

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break with your children and that you are back into the swing of things. This semester will bring lots of wonderful learning opportunities to our children. Our learning continues to stretch beyond the textbook. Students are experiencing an exciting unit on light, preparing for great field trips, reading fantastic literature and becoming strong mathematicians. In preparation for upcoming testing, our students will also be completing test packets, which will help your child be familiar with content as well as the types of questions that they will see on standardized testing later this spring. Please remember to assist your child with completing these packets, and encourage your child to read every day. Thank you for all you do to support our school!

Jennifer Marangos

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

GUIDANCE

Happy New Year Everyone! I am so excited to begin a new year. The guidance topic for this month is being hopeful and how to handle disappointment. We all hope and wish for things to happen, but sometimes that is not the case. Disappointment happens to all of us! Here's the good news... we can turn our sad or angry thoughts around by making positive statements or actions. Problem solve with your friend or talk to your parents or a teacher. Instead of feeling gloomy about your situation, **make a decision** to work it out, or find another way to handle the problem. Take a walk, draw a picture, make up a song, do anything to shake your sadness or angry thoughts. For the year 2010, be bold, do something creative, try another way to study, make new friends. Assignment--- be positive and make a difference in the way you handle the lemons. What do you do when life hands you lemons? Make a really big pitcher of lemonade and invite me!

P.E.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! We hope that all of you have a blessed year in 2010. The P.E. Department would like to remind you that your child has physical education everyday and needs to wear tennis shoes EVERYDAY for their safety. Boots and shoes with hard slick soles and/or heels are a hazard for them when they participate in P.E. Please help us to keep them as safe as possible. If they would like, they may bring tennis shoes to school to change for our class.

SPANISH

We traveled to Ecuador, where we learned about their children's Christmas traditions and compared them to ours. The students also saw pictures of active volcanoes. They learned that families may be asked to evacuate the area surrounding a volcano, just as some Louisiana families must leave when a hurricane approaches. Ask your child to tell you about Volcanoes in Ecuador! During the month of January, we will travel to Colombia and Venezuela. Some classes will meet a parent from Venezuela, who will share artifacts and information about the country. We will revisit colors as well.



AR TOP READERS FOR 1ST SEMESTER

Jordyn Bernardi—221 points
Paige Veal—145 points
Kamryn Stewart—144 points

MUSIC

REMINDER—DVDs of the ZES Christmas program can still be ordered. They are \$10 each (cash or check). Checks should be made payable to ZES.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Tuesday, Jan. 12	H1N1 Vaccination (2nd shot)
Monday, Jan. 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday NO SCHOOL
Thursday, Jan. 21	Papers go home
Thursday, Jan. 28	Family Science Night @ Copper Mill
Thursday, Jan. 28	ZEPO Meeting, 6:30PM
Friday, Jan. 29 10:00AM	\$3.00 Admission for Charlie & the Chocolate Factory is due
Friday, Feb. 5	Charlie & the Chocolate Factory (3rd grade)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual ZES Mustang Derby will be held on Friday, March 19 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Volunteers are still needed. If you can help with this fun event, please call the school office at 654-4036.

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Pony Express



SECOND GRADE NEWS

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break. Students will be learning about *verbs* in Language this month- action verbs, past and present tense verbs, irregular verbs, linking verbs, and helping verbs. In Reading, we will be focusing on the *setting* of a story and *Using Reference Sources*.

In math we are beginning 2-digit addition and subtraction. We will be learning a different way than many of you learned as a child, but research has told us this is easier for the children to understand. Continue to work with your child on his/her math facts; this will make the process a lot easier for them. We are working on an amazing light unit that was developed and funded by many people. Mrs. Tammy Wood headed this project for us. We have some wonderful experiences to share with the children. We're very excited about it!

Second Grade students will be working on IOWA practice packets starting this month. Each Thursday, your child will receive a new packet to complete throughout the week and return the following Thursday.

We are also very excited to announce that we will be sending in our class books this month for publication! Your child's AR goal for the third 9-weeks is 5 points, so encourage him or her to read, read, read!

THIRD GRADE NEWS



The third grade teachers would like to welcome back all students after a restful holiday. We are eager to get back into a routine to make this a successful nine weeks.

In math, students are tackling the concept of multiplication and working on many strategies in order to memorize facts. Please work with your child for 10 minutes each night to help them master basic facts. Flashcards, flip-books, and multiplication charts are all great tools to use at home!

The solar system is taking over classrooms in science as students make their way across the solar system examining planets, comets, and asteroids. Students will discover how seasons occur and why their shadows change throughout the day. Also, don't forget about Science Night at Copper Mill on January 28. Students will be engaged in many hands-on activities in areas of astronomy, paleontology, and chemistry!

Students have been using comprehension skills to search through stories to find the plot, important characters, and the setting. Reading and understanding text are very important skills for students, so be sure to listen to your child read each night.

ILEAP packets will begin going home next week. These will go home each week until April. Please work through these packets with your child throughout the week. These packets familiarize students with the format of the test. Each packet contains reading, language, math, science, and social studies skills that students will see on the ILEAP.

Thank you again for your help in making this a great semester! We look forward to the wonderful events and opportunities that are approaching.



Gavin Oliphant	Kaitlyn Mussleman	Kyle Armstrong	Madison Wallace
Jacob Grice	William Sanford	Mills Day	Thomas Ackman
Derrek Lathon	Raheem Matthews	Colesie Davidson	Alyssa Wittig
Emily Jenkins	Blake Patin	Desmond Honore'	Gracie Corkern
Brady Hernandez	Julie Odom	Rebecca Day	Jesse Paxton
Kassandra Castillo	Caylee Cole	Imani John-Baptiste	Dyesha West
Stephanie Tynes	Jessalyn Trnka	Angel Alexander	Cole Zachary
Carter Phillips	Kristian Coleman	Katie Mestayer	Brendon Cutrer
Hunter Gremillion	De'Etra Spears	Londyn McGehee	