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Todd Topics

From the Principal's Pen

December/January 2018/2019



I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Winter break. The holidays are always exciting for children in the elementary schools. Thank you to everyone that brought in canned goods for our food drive and supported our families during the holidays. We were able to complete 34 baskets for families needing extra help during the holiday. Also, thank you to everyone that invited their grandparents in for Grandparents' Day. We had over 200 grandparents visit on Tuesday afternoon before Thanksgiving. It was great to see all of them. Your donation of cookies and juice was greatly appreciated. We appreciate our families that helped with the fall celebration and the upcoming winter celebrations. The winter celebrations will be on December 21st at 1:30 pm.

Thanks to the Beloit College volunteers we had a Turtle Tunes recital on December 5th and our end of the semester Book Buddies party on December 3rd. All of our college volunteers are a welcome asset to our students at Todd.

On December 20th, our 4K families will have their winter stations family day in the afternoon. We hope all the 4K parents can join their children for a few hours at school.

We invite everyone to enjoy the Winter concerts presented by our 1st and 3rd grade students. The concerts will be on Tuesday, December 11th - 1st grade - 5:30 pm and 3rd grade - 6:30pm.

We will also have a pizza dinner and movie night on Thursday, December 20th beginning at 5:15 pm. Please mark your calendars. In January, our family night will be Famous African Americans on January 17th. Please watch for sign-up sheets for both of our family nights.

Thanks to the PTO on Wednesday, December 19th we will have a school wide craft day for students. Every student will have the opportunity to make a holiday decoration for a gift for their families. Our next PTO meetings will be on December 11th and January 15th at 3:30 in the Todd School office.

In December and January, we will begin the ACCESS test to measure English Language Learners levels of language proficiency. Data is our means for providing interventions for students and helping to meet their needs. We continue to use MAPS testing and classroom assessments to determine student needs. For more information about standardized testing please visit the School District of Beloit website.

Please remember that your child's well being is very important to us. Your child does need to dress appropriately for winter weather. Students are outside if the temperatures are not below 10 degrees. If the wind chills are below 10 degrees students will be brought inside. If anyone is in need of assistance with winter clothing please contact the office. We always need extra coats and/or snow pants. If you have these items that are in good condition please send them to school and we will distribute as needed.

We continue to have problems with parking outside during the morning and afternoon hours. Please adhere to the no parking signs and the handicap parking signs. If you choose to park and bring your child in you will need to park in the appropriate spots and sign in before you enter the building. DO not park in the drive through in the morning and block traffic. It is for drop purposes only. It is also not legal to park in the bus loading zone in the morning or afternoon. You are at risk of receiving a ticket. This is for your child's safety. Also, please adhere to the NO Dogs on the playground rules.

Reminder students should arrive to school no earlier than 7:30 unless they are enrolled in the EXCCCEL before school program. There is no supervision before 7:30 unless students are enrolled in the before school program.

Have a great holiday. Remember that our break is December 22nd - January 2nd.

Melody Wirgau

Principal - Todd Elementary

News from Early Childhood

The school year is going by so quickly. We have been very busy in our classroom so far this year. We enjoyed reading "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" and practicing our colors, animal names and animal sounds. We also enjoyed the "Big Pumpkin" story. Our children have been learning many letter sounds and we have been practicing identifying our names. We have added or will be adding some new friends to our morning. Welcome Tillie and Makaylah. Tillie started November 12th and Makaylah will start December 10th. We are so excited to have both of you join us. STAY WARM. The weather is getting really chilly



K4 News

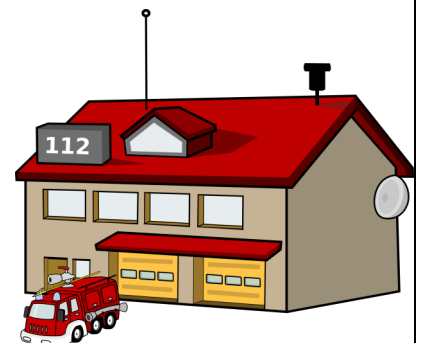
In December, the 4K classes will be finished with our Tree Unit of Study. We are looking forward to being creative and learning about things like gingerbread, snow, and winter... We will learn the following English letters and sounds they make: Dd, Gg, and Oo. The DLI classes will also learn the following Spanish sonidos: Cc, Ññ, and Ff. We will continue practicing sets of objects, listening for initial sounds, and telling the difference between letters and words. We will be having our 4K Family Day on Thursday, December 20th at 1:00. Come join us for cookie decorating and other winter activities! (A note will be coming home soon asking for supply donations😊)



Kindergarten

In December and in January, we will be busy reading, writing and doing math activities everyday. Please continue to practice counting to 100 with your child daily. Also, practice counting by 10's and 5's to 100. We will be going to the fire station on December 21st. Please return the permission slip. It is very important that you read to your child every night, if possible. This lets them hear fluent reading from an adult. Also, let them help by reading the pictures first. This gives them a great basis for the reading we do at school, everyday. Thank you for all your support.

The Kindergarten Staff



1st Grade

In math, the students are working on adding. They are learning how to use doubles to add and how to make a 10 to add (grouping 1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6, or 5+5). Please continue to practice the math addition games that were taught during our Academic Parent Teacher Team meeting (APTT)! That will make a big difference in your child's math! We appreciate all the families who were able to attend our very first APTT meeting! It was great to get to know all of you and to share games to play at home to help your child succeed at school!

During our reader's workshop, the students worked hard and the Super Secret Detective Agency awarded them with Word Detective Badges!! They were so excited to complete their reading missions! The students are now learning about non-fiction books in reading. In writing, the students are working on writing non-fiction stories.



Todd Topics Second Grade

We will continue working on reading and writing non fiction through the end of the December. We are learning about text features such as the Table of Contents, diagrams, text boxes and glossaries.

In January, we will work on reading bigger (chapter) books and writing science reports.

In math, we are reviewing strategies for adding and subtracting. This will get us ready for double digit addition and the subtraction in January and February.

Remember we are outside twice a day so outdoor wear is important! Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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Winter Adventures in Third Grade

Happy Holidays from the third grade team. In our next chapter in math we will continue our study of multiplication. In reading, the DLI classes are focusing on main idea and the author's main message. English only classes will be working on non-fiction reading, with a focus on biographical book clubs. Third grade will be holding a winter celebration on December 21st. Please continue checking purple folders every night. The weather is cold; please make sure students are wearing appropriate clothing for winter.



News for December

Dec. 5th- Turtle Tunes Recital- 4:30

**Dec. 11th-1st and 3rd grade Concert-5:30pm-1st grade
6:30pm-3rd grade**

Dec. 11th-Todd School PTO Meeting-3:30pm

Dec. 14th- NO School- Professional Development

Dec. 19th- PTO Craft Day

Dec. 20th- 4k Family Day

Dec. 20th-Family Movie Night - 5:15pm

Dec. 21st-Kindergarten to Beloit Fire Department-8:30-
10:30am

Dec. 21st-Winter Festival 1:30-2:55pm

Dec. 22nd-Begin Winter Break-School Resumes Jan. 2nd-
2019

News for January

Jan. 2nd- Back to School

Jan. 7th- Muffins for Mom's

Jan 15th- PTO Meeting- 3:30

Jan 17th- Family Night- Famous African Americans- 5:15

Jan 18th- NO SCHOOL- Teacher Report card prep

Jan 21st- No School- Martin Luther King Day



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