LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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LINCOLN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week of December 16, 2019

Dr. Janet I. Elder Interim Principal

Art News: Mrs. Conversano

The students' holiday art was on display, this week, at the Pre-K–3rd grade singalong concert! Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students used drawing, coloring, and cutting skills to create Santa Claus art. 2nd grade students used imagination and drawing skills to make their own unique snowperson. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade

Upcoming Events:

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December 23 – January 1: Winter Recess - No School

January 2: Schools Reopen

students learned about color values, and used oil pastels to create a 3-dimensional look on their blended candy canes. 6th grade students have been creating yearbook cover designs. The winning design will be printed on the cover of the 6th grade yearbook!















Basic Skills Instruction News: Mrs. Coyle and Ms. Guider

We would like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season. We have been continuing to work on developing our reading skills; reading comprehension, reading fluency, vocabulary, and decoding. As the new year approaches, please remember to practice those skills through Reading (Raz Kids) and utilizing ixid.com at home. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.





Dance News: Ms. Butler

The K-3 students had a blast for the first trimester, and already, the curtain has closed

on their time with dance. Parting is such sweet sorrow! Although many students wish they could continue, the third grade was able to participate in the #artsednow campaign, soon to be posted in the building. This campaign allows students to appreciate how dance can prepare them for the future. Each class ended with a dance game, or a final demonstration of the dance we worked on over the last several weeks. We now transition to all of the special needs classes, starting off with the elements of



dance, gross motor skills, and spatial awareness games. Stay tuned for after-school dance opportunities, soon to come! Lastly, be on the look-out for some fun facts about arts education, brought to you by ArtsEdNOW! Check out artsednow.org for more information.



English as a Second Language News: Mrs. Salvatore

Mrs. Salvatore's ESL classes have been reading several versions of *The Gingerbread Man*. The students have been comparing and contrasting the stories, and voting for their favorite. *The Little Brown Cookie Man* seems to be everyone's favorite, because he didn't get eaten by the fox in the end. After each story, the students were able to sample different gingerbread cookies...just like the fox! Wishing you a happy holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year!





Enrichment/Gifted and Talented News: Mrs. Morris

December has been a busy month in Enrichment class. Students in grades K-2 completed many different holiday STEM activities. We read *A Wish To Be a Christmas Tree*, and students collaborated to make the tallest trees using pipe cleaners and

styrofoam cups. Students created holiday colored paper chain challenges, and then attached them together to see how long we could make one giant chain! We also read *The Gingerbread Man is on the Loose*, and built Gingerbread Man traps. The Third graders designed and constructed chimneys following specified criteria and materials. Students did a great job improving and reflecting on their



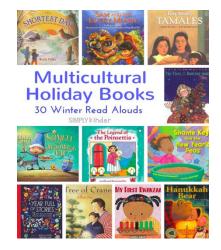
designs. The Fourth through Sixth grade classes took a break from their units to participate in the tallest tree challenge, creating trees using toothpicks and gumdrops.





Library News: Ms. Raimo

A number of holidays around the world take place with the arrival of winter. Along with understanding the traditions of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa, the students are learning about holidays of other cultures in countries such as France, Ethiopia, Japan, Mexico, Australia, India, Puerto Rico, The Philippines, Lebanon, and Ghana. The one common thread students noticed about these celebrations is that it is a time when family and friends come together to rejoice and feast, in all parts of the world.





Music News: Mr. Arendt

WOW! The Winter Concert on Monday, December 9, was AWESOME!!! Thanks to the parents for coming out to support the student musicians, despite the inclement weather. The students should be very proud of their accomplishments. They have a great foundation to build on. Happy Holidays!





Physical Education News: Mr. Fells and Mr. Mazzarisi

Physical Education classes have been participating in various Winter Wonderland activities. Ms. Husti's Pre-K class has been participating, with Ms. Centrella's and Ms. Awadallah's Fourth grade classes, in an activity in which students cooperate to ride on the "sleighs" to gather presents for their respective teams. The collaboration between the different grade levels is truly remarkable. In other grade levels, students were working together to move their teams' "Elf Train" from one side of the gym to another in order to gather the presents for their team. Teamwork was a major focus of this activity, and the students enjoyed the challenge of moving the train throughout the gym!





Speech News: Mrs. Dornan and Mrs. McCullough

This month in Speech/Language Therapy, our students have been working on holiday worksheets that correspond with language concepts. Holiday vocabulary has been introduced to our youngest students. All of our students are very excited about the upcoming holidays!





Technology News: Ms. Fares

The Lincoln School students are learning to be computer programmers! This month, we have been working on our Computer Science unit. The programming language we are using is called Blockly, and involves creating code using blocks. We started with the Hour of Code, which included Puppy Adventures, Candy Quest, Dragon Blast and Dance Party, depending on their grade level. We are going to continue to work on coding to learn more about programming, and to see how games and apps are created. So far, we have some very talented programmers in our school.









World Language News: Mr. Haskaj

In 1st grade, we just finished greetings, goodbyes, colors, days of the week, and months of the year. We just started learning the animals this week. In 2nd grade, we finished greetings, goodbyes, numbers 0-50, days of the week, months of the year, and hobbies. We will start the

animals when we return from the break. In 3rd grade, we finished greetings, goodbyes, hobbies, numbers 0-100, colors, days of the week, and months of the year. We will start with seasons after the break. In 4th grade, we finished greetings, goodbyes, hobbies, colors, and numbers 0-1,000. We will continue with school subjects after the break. The students had a lot of fun discussing their hobbies and acting them out. They have mastered numbers, know how to say today is Monday, yesterday was Sunday, and tomorrow is Tuesday. Furthermore, students enjoyed talking about animals and their colors. In 5th and 6th grade, we finished a traveling and a shopping episode. Students had to buy a traveling ticket and a present. At this time, we are working on telling time, and telling at

Lunes	Monday
Martes	Tuesday
Mércoles	Washastay
Jueves	Thursday
Viernes	Friday
Sábado	Saturday
Domingo	Sunday

what time school subjects start. The students' favorite activities are the ball activity, singing songs and working in groups. In addition, they like to watch funny videos, in Spanish, with

subtitles in English.



Ms. Molina

Hola! Felices fiestas a todos! Happy holidays to all! The Kindergarteners created a Spanish turkey project for Thanksgiving, and will also create a project for the winter holidays. They've been learning about farm animals, and the sounds they make, in Spanish, which are slightly different than those in English. They're doing excellently imitating the animals in both English and Spanish. Have a wonderful break, and Feliz Ano Nuevo to all!





The Lincoln School Staff would like to wish you all:







