



# Omega January Newsletter

## Mrs. Evenson's News

Welcome back! We hope that the holiday was restful, and that much time was spent with family over the break! Thank you again to the colony for the perfect and most generous Christmas gift – those pickles did not last too long in our house!

December saw us busy with play practice this month – a feat not for the faint at heart! The children all did such a wonderful job during their Concert. It was wonderful to see how much work they put into memorizing their lives, as well as them coming out of their shell with their acting skills. We did continue to work on some of our UFLI letters, and the Gr 2-3 students also typed up their first story writing piece. We hope to be able to publish those pieces in the next few weeks. In January we will come back and look more into grammar, learning how “wow” words improve our writing.

In Math, all students have been working hard in addition and subtraction this month. Grouping and regrouping seems to be giving some students some trouble, but with extra practice I'm sure this is a skill that we will pick up quickly. We will also continue to work with the kindergarten grade ones with their counting skills moving closer towards 30 in the next month.

We have now finished Social Studies in both groups and have moved on to Science. In the early years room, we will be studying materials and structures - looking at ways that buildings are put together. Students during this unit will have a chance to build their own structure that will support their “egg baby” as it drops from a height of three feet. In the middle years room, we've started talking about the Earth's crust dash, looking at the ways that the earth is put together in its different layers. An exploring phenomenon such as earthquakes and volcanoes. Students here will also be working on a design project later in the month as they build their own region for a volcano to erupt. period

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

- Mrs. Evenson

## Mr. McDonald's News

It seems like I just did a newsletter report and in retrospect it wasn't that long ago that I did. The students are excitedly preparing for our big Christmas Concert and by the time you read this we will have it completed and in the rear view mirror. The new volleyballs are here and the special winter volleyball seems to work well in the cold temperatures. Our PE activities will now cover winter sports and activities and we have been learning about hypothermia and frost bite on the days that it has been too cold to go outside. I even threw in a lesson on hyperthermia (when our core temperature is too hot) as a distraction from the cold. We will continue to go outside for PE and for recess when temperature permits and students must be dressed appropriately for the winter weather.

In English we have finished reading our novel "Holes" and have had the opportunity to watch a movie based on the book. We still have some chapter questions and projects to complete and it looks like this will carry over into the new year. In math students continue to do well on co-ordinate (or Cartesian Plane) geometry and students have created colorful patterns on their geometric creations. IXL progress has been good and is only hampered by days when our internet connection at the school is less than reliable. We will be adding a new set of course work in the new year as we continue to strengthen our English skills.

Our Bible studies continue and I have enjoyed reading the stories from the Bible that I haven't heard since my own Sunday School days over 50 years ago. I hope the lessons are enjoyed by the students as well.

As the Christmas Season is upon us I wish everyone Merry Christmas and hope the students and colony members have a safe and relaxing break from the school year.

As always I am available to discuss your child's education either at lunch on Wednesdays or any morning at the school (except Fridays).

Paul McDonald

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