



Jenny Lind Elementary School



December 2022

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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SAVE THE DATE

December 6th: Fall Family Event 4-6pm
December 7th: Site Council 5pm-7pm
December 9th: NO SCHOOL
December 19th -Jan 2nd: NO SCHOOL-
 Winter Recess
January 16th: NO SCHOOL, MLK Jr.
 Day
January 27th: NO SCHOOL

Letter from Administration

Wow, Lind Family!

Here we are getting ready to usher out 2022 and ring in 2023! There have been so many ups and downs in 2022, and especially at this time of year, we find ourselves ever so grateful and humbled to be a part of the magic that is Jenny Lind Elementary. While there are only 3 weeks of instruction this month, we are packing each day with learning and fun! This month on the 6th we will have our Winter Family Event where we will celebrate our Native Families, share some math games and enjoy our first Winter Concert since pre pandemic times! We will also have our first Spirit Week of the year to have fun and enjoy our final week of 2022; the schedule is ready and we will be posting it on Facebook as well as backpacking home a flier created by our Student Council. We will also be learning even more about civics as the Student Council has it's very first election

for student officers. As we end out the year, our amazing colleague Mr. Tony has helped our students create a Hmong Club and they are preparing to dazzle you with a Hmong New Year event on 12/16/22 from 12:45-1:45. Look forward to more information coming soon, and we hope to see you at one or more of the events this month!

Be well and see you soon!

Mr. Vue and Ms. Walker

Site Council is December 7th from 5pm-7pm. There will be a dinner starting at 5pm and the meeting will begin at 5:30. Childcare will be provided! Any questions, please call Tera-Nay at 612-668-2027.

- **SPIRIT WEEK (Dec 12-16) SCHEDULE:**
 - Monday- grade level color day-
 - H5- Purple
 - K- Turquoise, green- any shade
 - 1- Red
 - 2- White
 - 3- Blue
 - 4- Silver, Grey
 - 5- Gold, Yellow
 - Tuesday- Dress up day: you can twin, you can be your favorite character, you can wear cultural wear, you can dress fancy..
 - Wednesday- Crazy/Ugly Sweater Day; Winter gear; Holiday Wear (Winter Wonderland is the theme for the dance) **DANCE IN THE GYM FOR GRADES 2-5 from 12:45-1:45**
 - Thursday- Crazy Socks Day (4th and 5th go to the Cowles Center)
 - Friday- Jammies, stuffies, blankies- most classrooms plan for a movie in the afternoon



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Health Office Update

As a reminder to parents of little ones, please send extra clothes to school, they can keep them in their lockers.

Parents, please observe your student in the morning before they come to school, if they are sick or not feeling well, please keep them home. Please call the health office when your student is absent so that we can keep adequate attendance for them.

Don't forget to make sure that your contact and emergency information for your student is up to date.

Health Note:

1. practice washing hands with student when they are entering the home and always when coming from outside.
2. Staying hydrated through the winter can boost your immune system and give your body the support it needs to fight off infection. Drinking water and staying hydrated can also help you stay warmer in the winter months. As always, thank you for entrusting your student to our care.



Hi-5

During this month the High 5 themes are the winter season and holiday celebrations. Students will learn the following:

Literacy:

- Letter Names
- Letter Sounds
- Rhyming
- Alliteration
- Journal Writing
- Concepts of Print

Math:

- Counting (0-30)
- Number Recognition (0-10)
- Patterns (AB)
- Shapes (Triangle, Circle, Square and Rectangle)
- One-One Correspondence
- Subitize
- Matching

Science / Social Studies:

- Cultural Celebrations (Kwanzaa, Hmong New Year and Christmas Traditions)
- Season (Winter)
- Daily Weather

SEL:

- Sharing
- Taking Turns
- Social Problem-Solving
- Classroom Rules

Kindergarten

The kindergartners are excited to have fun in the snow! Please remember to dress them for the weather every day. In literacy, we will begin a special unit where we compare and contrast different variations of "The Gingerbread Man". Every day, we practice our phonics curriculum, Groves Methods. Our upcoming letter focus are: **o, b, m, s, and j**. In math, we are currently learning about odd and even numbers as well as counting by twos. During winter break, please practice letter sounds and number identification. Have a great break!



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1st grade

This month in reading we are reading informational texts and folktales about plant and animal life cycles. We are discussing the author's purpose, key details, and features of informational texts. In math, we are starting Unit 3 which is focused on adding, subtracting, counting, and comparing.

Now that it's getting colder outside, please send your student to school with warm clothes (coat, boots, snowpants, gloves, hats. etc.) for recess. Please reach out to your students' teacher if you need help getting any winter gear for your student and we will be happy to help!

2nd grade

Second Grade!

We cannot believe it is already December. The next three weeks we will be busy getting in as much learning as we can before Winter Break. We will be working on nonfiction in reading to highlight some amazing inventions and inventors. Then in math we are working on story problems and using strategies to help us add or subtract with larger numbers to 100. Please continue to look for the purple folder on Mondays for the weekly math homework and reading logs. We will see you in January!

3rd grade

Hello Third Grade Families,

We had an amazing time at our field trip to the Children's Theatre to see Carmela - Full of Wishes. The students were an amazing audience! In math, we are working on multiplication and fractions. For literacy, we are reading fables. Soon students will be creating their own fables to make a class book! Continue

to work on homework weekly and practice spelling sight words at home.

4th grade/5th Grade

Hello 4/5 families,

4th and 5th graders are working on learning strategies to control and regulate their emotions. In Math, we will continue Bridges Unit 2. 4th grade will continue working on multidigit multiplication and early division. 5th grade will continue to understand fractions better and will continue to work to learn how to add and subtract them.

In Reading, we just finished Unit 2 Benchmark, working on finding key details and summarizing in a fiction story.

We will begin learning about finding main idea and supporting details in a nonfiction text. We will also begin a writing unit on opinion writing.

Ms. Stolhanske's 5th-grade class has been working hard since the 2nd quarter began in November. We continue to develop and sharpen our grammar and math skills through our morning work each day.

· Benchmark Advance, our reading curriculum, has us reading selections from The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Our essential question throughout Unit 2 was, why do we value certain qualities in people? Our strategies and skills learned and practiced are, finding key details, summarizing, comparing, and contrasting two characters, along with varieties of English (dialect) in a story, and analyzing how multimedia elements contribute to meaning and tone.

· In Bridges Math, we completed Unit 1 and have been working on Unit 2, which is adding and subtracting fractions. In Module 1, students are introduced to how



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to use money and clocks as models for + and -. Module 2 introduces the common denominators. The students begin by investigating the multiplication of whole numbers by fractions. In Module 3, we will be focusing on how to find common denominators as a step toward adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators, and we will be rounding out the unit extending our understanding of fractions by our work with least common multiples and greatest common factors.

Media Center

Hello Jenny Lind Families! Weekly class library visits have officially begun, and students are checking out books. Students in grades 2-5 can bring books home, while Hi-5 through 1st grade are keeping them in classrooms for the next couple weeks. Letters to families about borrowing library materials should be going home this week, so keep an eye out for those. Please help your students to take care of their library books and remember to return them each week. Thank you!

SPECIALISTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Happy December families! In PE, since we have successfully completed our tag unit, High 5- 2nd will be working on teamwork skills using balls! As for 3rd - 5th, we are finishing up our basketball unit and transitioning into floor hockey for this month!

MUSIC

We are almost ready for our winter concert on Tuesday, December 6th at 5 PM! High 5 will be singing some songs, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students will be singing while playing xylophones, and the 5th grade band will be performing a few

short tunes on their band instruments. All of these students have been working very hard and are excited to show people what they can do! Hope to see you there!

DANCE

This month we have been adventuring Dance improvisation. We have been using props and pictures to inspire us to make movement. Our biggest focus this month we're animals and how they move through their environments. We also learned what the difference between an audience member and a performer and got to practice each role in a fun charades game.

ELL

At Jenny Lind, the theme for December is Giving Compliments, so in ELD class we are focusing on giving and receiving compliments, as well. The students are learning what a compliment is, how and when to give a compliment and what to say when you receive a compliment. The K-2 students are practicing giving and receiving compliments out loud and the students in grades 3-5 are writing compliments in complete sentences. Give your child a compliment and see what happens!

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

After School Fall registration is closed. Winter registration will reopen in mid-December. New registration forms will be available in the main office December 15th.

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