



# — SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

## COYOTE CLASSIFIED



JANUARY 2019

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Welcome Back! It is hard to believe we are beginning the second semester. It seems like the first half of the year just flew by. I hope you had a fun and relaxing winter break and are returning refreshed and ready to learn.

Our K-4 students are excited to participate in our "SW Goes to College Day." All K-4 students will have the opportunity to attend our U of I field trip on January 11th. Students will have the opportunity to experience a college lecture hall, STEM activities, and the student recreation center.

We will continue learning different AVID strategies that help prepare us for our future. We will be focusing on how WICOR relates to AVID.

Thank you for all of you that supported our candle fund raiser. Our students sold over 700 candles! The following students were the top three sellers for the fundraiser and earned cash prizes: Hunter LaGrand, Aspen Bradfield, and Lexis Guge. Because of your support we are able to fund family events and are working toward the purchase of an inflatable to be used at school activities..

Here is to a fabulous second semester!

### Thank you for your contribution to our education:

Danville Women's Connection

Tim and Jackie Prunkard

Teacher volunteers

United Church of Tilton

Community Church of God

Bailey Wilt

Central Park Church of Christ

Village of Tilton

Santa

Dr. Haque-Riverview Pediatrics

College practicum students

ROE #54

Deb Guidry

Deanna Dickerson

Margaret Gray

Dollar Tree- Tilton

### JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1/7 Staff institute—No Students
- 1/8 Return from break
- 1/9 Report cards sent home
- 1/11 "SW Goes to College" (K-4) U of I Field Trip
- 1/15 Boys B-Ball 2:30-4:30  
Girls Problem Solving 2:30-4:30
- 1/17 Girls B-Ball 2:30-4:30  
Boys Problem Solving 2:30-4:30
- 1/21 No School for staff or students
- 1/22 Boys B-Ball 2:30-4:30  
Girls Problem Solving 2:30-4:30
- 1/23 BOE Meeting 6:30 PM @ JB
- 1/24 Girls B-Ball 2:30-4:30  
Boys Problem Solving 2:30-4:30
- 1/25 Student Birthday Celebrations
- 1/28 Problem Solving representatives to the Radio Station
- 1/29 Boys B-Ball 2:30-4:30  
Girls Problem Solving 2:30-4:30
- 1/30 Early Dismissal 10:50 AM  
No PM PK  
Wacky Wednesday  
School Supply 50¢
- 1/31 Girls B-Ball 2:30-4:30  
Boys Problem Solving 2:30-4:30
- 2/1 PBIS Celebration-Game Day

~~~~~Pre-K~~~~~

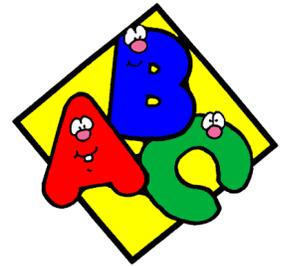
The preschool classrooms have had a very busy December! We had an awesome turnout with over 1000 people in attendance for our winter program at the high school. In addition, some of the classrooms visited the Autumn Fields assisted living home to grace them with some winter music. The varsity boy's basketball team joined some classrooms as part of their community outreach. And finally, many of the classrooms led into the winter break with a snack and a movie! We hope our families have a safe and happy winter break and look forward to seeing the children in the new year!



Mrs. Zoeller's class with DHS B-Ball player

### KINDERGARTEN

Happy New Year! We are half way through Kindergarten! We will be having our pizza party sometime this month for those students that meet their AVID goal of learning all 26 letters and sounds. This next quarter, our goal for AVID will be counting to 101! We will be having a Celebration for all that reach this goal. Please continue working on these skills until mastered. We appreciate your support!



### FIRST GRADE

**Welcome back! Hope you enjoyed the time off with your loved ones. We are so happy to have the kids back at school. Our reading unit focuses on technology and how it's impacted our lives. At the end of the unit we are excited for the opportunity to build our very own solar bot! Our focus with reading is fluency, which means how many words read correctly per minute. Our end of the year goal is 53 words per minute. One way you can help at home is reading stories multiple times and practicing sight words. In math we will be using all of our addition strategies we have been learning to help us solve subtraction problems. We are also excited to welcome our new student teachers, Miss Sypien and Miss Caulk.**

### Second Grade

We hope you had a wonderful break and a Happy New Year! January will kick off with our exciting AVID field trip to the University of Illinois. We will look forward to testing our Lego towers on the shake table to see who built the strongest tower. In math we will be moving into time and money. Please practice this at home with your students. In Benchmark reading we will be starting Unit 5: Solving Problems Through Technology. The essential question is: Where do ideas for inventions come from? As always thank you for all you do for your student!

## **Third Grade**

Welcome back! Third grade is excited and ready to take on the new year. The students really enjoyed building a Lego tower for a contest on our field trip. We learned about earthquakes, engineers, and the different roles people play in building structures. We look forward to putting them to the test at the University of Illinois! In math we are jumping right in to adding and subtracting three digit numbers. We will spend time regrouping in order to solve different problems. We will continue reading and examining how people view experiences in different ways. At the end of the month we will start a new unit about advancements in technology. It is important to continue practicing multiplication facts and reading library books at home every night!

## **Fourth Grade**

Fourth grade has been busy finishing up long division. Students still need to practice their multiplication and division skills. We are now starting the unit covering fractions.

In reading we are moving into Unit 5, Technology and Society. It focuses on taking care of our planet and ways we can help. We have our field trip to the U of I Friday the 11th. We're so excited to figure out what it's like to go to college for a day!

## **Attendance Counts**

We have spent all year celebrating perfect attendance. If students have perfect attendance for the month, their name is entered in a drawing for fun prizes. Classrooms also compete monthly for the perfect attendance party. Classes have spent the past semester competing for popcorn/soda, s'mores, cotton candy, and cookie decorating parties. Please ensure your student is in attendance daily and arrives on time to be entered in these drawings.

## **Data Driven**

It is important to read aloud to children of all ages. Children who value books are motivated to read on their own. The more that we read to our kids the more they will appreciate books. Reading to children builds their background knowledge, increases their vocabulary, and encourages them to use academic language. This winter on a cold day take the opportunity to stay at home, cozy under a warm blanket and read to your child. Give them the chance to see beyond their own experiences through the text of a good book!



**A Note from Ms. Wilt, School Social Worker**

The Holidays can be a hectic time of the year. People can become grumpy while they pack on tasks that they want to accomplish and squish together in busy stores and on crowded roads. The holidays can also bring out the beauty in life and in people: decorated houses, creative gift giving, spending time with loved ones and thinking of others. Don't let stress can be overwhelming during the holidays. Be in the moment, listen to the sounds: the singing, the laughter of your family and friends. Take mental pictures of loved ones and store them away for later. Remember to breathe.....each day is precious!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!**

| <b>Congratulation to our December AR Winners!</b>                                                                | <b>AVID Spotlight Students</b>                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1st Grade:</b> Hadley Borst, Amari Crider, Dylan Austin, Kylie Gimer,<br>Carter Trimble, Mila King            | <b>Pre-K:</b> Jontae Barry, Trinity Miller, Noah Taapken, Haylee Miller,<br>Ky Rie Cowen, Terranique Tate, Hailey Jacobson,<br>Samantha Woestman, Samantha Sanchez, Skyler Zarn |
| <b>2nd Grade:</b> Zane Roellgen, Tucker Powell, Mason Shaffer,<br>Riley Hardesty, Abigail Jenkins, Brylee Morris | <b>Kindergarten:</b> Demi Hardesty                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>3rd Grade:</b> Love Wright, Tayler Kemp, Hunter LaGrand,<br>Timberly Reed, Eris Valdez                        | <b>1st Grade:</b> Dylan Austin, Amarii Crider                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>4th Grade:</b> Rorrie DeChenne, Karlyn Young, Kenzie Cox                                                      | <b>2nd Grade:</b> Madisyn Hance, Arianna Davis, Amira Johnson,<br>Ayden Ford-Withers                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                  | <b>3rd Grade:</b> Owen Gritton, Nicolas Lopez, Dakari Reed                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                  | <b>4th Grade:</b> Kenzie Cox, Karlyn Young                                                                                                                                      |

**AVID**

We are excited to be traveling to the University of Illinois for a "Southwest Goes to College Day." We will be spending the day at Newmark Laboratory. We will be learning about what it looks like to be an engineer student. We have spent time talking about what we want to be when we grow up and how many of those professions require a two or four year college degree. What better way to learn about college than to attend a day yourself? As always, please encourage your child to be the best AVID student they can be!

**A**lways prepared, **V**ery respectful, **I**ntentionally safe, **D**etermined 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.**