

What's Happening at Woodland?

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec 6 - Winter Concert
- ◆ Dec 8 - Woodland's Winter Wonderland
- ◆ Dec 25 - Jan 2 Winter Holiday - school closed

Letter from the Principal

Dear Woodland Families,

Tomorrow is December already! I hope you were all able to enjoy time with family and friends over the break. Thank you for all the parents who came in for conferences. It was great to see so many Woodland families walking through the halls.

If your child is regularly a car rider, please make sure you are following the proper procedures. When picking up, have your child enter through the passenger side. The "pink car numbers" have been very helpful and if you need one, please let a staff member know. When dropping your child off in the morning, please wait in line patiently. It is not safe to park in the spaces and let your child walk to the door through the car line. Please refrain from passing cars that are letting students out.

As the weather is getting colder, we are requiring students to bring a coat to school. If the temperature is warm enough and children are running around, Mrs. Fusco, the recess monitor, will let the students take off their heavy jacket. However, the coat must come to school.

Remember that clearances are required for all visitors. Check out the Methacton web page for details regarding this process. Also, please remember to call the attendance line if your child will be out sick 610 831 5323. You can report an absence 24 hours a day.

Here are Important December Dates:

- 12/6: Home and School Meeting 9:15
- 12/6: Winter Concert for Woodland students, 7:00 pm for families
- 12/8: Woodland's Winter Wonderland: 6:30 pm gym
- 12/15: First Grade Gingerbread Houses
- 12/21: Kindergarten Winter Parties
- 12/22: Winter Parties Gr. 1-4:
Grade 1 @ 12:30, Gr. 2-4 @ 2:15

Thank you for your continuous support. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have. I wish everyone a wonderful and peaceful month.

Mrs. Debra Euker
Woodland Principal

Kindergarten News

December Kindergarten News

We will introduce the new sight words: **my are he with but**. Please continue helping your child read all twenty-three words introduced so far this year. We are practicing writing lower case letters and numbers 0-20. We will continue working on short vowel /o/ and short vowel /o/ CVC words. (_ot, _on, _ob, _ox)

First Grade News

First Grade

The stories in our second Wonders Unit are about communities. Students will learn about main idea, supporting details, rereading, story elements, and making predictions. First graders should continue to practice spelling and high frequency words as well as math focus facts each night.

We will completing Chapter 5: Shapes and Patterns in Math in Focus. The next chapter focuses on counting, comparing and ordering numbers to 20.

First grade will be making gingerbread houses on Friday, December 15th from 9:15a.m. to 10:45a.m. Many parent volunteers are needed for this activity. We are looking forward to a fun filled month.



Second Grade News

Welcome, December!

As we near the end of 2017, our second graders are involved with many interesting topics for study and practice.

Unit 4 in Math In Focus concentrates on Using Bar Models with Addition and Subtraction. Children will use mental arithmetic in class and at home. Solving number stories with several strategies are being practiced as well. The Math class scenarios will include adding on, taking away, and comparing sets to compute. Then, it's on to Multiplication and Division in Chapter 5!

We continue working in Wonders into our third book in the ELA program. The children read to find the Author's Purpose and to differentiate selections between fiction and non-fiction. We will be continuing comprehension and finding details by rereading.

Be ready to hop aboard the Polar Express with your passport as we visit many countries to discover their celebrations of Holidays Around the World! Each week, the children will discover many new facts about the world and participate in activities that tie together holiday lessons. All aboard!

*The Second Grade
will be learning
about
celebrations of
holidays around
the world!*

Third Grade News

Third Grade Thrives!!

Third grade continues to work hard everyday!

ELA- In ELA we are on our second unit and are continuing to work on our grammar and writing skills. Our main grammar skill this marking period is nouns: common and proper, singular and plural, and possessive nouns.

The children are also busy learning how to incorporate new writing crafts into their pieces.

Math- In math we have completed Chapter 6. This chapter focused on multiplication and division, and understanding the different properties of X. Please continue to practice multiplication facts with your child each night. It is important to memorize their facts. Our next chapter will focus on area and perimeter.

Social Studies/Science - We have started our SS and Science switches and the children are enjoying their new teacher. Our focuses are natural resources - air, water, and land, and for SS - migration and traditions. Be sure to ask your child which part they are learning!

It has been a fabulous year so far and we hope all of our families had a healthy and happy holiday season! As always, thank you for your continued support.

Fourth Grade News

Welcome December!

Moving into the second quarter has increased the pace and difficulty of most tasks in 4th grade. Please keep track of your child's work load, making sure there is enough time to get everything done. Helping your child keep a calendar for upcoming assignment/projects could be very helpful.

We have started the Science Curriculum. The 4th graders will have all 4 sections of Science in the upcoming two quarters (2 and 3 respectively).

It continues to be very important to keep on task in class as well as organized at home. Please assist your child in making sure that all assignments are done and their portfolios stay organized. This will be very helpful for next year and beyond.



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This month Kinders will be learning about feelings, sharing and diversity. Fourth grade will be learning about the different types of smart we all are as we look into our own strengths and determine what types of jobs go with our strengths and interests.

As we enter this season of giving, we will be collecting new and gently used coats for our Feel the Warmth Coat Drive. I know there will be some very thankful families in Montgomery County that will stay warm this winter due to your generosity.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday filled with family and friends!

Music

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped to honor our Woodland Veterans at the Veterans Day Assembly.

The Winter Concert will be Tuesday, December 6th. The all-school assembly will begin at 1:30 pm and the evening concert will begin at 7:00 pm. Performers should report at 6:30 pm.

The Handbell Choir is performing on December 11th at 5 PM at Zwalens.

Library

The Book Fair was quite a success! There were many excellent books here from Scholastic that definitely captured attention. In addition, the used book sale really rounded out the fair. Please remember, the library will accept donations of gently used books all year long to keep the cart stocked for the next used book sale.

4th grade and 3rd grade are reading a chapter book (4th grade book from the reading Olympics list so it serves double duty!)

2nd grade is participating in the Young Readers Choice Award program. We will read books from the list and students will vote in the spring for their school's favorite book.

1st grade is improving their skills with self-selection of books using looking sticks

Kindergarten is learning how to keep books safe. They love the "damaged" books I show them to explain the importance of proper book care.