



Principal's Monthly School Board Report

Centennial Elementary School

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Upcoming/Current Events:

For the month of December, our Character Trait is Respect; seeing value in all people and things and treating them with care. Students of the month are selected by their peers and teachers. The selected students will be given a certificate and lunch provided by Jimmy Johns.

Mr. Bruck, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Cliff and Mrs. Irvin worked alongside Oliver Biro (Ms. Towne, 4th Grade), Zoey Fortson (Mrs. Devera, 3rd Grade), and Macie Heider (Mrs. Billingsley, 2nd Grade) on Friday, November 22nd. These students answered phones, went to the administration building, visited Kimes to talk about expectations, “evaluated” students and learned how to be school leaders!

Our school held a pajama day fundraiser for Ottawa Elementary School District 2nd grade student, Emberlynn. Students and staff were asked to make a donation and wear pajamas to support this student. Together, we raised \$725.00!

Our Family Math and Reading Night was a great success. Many families were able to join us!

We are looking forward to our upcoming Winter Concerts!

Eagle Point Program / BIST:

We have completed the fourth month of our Eagle Point Behavior Incentive Program. Students who met the goal of 90-100 points this month participated in the Golden Eagle Point Party - Reading with SHS, National Honors Society Students. 93% of the student population earned

the party this month. After winter break, the goal will move to 95 points, as decided by the School Improvement Team.

[Eagle Point Data](#)

The BIST Lead Team will meet to brainstorm ideas to practice and reinforce expectations and procedures following winter break.

Since implementing our Recess Reset Program, we have seen a significant decrease in negative behaviors during recess. Recess Reset Data can be found by clicking this [link](#).

Building Update:

The new doors in the office and the focus room have been installed.

Grade Level Updates:

2nd Grade: Second grade has been working hard on two digit addition with regrouping. They are getting ready to invite families in to make gingerbread houses.

3rd Grade: Basic facts are a large part of the 3rd grade math curriculum. They are wrapping up understanding division and basic division facts. They will continue to practice these facts throughout the year. Third grade will spend the next two weeks reviewing rounding, 3-digit addition, and 3-digit subtraction. In reading, they are focused on poetry and learning that some poems have specific rhyming patterns, while others are free verse (no rhyming pattern). In addition, they are learning about similes, metaphors, and idioms, as well. In social studies, the 3rd grade classes are rotating each afternoon to learn about a different country and their holiday traditions. The countries students are studying are: England, Germany, Mexico, Russia, Italy, Sweden, and Israel. They are also practicing our songs for the Winter Concert.

4th Grade: Fourth grade has been working hard to learn about Author's evidence and giving their own evidence in a reading response. They have been working extra hard on writing extended responses, and some classes have also started writing in cursive. In math, they have been working on area and perimeter and finished the long division unit. They are learning about the regions of the United States in Social Studies, and in Science they have been learning about speed and energy. Fourth grade is looking forward to doing several holiday activities next week.

Self Contained: Self-Contained continues to progress in their reading rotations; moving into one on one reading with each student at their level, Sight word a day, hands on, and Lexia learning. 2nd grade SC is looking forward to working with the Gen-Ed 2nd grade on gingerbread houses. 3rd grade SC is looking forward to Grinchmas with Gen-Ed 3rd grade. Self-Contained is also working on Christmas around the world.

CARES: CARES continues to improve their academic skills while balancing behavior and social plans effectively. CARES 2 utilizes Lexia to improve skills such as sorting and other language skill targets in cooperation with their speech minutes. CARES 1 students continue developing

their readiness skills and learning to be good friends. All students enjoy the many holiday activities, including decorating gingerbread houses, making gifts for parents, puffy paint snowmen, and other related crafts. CARES 2 students enjoy pushing in with grade levels for activities such as the Grinch Day. Both classes will have a Polar Express day the day before Christmas Break.