



The Sherman Star

November/ December 2012



Principal's Corner

Greetings! December is a busy month here at Sherman! Thank you to all the parents & guardians who came in during conferences to meet with their child's teacher. If you missed your appointment, please contact the teacher to reschedule. On Dec. 14th, we recognized students who did not receive any office referrals during the first quarter. We are very proud of these students! Our winter concert took place on Monday, December 17th. Our PBS Holiday Store was open for students on Wednesday, December 19th. Please remember that December 21st is a full day of school; students will be dismissed at the regular time.

I do want to inform you about a new procedure that will occur soon. The district will be installing buzzers on our two main doors. All other doors will remain locked throughout the day and all visitors will need to report to the main office upon being "buzzed" in. There will be more specific information to follow.

We are on holiday vacation from December 24, 2012 through January 1, 2013. School resumes on January 2nd. We wish you and your family a safe vacation. See you in 2013!

Dr. Torres

Upcoming Events



❖ January 3rd- TPT meeting

6:30pm

❖ January 4th-Spirit Friday-Sports Day

❖ January 25th-TPT Snow Ball



Our school recently took part in Operation Warmth, our version of a relief effort for Hurricane Sandy victims. In addition to collecting numerous hats, scarves, blankets, coat and gloves, our school fundraised. Staff contributed through a Dress Down Day and Staff Luncheon. Students donated to the cause through a week long Coin Drive. The money raised helped to pay for fleece fabric. Each first and second grader created a scarf with the fabric and each third, fourth and fifth grader created a hat. Kindergarteners made cards. We now have hundreds of items to deliver to New York. We even made the local news! Thank you to all who helped out - it was a great charitable effort!

Kindergarten- Kindergarten students are focusing on reading strategies and sight word recognition. They are also retelling stories they have heard and read. In math, students are counting and comparing numbers 11-20. Students have been studying culture and geography in social studies, as well as learning about colonial life. The kindergarten students are writing sentences that include phonetic spelling and sight words.

First Grade- Students in First Grade have been working on words with vowel teams like the word sleep and words with magic e like the word home. In Math we are working on subtraction by drawing pictures and taking away objects to solve the math problem. We are starting place value. We can identify how many tens and ones are in a number. 25 is 2 tens and 5 ones.

Second Grade- The second grade students celebrated reaching their AR goals on December 3rd. Students received a certificate, book, pencil and a special treat during lunch. In math, students are learning how to add with regrouping. In reading workshop, students learned how to tell the most important event in a story. We are now working on retelling stories. We have started our informational writing unit. Students will be writing facts and creating reports this month.

Third Grade- Third graders are learning about elapsed time in math by practicing telling time on digital and analog clocks then determining how much time has passed. Students are learning to revise and edit their writing. They can identify nonfiction text features such as contents, glossary, index and maps. When reading over vacation, encourage your child to wonder about what they have read to better comprehend. Happy Holidays!

Fourth Grade- Fourth graders are busy identifying main idea and importance in texts. We are working on pulling important information from texts and then summarizing it in our own words. In math, we are working on multiplication and are practicing our basic facts in hopes of becoming multiplication masters! Writing this month is all about extended endings to fictional narratives and revising our work to incorporate our new learning. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Fifth Grade- The fifth grade students worked on geometry in math. We learned about lines, angles, polygons, symmetry and coordinate grids. Students had the opportunity to be "Geometric Designers" by creating shapes with toothpicks and marshmallows. We will be learning about fractions and measurement in our upcoming units. The fifth grade teachers would like to thank all the parents for attending conferences. It was wonderful to meet with you and share the hard work and effort your children have put forth this year. Happy Holidays!

Read *The Sherman Star* and answer these questions. Return this part to your teacher for a chance to win a prize. Return by January 4, 2013.

- 1) Why did Roger Sherman take part in Operation Warmth?
- 2) What will the district install at our school?
- 3) What nonfiction text features are third graders learning about?

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

