



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

COYOTE CLASSIFIED



DECEMBER 2018

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 12/3 Newsletters go home
- 12/4 FFVP begins for PK
- 12/5 K-4 Early Dismissal 1:30 PM
Wacky Wednesday 50¢
(Crazy Hair)(K-4)
- 12/6 Craft Night 5-6:30 PM
- 12/7 PK Narrative Summary
Reports go home
- 12/12 PK Holiday Program
5:00 PM @ DHS
- 12/13 K-4 Holiday Program
SW Cafeteria
K-1st—8:45-9:15 AM
2nd-3rd—9:30-10:00 AM
4th—10:15-10:45 AM
- 12/20 Ugly Holiday Sweater
Contest
- 12/21 Early Dismissal (K-4)
No PM PK classes
Movie and PJ Day
Birthday Celebrations
- 12/24-1/4 Winter Break
No School for staff or
Students
- 1/7 No school for PK-4
- 1/8 PK-4th Return to school

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Can you believe it is already December? The year has flown by. Thank you so much for attending our Math Night. I think it is safe to say all students and parents enjoyed our math activities and Glow BINGO.

Please join us for our annual Craft Night. Students will have the opportunity to make several holiday crafts and enjoy a nice conversation with Santa! The event will take place on Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 5:00-6:30 PM.

I am excited to announce, Preschool students will have the opportunity to participate in our Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. This is a program that has allowed our K-4 students to taste a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. This past month they spent time learning about and tasting cranberries, sweet potatoes, kiwi, and peppers. Preschool-4th grade students will now be given this unique tasting opportunity.

Please mark your calendars for our Holiday Programs. The Preschool Holiday Program is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 12th at DHS Auditorium. The K-4 Holiday Programs are on Thursday, December 13th in Southwest Cafeteria at the following times: K-1st: 8:45-9:15 AM

2nd-3rd: 9:30-10:00 AM

4th: 10:15-10:45 AM

We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your contribution to our education:

North Ridge Middle School

McDonalds

Labors Local #703

Tim and MaryEllen Bunton

Jamar Brown

Brad and Amy Butler

Jared and Kacie Jones

Terra and Dustin Ogle

Jack and Linda Richey

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!

Congratulations to our November AR Winners!	AVID Spotlight Students
<p>1st Grade: Kylie Gimer, Divine Harper, Blaze Phillips, Braxtyn Rice, Carter Trimble, Mila King</p> <p>2nd Grade: Jordan Winchester, Abbigain Jenkins, Estelle Cooper Roy Anderson, Brylee Morris</p> <p>3rd Grade: Gabriell Smith, Gabrielle Brown, Brooklyn Brown, Kiera Shutes, Timberly Reed, Emma Cosat</p> <p>4th Grade: Kenzie Cox, Keeley Jacobs, JeLanna Tall</p>	<p>Pre-K: Jeremiah Servis, Taron Walker, Justise Amos, Maggie Hays, Theodore Johnson, Joel Walston, Heaven Jackson, Kenniece Green, Weston Mitchell, Khloe Moore</p> <p>Kindergarten: Cahal Carrigan, Jayden Holycross</p> <p>1st Grade: Ruby Jackson, Johnny Jackson, Aubriel Dyson</p> <p>2nd Grade: Trinitee Kennedy, Tarnell Young, Easton Jackson</p> <p>3rd Grade: Emaree Miles, Lillian Dherron, Guadalupe Martinez</p> <p>4th Grade: Aislin Gerety, Treyton Shutes</p>

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The preschool classrooms have been very busy learning and growing this past month. Some of the classroom themes include food groups, bubbles, pets, cars, all about me, Thanksgiving, balls, and dinosaurs. The classrooms have also been practicing winter songs for their upcoming holiday program at Danville High School on December 12th at 5:00. The biggest news for the program has been the addition of TWO brand new classrooms. These classrooms will be housed in Edison Grade School and will allow for 80 more children to receive preschool services with our program. If you know of anyone who is interested in attending our preschool program, please have them call 444-3266 to sign up for the next screening.



Mrs. Christison and Mrs. Esteppe's buddy classrooms

KINDERGARTEN

We would like to end 2018 with every Kindergartener knowing their letters and sounds. We currently have 25 students out of 49 that have reached this quarters goal. That is 51%. If your child has not reached this goal, please continue to work on this at home. We will have a pizza and movie party for those that reach this goal!

Please check folders daily!

We appreciate your support!

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday break!

First Grade

We cannot believe it is already December! We have been super impressed with what great thinkers we have in our classes. Students are coming up with their own level 1 and 2 questions and are having great discussions with their peers. Our new reading unit will be focusing on narrators and point of view. In math we will be discussing how to know when to add and subtract in story problems, looking for key words and using our academic vocabulary when explaining our thinking. Later in December we will be discussing winter holidays celebrated around the world.

SECOND GRADE

WE HOPE YOU HAD A RELAXING THANKSGIVING BREAK! DECEMBER IS GOING TO BE A BUSY MONTH. WE HAVE STARTED BENCHMARK UNIT 4: MANY CHARACTERS, MANY POINTS OF VIEW. THE ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS FOR THIS UNIT IS: HOW CAN A STORY CHANGE DEPENDING ON WHO TELLS IT? WE ARE STILL WORKING THROUGH TOPIC 6: FLUENTLY SUBTRACT WITHIN 100. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRACTICE THE SKILLS OF REGROUPING AND BORROWING, BUT AS ALWAYS, PLEASE PRACTICE THE CONCEPT AT HOME AS WELL. JUST A FEW REMINDERS....CRAFT NIGHT IS DECEMBER 6TH, K-4 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ARE DECEMBER 13, AND OUR PBIS MOVIE/PAJAMA DAY IS DECEMBER 21ST.

Third Grade

Happy December! In third grade we have been learning about animal adaptations in reading. This has been a favorite among students as they love learning about ways animals adapt to survive. We would like to challenge you to ask your student to share something they have learned about animals! The classes are beginning to learn about area in math. Students will use their multiplication skills we have been working on to find the area of different shapes. It is still important to practice those multiplication and division facts at home everyday. A great way to practice is by finishing their Rocketmath papers from each day in class! As a reminder, December is a shorter month and students have less time to reach their Accelerated Reader goals. It is great practice to have your students read to you at home, and it helps them prepare for AR tests.

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade has been busy in math. We have finished up the unit covering multiplication and have moved on to division. It is important for your child to continue to practice these skills at home. We started the unit *Understanding Different Points of View* in reading. This unit will consist of reading different stories from different points of view and understanding those points of view.

Please remember to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Also remind them to follow the AVID expectations. We do not want any students to miss out on any celebrations this month.



This week, a friend of mine wrote “If talking kindly to flowers and plants help them grow faster and stronger, what do you think can happen to your body when you start talking kindly to yourself?” (Aaron Bird, PhD). It is so important to take control of our thoughts, actions and attitudes, especially at this time of year when everything starts to get chaotic, when we have expectations of grandiose holiday parties and gifts and when there are holiday shows that make us believe that everything has to be perfect. Let’s all start to talk kinder to ourselves, let’s all remember that everyone is trying to do the best that they can and let’s take a breath and enjoy the beauty of each day. No one must be perfect, we just have to strive to do better each day. Enjoy the time that you spend with your family and friends this holiday season and make the most of each moment that you have together!

Data Driven

Reading a book to your child is just the beginning of what you can do to help your child foster a love of reading. Try asking your child the following questions after reading a book with them:

What was the story about?

Why is the title a good title for the book?

What did you notice about the story?

Does this book remind you of anything?

Does this book remind you of anything else you have read before?

What was your favorite part?

If you could change one part, what would you change?

What parts surprised you?

AVID

Southwest students have been learning how to identify and ask Costa’s Level 3 questions. Please encourage your child to tell you all about Costa’s Level 1, 2, and 3 questions. This is a helpful way to ensure they are understanding their Accelerated Reader Book. We have spent the past month in “Pack Time” reviewing what it looks like to be an AVID student in the classroom. Remind them if they are AVID role models they can be nominated for Spotlight Students. Please continue to check their folders/agenda books nightly. Help us by encouraging your child to be an **AVID** student!

Always prepared, Very respectful, Intentionally safe, Determined and responsible

***Erin’s Law was reviewed with K-4th on October 24th, 2018 and with PK the 5-16th of November. Please contact either Mrs. Cline or Ms. Wilt if you have any further questions.**