

Room 229 News

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Dear Families,

What a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration our class shared with Mrs. Ferreira's class! It was lovely to see both classes interacting so nicely. Hope you all enjoyed the holiday with your family and friends.

The weather is will be changing quickly! Please remember this information regarding Blizzard Bags:

- K-2 students are asked to complete 2 assignments from the bingo board on each Blizzard Bag Day.
- When the students return to school, they should bring their bingo board back, with the squares colored in for the activities they completed, and any related work.
- Students have 2 weeks after the Blizzard Bag Day to bring back their completed work.
- If students do not complete the Blizzard Bag work, they will be marked absent for the day.
- You can also access the boards in the Quicklinks section of the Chandler School website.

This year we will have 2 reporting terms, and report cards will be published on the Aspen portal in January and June. In addition to parent conferences during each term, I will also be sending home a Term Check-in, which will give families information about their child's progress both academically and socially/emotionally. These less formal check-ins will come home this Friday, December 6th.

On Saturday, December 7th, the PTA hold our annual Holiday Festival. It is a great family experience and I enjoyed seeing many of you for the short time I was there. I hope you don't forget your cameras- Santa will be a big hit!

During the holiday season, many cultures use light to celebrate or commemorate special occasions. Our class will be learning about some ways light is used during different holidays as well as how various holidays all over the world are celebrated. I hope you have a terrific month! Here are some events to look forward to:

We hope you are able to join us for our Family Visiting Day on Friday, the 13th of this month. We will be celebrating the holidays with fun Gingerbread themed games and activities. Families are invited to join us from 11:00-12:15 in our classroom. We hope each child will have an adult to join them on this special day! However, if you or another family member is unable to attend, please let me know and we will make plans for your child to have a special school helper. I will be sending out a SignUpGenius requesting donations soon.

On Friday, December 20th, we will have a small class party to celebrate the holidays. We will sing, dance, and have a gift exchange. Please send your child with a small wrapped unlabeled gift valued at \$6.00 or less that would be appropriate for **both** a girl and a boy. The children are continuing to learn about kindness, giving, and being thankful.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, note, or phone call.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Smith,
Mrs. Powers, & Mrs. White

Important Dates:

- Friday, December 6 - Term 1 Check-in sent home for K-2 students
- Saturday, December 7 - Chandler Holiday Fair @ 9:00 - 12:00
- Monday, December 9 - Early Release @ 12:10- Teacher Professional Development
- Tuesday, December 10 - School Picture Retake Day
- Friday, December 13 - Family Visiting Day 11:00-12:15
- Friday, December 20 - Class Party with gift exchange
- December 23 - January 1 -No School/Winter Break

Literacy

Concepts/Skills:
 Title, Author, Illustrator
 Setting
 Characters
 Author's purpose
 Fiction & Nonfiction
 Sequence
 Realism and Fantasy

Letters & Sounds:
 All lowercase letters

Sight Words:
 I, am, the, to, a, and, are to,
 is, his, as, has, was, we, he, she

Please practice sounding out words with your child:)

Math

Unit 6 Essential Question: What types of situations involve addition?

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SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES:

*This month we will be working on the following Social Studies theme:

Celebrating the holidays with light
 St. Lucia's Day-December 13th
 Las Posadas-December 16th - 24th
 Hanukkah-December 22nd- December 30th
 Christmas-December 25th
 Kwanzaa-December 26th-January 1st

Science Unit 2 Essential Question:
 How can you classify different objects?

Science Standards: **PS1. Matter and Its Interactions**

K-PS1-1(MA). Investigate and communicate the idea that different kinds of materials can be solid or liquid depending on temperature.

Clarification Statements:

- Materials chosen must exhibit solid and liquid states in a reasonable temperature range for kindergarten students (e.g., 0–80°F), such as water, crayons, or glue sticks.
- Only a qualitative description of temperature, such as hot, warm, and cool, is expected.