - Happy New Year from your friends in Pre-school, Life Skills and ABA. We are excited for 2018. This month the children will be working on their individual skills while enjoying the following snow themes: snowmen, snowballs, winter weather clothes, animals in hibernation and much more.

Important Dates:

- Jan. 5-Teacher Workday
- Jan. 8-Students Return to School
- Jan. 12-Report Cards Sent Home
- Jan. 12- Good Behavior Reward

Library News

Remember that yearbooks may now be preordered—cost is \$30. Order forms available in office or library. Orders must be turned in by February 23. **Please remember to register your Food City Valucard to support Shoemaker. You must re-register your card each year!** -Mrs. Fuller

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Nurses Corner



Nurse Tiffany and I wish the students of Shoemaker Elementary a happy and healthy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you again in January.

Love and God Bless,

-Nurse Hannah



SPEECH & LANGUAGE



Holidays can be a great time to stimulate speech and language skills! Did your children receive Christmas presents from family and friends? Help them formulate thank you notes. If your children are too young to write, you can put the pen to paper, but help them with coming up with words to express their gratitude. Use words like, "Thank you for the _____." "I liked it because _____." Help your child use descriptive words: "I like the warm fuzzy pink pajamas." or "the awesome mechanical robotic transformers!" Happy New Year!

-Mrs. Donna Hardy

SPOTLIGHT on the Classroom (cont.):

Below is a highlight of what's going on in third through sixth grade.

Third—Rock N Roll with Shoemaker was a huge success. Thank you so much for all of your hard work! After Christmas we will begin major preparations for SOL testing. Attendance is very important. In addition to the Rooted in Reading program, we have finished our second chapter book. We read *The Magic Tree House: Hour of the Olympics* by Mary Pope Osborne. We will continue reading various chapter books throughout the rest of the year. We continue to work on cursive handwriting, learning to edit and revise sentences, and to practice test taking tips for the SOL test in the spring. In science, we will be learning about food chains and ecosystems. In History, we will work on map skills and learn about some explorers. In Math, we are going to be working on geometry and fractions this month. Parents need to be working with their child on memorizing multiplication facts. This will help with double digit multiplication. This will also be a huge help for students when they move up to 4th grade! Also, please check with your student to see if they need pencils, paper, crayons, or other supplies when they return to school after Christmas Break! -Mrs. Meade, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Price

A Message from Fourth—In January, we will review the 1st semester SOL's to get back into the swing of school! Then, we will be adding and subtracting fractions, learning to simplify fractions, and moving into our measurement unit towards the end of the month. We will be doing lots of hands on learning for measurement which we are excited about! In English, we have just finished Unit 4! We are working right along and diving into Unit 5. In reading, we are still practicing everyday on comprehension. We love to use the Chrome Books to practice as well! We are currently reading *Magic Tree House Revolutionary War on Wednesday* to go along with Virginia Studies! In history we are finishing up the revolutionary war era and learning about how the United States of America got started. So much happened in Virginia with many Virginians making contributions. We can't wait to see how America's people started to make their own laws and live in freedom. We enjoyed 4H and dissecting owl pellets in Science, it was really neat to talk about food chains, food webs, and see how animals really rely on each other in nature. We are excited to chart some weather in science and see how much snow we get this year. —Mrs. Kegley, Ms. Peters, Mrs. Bagwell

A Message From Fifth—Fifth graders are ready for a great 2018! During the month of January we will continue discussing figurative language in reading class, as well as learning about using context clues to figure out meanings of unknown words. Colonial America be our topic of discussion in our history classes. In science, students will learn about electricity including parallel and series circuits and Forces of Motion. In math, we will learn about how data is used in stem and leaf plots and line graphs. They will also learn about probability and how to construct a sample space. —Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Counts, Mrs. Green, Mr. Vermillion

A Message from Sixth—In 6th grade Language Arts, students will be reading *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Students will continue working on vocabulary words and editing sentences for correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. In 6th math, will be working on graphs- including bar, line, and circle graphs. We will also be working on measures of center. In Science, we will begin studying climate, weathering and erosion. In 6th grade history we will be learning about the Great Depression and WWII.

-Mrs. Parker, Ms. Garrett, Mrs. McLain, Mrs. Wood