



The Sherman Star

November/December 2013



Upcoming Events

- ❖ December 23rd-January 1, 2014-
Holiday break
- ❖ January 9th-TPT meeting 6:30pm
- ❖ January 10th-Pajama Reading Night
6-7:30pm
- ❖ January 17th-Movie night 6pm



Students in Grade 2 had two very special visitors this month. Vader and Kilo visited from the Meridenn PD K-9 Unit. Students learned how the dogs help the police department and the community. The students were able to pet both Kilo and Vader.



In November, students with enough PBS tickets, were able to participate in Zumba. The students danced and sang along to the music for 45 minutes! It was a lot of fun and great exercise. Great work and keep earning those yellow tickets!

Kindergarten- It was fantastic seeing all the parents at report card conferences. We really enjoyed meeting with you to share your child's progress. The children are focusing on learning to read books by checking the pictures and getting their mouths ready for the sounds the letters make. Please continue to work on sight word contracts and read books at home. The projects that have come in are fabulous and on display. In math, we are counting and recognizing numbers to twenty. Students are learning about culture and traditions through the study of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. We hope all of our kindergarten families have a happy and healthy holiday season.

First Grade- In first grade, we have begun learning about magic e and vowel team words. These words have vowels that say their names. We are also continuing to practice retelling what we have read. Please ask your child to tell you about what they read at home every night! We have finished our social studies unit on the colonial times and have recently started studying science. We will be learning about force and motion by doing some fun hands-on science activities. In math, we continue to work on adding and subtracting numbers within 20, including solving and writing our own story problems.

Second Grade- Second graders have been working hard to prepare for the Winter DRA reading assessment. We learned how to identify the most important event and explain why it is important. In math, we learned how to order numbers on a grid and identify which numbers are greater than, less than or equal. Our Social Studies unit is still communities. We had a special visit from the Meriden Police Department K-9 Unit. We met Vader and Kilo and both dogs showed us what they do for the community. Vader seeks out drugs and Kilo helps to find missing people and also seeks out drugs.

Third Grade- Does your third grader read informational (nonfiction) text? Reading facts about animals, people and the world around them is interesting and informative! We are reading informational books and articles and writing our own texts. In math, students finished a unit on telling time and elapsed time. Telling time on a face clock is difficult. Please encourage your child to practice telling time at home and to determine the amount of time activities take. We are working on multiplication in math. Thank you to everyone who supported the third graders by purchasing pencils. Happy holidays! Have a fun and safe vacation! Remember to snuggle up with a good book often!

Fourth Grade- The fourth grade team received a book grant from First Book. Each student has been provided with a boxed set of *The Kane Chronicles* by Rick Riordan. We are excited to be able to spread the love of reading by sharing these great books! We will be traveling to the CT Science Center on the 17th as part of a science grant. In reading, students have also been learning different strategies to assist them in their own independent reading. Students are reviewing nonfiction text features. In writing, students are studying narrative story endings. Complete story endings include a hope, wish, decision, and/or feeling. In December, our math curriculum will cover multiplication and division.

Fifth Grade- The fifth grade teachers would like to thank all the parents, families, and special guests for coming in to report card conferences. We are glad we got the opportunity to share your child's hard work and goals with you! As we head into the holiday break, we are looking for our students to continue reading everyday. They should choose books to practice their fluency, challenge their comprehension, and increase their word counts in the AR program. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and a relaxing break from school. See you in 2014!

EIP-All four Early Intervention preschool classrooms have been very busy learning to play and playing to learn. Each week all children participate in readiness activities that include language, fine motor, and gross motor skills. Don't forget to read with your child everyday!!! If you are interested in your child bringing a different "bag of books" home each week, send their teacher a note or email.

FRC- The Meriden Family Resource Center @ Roger Sherman is now offering, Kids Corner.. Pre-k morning program for 3 and 4 year olds .. tuition based and Play groups ia FREE program open to Meriden residents birth-4 year olds.. playtime, crafts, story time and songs. For more information please call Rosario Barbosa @ 203-630-4424