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Williams Elementary School Newsletter

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Calendar of Events ~ January 2009

1/1/09	-	New Year's Day - No School
1/2/09	-	No School
1/5/09	-	School resumes
1/15/09	-	Site Council Meeting 2:10pm
1/19/09	-	Martin Luther King Day - No School
1/23/09	-	Progress Reports Out



News from Mrs. Wardle's Class

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season. Before Christmas break we spent some time making presents and sharing our favorite holiday activities. With the New Year we will be working with writing and recognizing the numbers up to 20. We will also be doing some simple science experiments. Our class has made great progress in their writing journals since the start of the school year. Our next goal will be in writing and sharing complete thoughts. We are doing more and more blending of sounds so the students will be able to read more and more words culminating in the reading of books. We are also continuing our learning of sign language and will be sharing some of what we learned at the end of the year program.



News From Mrs. Angnifili's Class

Happy New Year Everyone! Our class had a very busy and really fun month in December! Santa's helper, Andy Clause, visited our class and everyone wrote Christmas stories. The class was busy with play practice and doing special holiday themed math activities. Students learned how the holidays were spent in the olden days. Williams Firefighters came to our school and showed our class how to put on fire fighting gear. Our principal, Mrs. Sesock reviewed fire safety rules with the class before the firefighters came. Hope everyone had a super Winter Vacation and extra special holidays.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

News from Mr. Morgan's Class

Mr. Morgan's class is looking forward to starting the new year with learning to write in cursive and continuing to write short stories. Our focus is on conventions, remembering to punctuate and capitalizing sentences correctly. Sharing of stories is ongoing, and everyone gets a chance to speak before the class and read aloud stories that are written.

Second and third graders will both be starting new units in math, working with subtraction of larger numbers. Third graders will be learning to borrow, and then begin memorizing multiplication tables. Students have math homework every day, Monday through Thursday.

Students will be studying ancient communities in social studies. Another very important event for third graders is statewide assessment testing in both reading and math, which is ongoing through the months of January and February.



News from Mrs. Bingham's Class

In December Mrs. Bingham's class had fun making several different art crafts. They did three Christmas art crafts and they were visited by Ann Gunther who showed them how to make pinch pots out of clay. After making their pots, Ann had them fired, then students got to paint and decorate their pots. The pots were very creative and turned out beautiful.

We have been practicing for the Christmas Holiday Program all the month of December. Practice does make perfect! I was so impressed with my class this year! Their performance was impeccable. The singing was the best I've seen yet and the actors and actresses on stage did a wonderful job. I thought the play was very funny too.

Student's scores in Math and Reading have continued to improve and every student is making growth. We are looking forward to the beginning of the New Year with anticipation and excitement!

Mrs. Bingham



Williams Elementary Holiday Program

“The Littlest Reindeer”

The Williams Holiday Production of “The Littlest Reindeer” was a success due to all the cooperation of students, parents, staff, community, and mother nature. Despite having to reschedule the program due to predicted weather conditions, the Holiday performance was a grand success! The students did a wonderful job as always. The acting and singing was superb! As always, the gym was full to capacity as family, friends, and local community members laughed, cheered, and applauded the wonderful job our students did singing and performing. Thank you parents for all your understanding and flexibility. Thanks to Southern Oregon Audio Visual for the yearly use of their wonderful lighting and sound equipment. Thank you students and teachers for all your hard work and cooperation. Great Job Williams Elementary!!!

Mindi Hernandez and Sue Morgan



In the event of adverse weather conditions (snow, ice etc...) parents are advised to tune in to Radio Stations KRWQ, KAJO, KLDR, KBOY and TV Stations KOBI(5), KDRV(12), KTVL(10) or the 3 Rivers School District Web Page (www.threerivers.k12.or.us) for information on two hour delay or no school advisories. You can also find changed or adjusted bus schedules. Sometimes weather conditions leave some roads blocked or unsafe to travel and school is still being held. This is when the bus company will drive the straight routes.



THANK YOU WILLIAMS FIRE DEPARTMENT



A special THANK YOU goes out to our local Williams Fire Department for taking the time to visit with the Williams Elementary Students and for going above and beyond!

To prepare students the Fire Department visited and provided instructional materials for students and teachers to work on in class. Our Principal, Michelle Sesock spoke to all the classes about fire prevention, fire drills, what a lockdown means, home safety and knowing two ways out.

On December 15th, three members of the Williams Fire Department, including the Chief, visited each classroom. They instructed the students on fire safety, and showed the students what a fire fighter would look like dressed in full gear, including the air tanks and a breathing apparatus. The fire fighters allowed time for questions from the students, and gave students the opportunity to try on their fire jacket and air tanks.



Williams Elementary School Vision Statement

**Williams Elementary School is committed to
creating a nurturing environment in which each
child is encouraged to
become a life long learner.**

School Hours

Monday -Thursday 7:40am—1:55pm

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Remember to have your child at school on time for there is a lot going on in the first 15 minutes of class. Research shows being on time is an important factor in the learning process.

Breakfast for all begins at

7:10 am daily!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!