



December Newsletter

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Winter Break: December 20 - January 7						
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Important Details:



December 5:
Spirit Night at Papa John's
Pizza at Grogan's Mill



December 19:
Jingle Bell Jog
During Specials Time



December 8:
Breakfast with Santa
9:00 - 11:00 AM
Breakfast, Inflatable Fun, Crafts, and
Games! There will also be pictures
with Santa as time allows.

Bells are 50 cents each, and
are on sale from 11/26 - 12/7.
Only bells purchased from
Houser can be worn for this
event. Look in Tuesday folders
for more details!

A Note From Your Principal

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December is here! The upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings and special events. I would like to encourage you to maintain your family routines, daily reading practice, consistent homework support and family meals. Our students need consistency at home and daily attendance at school. School attendance is extremely important for every student, as students perform best with structure and routine. Below are some guidelines to keep things consistent during this busy month.

1. Talk about school with your child. Discuss the happy experiences.
2. Establish good routines for eating, sleeping and doing school work.
3. Provide a study time and area (away from distractions)
4. Read to your child every day.
5. Have your child attend school every day and on time daily.



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December:

The Best Gift You Can Give Your Child is the Gift of Time

All of us want to make our children's faces shine by bestowing something upon them special. Happiness comes from connection, meaning and contribution. This year, gift your child with the best present they will ever get – your focused time. This holiday season, think of more ways you can build in more time to spend with your kid/s. Here are some ideas:

* **Go to your child's activities.** When you get a schedule of your child's athletic games, dance performances, or school events, write them on your calendar. You don't have to go to everything, but you should be there for most of them.

* **Catch a movie** - Because it is the most wonderful time of the year, Hollywood has thrown us a lot of options, from critically-adored musicals and animal-laden sing-a-longs, to dramas and laugh out loud comedies.

* **Schedule a regular family outing** (movie night, pizza night, bike ride etc.). What you do isn't important- but consistency is. Write down your family outing on a calendar and treat it as an important event.

* **Find ways for one-on-one time with each child.** It is important to have the whole family together. But, it's also important for each child to get some individual attention.

* **Go for a walk/ride together in the dark to look for Christmas lights.** The fresh air melts away stress so everyone sleeps better, the dark night inspires awe, and the walk/ride gives a nice chance to chat, away from screens.

* **Get cooking-** Nothing says holiday cheer like a batch of chocolate chip cookies. Grab your kids for an epic bake session. Sugar cookies, cutout cookies, peppermint bark, brownies, sweet potato pie, even a gingerbread house will do.

As you spend time with your children, you will be giving them a precious gift. You will give yourself a gift too-- happy memories shared with the people you most love.

Corner

This holiday season, a wonderful gift you can give your child is a good education - and the best place to get that education is in school. Every day. On time.

Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. So make sure your child is in school every day, right up until vacation starts. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning.

Your Assistant Principals,
Kelly Garvin and Robby Cantu

Clinic News

Flu season is among us! Remind your child about the importance of handwashing before eating, after using the restroom, and anytime in between. Handwashing really is the best way to prevent the spread of infection and the flu. If your child is sick, make sure that they are **fever free for 24 hours** before coming back to school. This will give their little bodies time to start recovering from illness and help prevent spreading the illness to their friends at school.

With the weather getting colder, many children are coughing. Please remember that if your child needs a cough drop, that is considered medication and must be brought to school by a parent and signed in giving the clinic permission to give the medicine. Students are not allowed to bring medications to school.



SPECIALS



P.E.

It's time for our annual jingle bell jog! We will be selling bells from 11/26 - 12/7. Bells will be 50 cents each and will be delivered to your child's classroom on 12/19, before the event. Remember, only bells purchased through the school can be worn for the event. The Jingle Bell Jog will be on December 19th, during specials.

ART

Seasonal Art 1

4th : Winter Bear

3rd : Snowman with Scarf

2nd: Winter Snowman

1st: Reindeer

K: Snowman

LIBRARY

Join the Birthday Book Club! For \$20, your child can choose a new book to add to the library collection and be the first to borrow that book! They will also be invited to a birthday breakfast party during their birth month! Email aplee@conroeisd.net for more information.



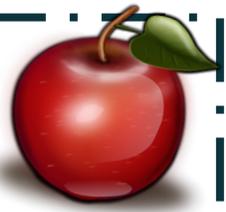
Follow @houserlibrary on Instagram for fun photo updates each week!

PRE-K

In November, Pre-K enjoyed comparing and contrasting the lifestyles of Pilgrims and the Wampanoag. In math this month, we are practicing the use of location words such as over, under, above, on, beside, next to, between, in front of, near, far, etc. Our print concept skill is demonstrating the understanding of print directionality including left to right and top to bottom. We will also work on increasing listening vocabulary as we create a flow map to sequence The Gingerbread Man. Please practice sequencing at home. You can talk about the steps for getting dressed or brushing teeth. Holiday baking is a wonderful time to discuss what ingredients were added first, second, and last. Pre-K will also be having our winter celebration, so please be checking folders for further information. Finally, we would like to wish each of you a happy holiday season!

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is getting excited as the weather is changing and we are learning exciting, new things in class every day. In Reading, we are practicing our super reader powers and learning skills that we can use when we get stuck on those tricky words. In Writer's Workshop, we are writing lists and learning to make invitations. Be sure to ask your kindergartener what they are writing about!. We are also learning how to decode words and gaining knowledge on how to use the sounds of each letter. In Math, we are learning how to join and separate numbers and reviewing important topics that we have been working on all year. Our scientists are exploring rocks, water and soil. In Social Studies, we are focusing on families, different cultures and traditions. We will be having our classroom party on Dec. 18th. Make sure to check your student's folder for all the latest information on upcoming events. Also, please make sure your child comes dressed to school with a jacket because most days we will be going outside to play. We look forward to the month of December and all the fun learning opportunities that we get to have!



1st Grade

As we bring in the month of December our students are growing and learning so many different skills. We are working on Word Detectives in reading as we are building our tool kits to solve difficult words in our reading. This month is filled with new material in all subject areas. It is exciting! We will succeed in our mission to become stronger readers! In writing we are working on How-To Writing a skill that will be used for months to come. Math work this month includes place value to 99, and addition and subtraction within 10. Science focus is on day and night and the moon phases. Social studies will bring us back to the holidays and customs and traditions that all of our students do during the month of December. Wow! Our days will be filled with ExCitEmeNt and JoY!

2nd Grade

Second Grade is ready to celebrate how far we have come in our learning. In December we are continuing on our Non-Fiction Unit in Writing. In reading we will be focusing on traditional literature including fairy tales, folktales and fables. For math we continue to practice multiple strategies to add and subtract up to four 2 digit numbers to 999. We will also be working on our problem solving skills with one and two step word problems. In Social Studies we will be focusing on the different celebrations around the world. Science we will be focusing on exploring earth science by learning about our natural resources including rocks and magnets. Second Grade would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

3rd Grade

As we approach the end of the 1st semester, 3rd grade is working hard in all subjects. Adapting fairy tales is our writing focus. Students are learning how to put their own spin on classic tales by understanding the elements of fiction writing. In reading we are wrapping up our mystery unit. We are becoming experienced detectives: learning all about the mystery genre, using clues to comprehend what we read, and solve cases. Cam Jansen and A to Z Mystery series are some of our favorite series. In math we are focusing on problem solving using one and two step word problems. Students are using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve real world problems. Science this week is a review over the whole 9 weeks in preparation for the science benchmark. The topics covered are: mixtures, forces and motion, forms of energy, and space. We will finish the 9 weeks by investigating Earth's natural resources. Social Studies is all about cultures, cultural celebrations, and traditions. We will end the semester with reviewing all topics covered, such as the geography and history of our communities as well as government and elections. If you have any questions or would like to know more, give us a call or email. Best wishes and enjoy your winter break!

4th Grade

Seasons Greetings! It is a busy time of year in fourth grade! In reading, we are starting our Traditional Literature Unit, including fairy tales, fables, and tales. Before our next break, we will conclude our Realistic Fiction Writing unit. We have started Geometry in math. The kids will be using protractors to measure angles. We will also be classifying 2D shapes based on parallel and perpendicular lines and angle types. In Science, it is all about patterns. We are studying patterns of seasons, the moon, shadows, and the planets. Remember the Alamo! In Social Studies, we are studying the Texas Revolution, including Texas declaring independence, the Alamo, and Battle of San Jacinto.