



3rd Grade News

River Ridge Elementary School

Mrs. Schafer's 3rd Grade

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Academics

Language Arts: This week a portion of our reading time was spent preparing for the presentation of our play, "The Reindeer Solution". The third graders did a wonderful job of presenting the play to kindergarten through 4th graders as well as a few parents on Thursday. We look forward to sharing our play with you on Monday! In language, we reviewed plurals. Our spelling list after break will include words with -ed and -ing endings.

Math: We compiled our data that was collected over the weekend in regard to favorite Christmas carols. The winner overwhelmingly was "Other", with a long list of possible other songs being shared.

Student Teacher: Our class will be hosting a student teacher, Mrs. Theresa Wiene, from UW Platteville beginning on Jan. 3rd and continuing through March 12th.

Guest Speakers: On Wed., Kamilla Rognoy, a foreign exchange student from Norway staying with the Nicholas family, spoke to both third grades about her life in Norway and their Christmas traditions. On Fri., Scott Francke, Ben's brother, joined us to thank us for our Veteran's Day letters and share his experiences in basic training so far.

Holiday Party: Our holiday party will be Monday at 2:00 p.m. The helpers signed up for this party include Luli Limani—snacks; Barb Francke—snacks & room helper; and Dena Brown, drinks. Thanks so much for your help!

Calendar

Christmas Caroling: Dec. 21 - 9:00 a.m.

The Reindeer Solution: Dec. 21 — 1:30

Holiday Party: Dec. 21 — 2:00 p.m.

No School: Dec. 22-Jan. 1

School Resumes: Jan. 4

Report Cards go home: Jan. 5

No School -M.L. King Day: Jan. 18

Book Report Totals

Your child has read _____ pgs toward the second quarter goal of 400 pages.

Spelling List

Pretest: Jan. 4, Posttest: Jan. 8

*spied moving robbed saving blamed
beginning fried shaking supplied
buried escaping hurried stirred
splitting divided*

CHALLENGE WORDS:

*combine invented located
prairie wilderness*

Reminders & Announcements

We will be having a holiday gift exchange in our classroom. Please purchase a \$3-5 gift for a boy (if your student is a boy) or for a girl (if your student is a girl). If you have not sent this gift to school yet, please do so on Monday. If any assistance is needed in this regard, please contact me. Thanks!

G.E.A.R. Pre K - 4th grade basketball 2nd chance sign-up: Sat. Dec. 19, Noon - 1:00 p.m. at the Hanover Park District Big Gym. If you can't find your child's form, there will be more forms available at the sign-up. Any questions, call Mark Wachter, 815-598-3124 or 815-541-1008.

Also- remember that yearbooks can be purchased through Monday at the discount price of \$18.00.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year. I wish you all a very happy holiday season, and a healthy and safe new year!

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