



The Sherman Star

December 2012/January 2013



Principal's Corner

Happy New Year! I trust everyone had a restful holiday vacation. I'd like to thank all our parents and visitors for assisting us with our new procedures to ensure a safe environment. The buzzers should be installed early February. As a reminder, our front door is locked throughout the day; therefore, you need to use the Del Terrace door by the cafeteria for entrance. Also, students cannot enter the building until 8:30 as there is no supervision prior to that time. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Students returned from vacation and quickly engaged in their learning. Many exciting things are going on in our classrooms. It's amazing to see how far our kindergartens have come since August! Fifth graders enjoyed a trip to Sturbridge Village and will be working on developing Photo Stories in MLT about their experience. Teachers are hard at work preparing students for upcoming DRA2 assessments as well as CMTs. I am proud to see all the work our teachers and students are doing!

We had no school on January 21st, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. That morning, 5th grader Jim Chuquirima was recognized at the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast for his essay. We are very proud of Jim! Our Annual Snow Ball dance is on January 25th. Please remember that only 300 tickets will be sold so be sure to send in the permission form as soon as possible. Please make sure your child is in school every day and on time. We do not want them to miss valuable instructional time. However, if they are sick please be sure to send a note in upon their return to school. Again, feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns.

Regards,
Dr. Torres

Upcoming Events



- ❖ January 25th-TPT Snow Ball
6-8pm
- ❖ February 7th-TPT meeting
6:30pm
- ❖ February 8th-Spirit Friday-
Pajama Day
- ❖ March 1st- CMT Circus



Students in Second Grade recently celebrated their first Accelerated Reader Challenge. Students were honored for reaching their goals in the following areas: points reached, quizzes passed, and words read. The students received a certificate, book, pencil and a special treat. The students are halfway through their second challenge and are working hard towards reaching their goals.

Kindergarten- Kindergarten is back to work after a relaxing holiday break. In math, we are exploring addition and reviewing numbers 0-20. Students are using their senses to learn about the world around them in. Students are practicing sight words and many have mastered the first list of kindergarten words. It is important for the students to practice words at home. Kindergarteners are writing short stories and are busy making books. Please remember to dress the children with warm winter clothes. We enjoy going outside during recess, but can only do so if we are dressed appropriately.

First Grade- Students in first grade are continuing to work on reading vowel team and "magic e" words. We are also practicing retelling a story. A good retell includes the characters, setting, problem, resolution, and feelings. In math we are working on identifying and counting coins including pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. First graders are also starting a science unit on force and motion. Force is the push or pull needed to move an object.

Second Grade- Second graders jumped right back into Reading Workshop this month. Students are learning how to ask questions before, during and after reading. In writing, students finished creating question and answer books. They also created oobleck and wrote about the experiment. In math, students finished addition with regrouping and spent the first part of January interpreting information in charts and graphs.

Third Grade- Hello 2013! Students in third grade are excited about multiplication! They are using repeated addition and arrays to solve multiplication equations. Students are preparing for the Fastest Factor competition at the end of the month by practicing addition facts. When reading, remember to ask your child about the characters, what they are predicting, and inferences they are making. Cold weather is a great reason to stay inside curled up with a good book.

Fourth Grade- Welcome to the New Year! What an exciting beginning to 2013 we have had. The students have completed units on probability in math and magnets/forces in motion in science. Currently, they are working on inferring in Reader's Workshop, fractions in math, and personal narratives in Writer's Workshop. During Valentine's Day week, the fourth grade classes will be selling carnations for \$1 to help raise funds for a future field trip.

Fifth Grade- Students have been learning about colonial times. They learned what it was like to be a colonist in the late 1700's and early 1800's. They read stories and articles that focused on being a child in colonial times. Using Venn diagrams, they compared and contrasted colonial children and modern day children. Students had to choose, and write about, whether they would prefer to be a colonial child or a modern day child. This helped spark enthusiasm for our field trip to Sturbridge Village on January 11th. The students explored the village, asked questions, interacted with the colonists, and immersed themselves in the 1830's!

Read The Sherman Star and answer these questions. Return this part to your teacher for a chance to win a prize. Return by January 30, 2013.

1. Unscramble the word from the newsletter: Hint: what the school is getting in February
zerbzus _____
2. What did the second graders create? _____
3. Third graders are practicing their math facts for Fastest Factor. Solve these facts?
9+1=_____ 3+12=_____ 5+8=_____ 6+4=_____ 3+9=_____ 13+9=_____

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____