

The Ray News

December 5, 2011

Important News



- ❖ **READING CALENDARS...** November reading calendars were due last week. If your child has not returned it please do so immediately. A reading calendar for December went home last Friday.
- ❖ **MUG EXCHANGE...** Please send in one wrapped holiday mug for our upper el. Mug exchange by Wednesday, December 14th. These mugs will be used during our hot cocoa party on Wednesday, December 21st
- ❖ **CHATFIELD LINKS PROGRAM...** On Wednesday, December 7 the LINKS team will present their t-shirt designs to the school. Students can vote for their favorite design at lunch with a penny or more. The design that receives the most money will win and will be used for the programs t-shirt ☺
- ❖ **3RD GRADE SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT...** 3rd grade is working with Inspiring Hearts and LINKS and they need your help. They are in need of puzzle pieces of various sizes (big and small). So, if you have any puzzles at home, with missing pieces that you would be willing to donate, they would be very appreciative. They will be collecting puzzle pieces until Friday, December 9th.
- ❖ **HOLIDAY SHOPPE...** Next week students will get the opportunity to shop for gifts at school for their loved ones. They are still in need of parent volunteers to help run the shop from December 14-16. We have attached more information to this newsletter.
- ❖ **PROGRESS REPORTS...** Next Friday, each student will be given a progress report reflecting their grades for the first half of the second card marking.

Let it snow!!!



What's Happening?

Please check your child's planner each night to see what new concepts they are learning in math.

In literacy groups, students will review for a test over our book club novel, Number the Stars. The test is scheduled for Thursday over the entire novel. We will then read, A Christmas Carol in celebration of the holiday season. Students will create a journal and write many reflective responses related to each chapter. **There will be no spelling test this week.**

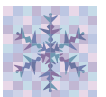
In science, students will explore the respiratory system. On Wednesday, they will participate in three centers to learn more about this particular system.

In Social Studies, we will begin our next unit: Colonization and Settlement. This week they explore the transition from exploration to colonization.

In Writer's Workshop, students will continue to work on their historical fiction. This week they will focus on organization and how to put the order of events in the correct sequence. They will also conference with their teacher to make sure they are including all of the required elements.



CHILLY WEATHER IS HERE...



Please remind your child to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Students are expected to go outside for recess on a daily basis. It would be helpful for your child to have a coat, hat, gloves, snow pants and boots at school for the winter.



Important Dates



December 21	Treat Street
December 22- Jan. 2	Holiday Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 13	Winter Survival Day- Tentative
January 16	No school for students
January 23	P.I.E. Meeting 6:30
January 25	Family Literacy Pact 2: Comprehension strategies 5:30-7:30
January 26	Chinese New Year Lunch
January 27	End of second card marking
January 27	Backcountry Film Festival
February 3	Report Cards

Answer the weekly question by cutting out this section of your Ray News to receive a prize from your homeroom teacher 😊

Weekly Question: Who wrote a Christmas Carol?



HOW CAN I CONTACT AN UPPER EL TEACHER???



Upper El Teachers can be reached by phone before school from 8:00-8:30 a.m. or after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Feel free to e-mail questions or concerns at anytime.

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Holiday Shoppe Volunteers Needed

The children are very excited to be able to shop for loved ones during the annual Holiday Shoppe. We want to make this a special event for them. Many parent volunteers are needed. Approximately 10 people are needed each day, throughout the day to help with purchases, wrapping and collecting money. Sign up today!

Sale hours are:

December 14th – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

December 15th – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

December 16th – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Chatfield Family Contribution:

Thank you to those families who have donated to the Chatfield Family Contribution fund. We are asking that you search your heart and your pocketbook and make your Chatfield Family Contribution today. Checks can be placed in an envelope in the lobby, office or can be given to your child's homeroom teacher. Our goal is to have 100% family participation.

The "Chatfield Family Contribution" program is simple... each Chatfield family is asked to contribute a suggested donation of \$50---in lieu of the kids participating in multiple fundraisers throughout the year. Please contribute as you are able. Your child can only benefit from your participation. 100% of the funds collected go directly to support the learning experience and environment of Chatfield. Your contribution is tax deductible. If our goal is met, no extra burden will be placed on your family to sell multiple fundraiser merchandise to friends, families and neighbors.