

What's Happening at Woodland?

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Jan 2 - School Resumes
- ◆ Jan 12 - Family Gym Night
- ◆ Jan 15 - Holiday - School Closed
- ◆ Jan 19 - 4th Grade Pillows, PJs and Popcorn

Letter from the Principal Debra Euker, Principal

Dear Woodland Families,

As the winter break approaches, I want to take the opportunity to wish everyone in the Woodland community a safe and happy holiday season. This year we have all experienced change, but we are a perfect example of the positivity that can come from change. Our students, teachers, parents, and community have collaborated to build a new identity for Woodland. It is an ongoing process and the success of the Walk-Athon, Fall Festival, Woodland Winter Wonderland, and the winter celebrations illustrates the incredible cooperation between students, teachers, parents, and Home and School.

It is a good idea to continue to read over the winter break. There is nothing better than curling up with a good book with those you love. It may also be a good idea to encourage your child to take ten minutes a day to practice basic math facts. Activities like this will help young brains retain valuable information.

As we enter the 2018 year, some of us work hard to reach personal goals. Take a few minutes to ask your child what his or her goals are for the New Year. Help them plan what they need to do to achieve their goal and what will happen if they come across roadblocks. This small activity helps kids develop grit and perseverance.

Here are the important January dates:

- 1/2/18: School Resumes
- 1/9-12/18: Art Goes to School
- 1/12/18: Family Gym Night
- 1/15/18: Schools Closed: MLK Day
- 1/17/18: Homework Workshop (5:00 pm library)
- 1/19/18: 4th Grade Pillows, Popcorn, PJ's (6:30)
- 1/26/18: Snow Date for 4th Grade Pillows, Popcorn, and PJ's

Thank you again for making Woodland an amazing school. I wish you and your family a safe, happy, and healthy holiday.

Deb Euker
Woodland Principal

Kindergarten News

Kinders should continue to practice all 28 sight words

Please help your child practice zipping their coat independently. Due to the chilly weather coats must be zipped up! We will introduce the new sight words **is little she was out**. We will also be working on short vowel /e/ and short vowel /e/ CVC words. (_ et, _ en, _ed)

First Grade News

January kicks off a brand new theme in our Wonders ELA program. Unit 3 will focus on Changes Over Time. Students will learn about sequencing, story events, cause & effect, and compare & contrast. They also will be working on long vowels with silent e, soft c/ge sounds and inflections ending with -ed & -ing. First graders should continue to practice spelling and high frequency words each day.

We are beginning Chapter 7: Numbers to 20 in Math in Focus. Students should continue to practice addition and subtraction focus facts each night.



Second Grade News

Happy New Year!

Our Second Graders will be welcoming in the New Year 2018 as we move into our third Wonders unit. We'll focus on informational texts, like Earth's forces, weather concepts, and the sky. Students will practice skills of rereading to find information, asking and answering questions about the text, and identifying story elements. Our Mentor Texts will continue to show us how authors write and teach us how to write like them.

Unit 6 in Math takes us into more Multiplication, this time focusing on 2s, 5s, and 10 times tables! We begin by learning how to multiply by drawing arrays, then will apply our skills to real-world problems.

Also, January brings a new Social Studies unit~Germs Make Us Sick! We will read and write about germs and reinforce ways to stay healthy. Later, we'll be reading lots of nonfiction as we study Famous Americans.

Thank you for all of your time and talents and the wonderful gifts you shared with us last month. We look forward to the New Year and the many activities and studies we will encounter.

Second Graders will be learning a new unit called "Germs Make Us Sick!"

Third Grade News

Third Grade Thrives!!



Third grade continues to work hard everyday!

ELA- In ELA, we are on our second theme 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 have a healthy and happy holiday season! As always, thank you for your continued support.



Fourth Grade News

For January, Fourth graders will continue switching between all four fourth grade classes completing the science curriculum. We look forward to all of the interesting topics addressed in the curriculum.

In math, we are in Unit 6, Fractions. Please have your children practice their basic multiplication and division fact. Students should practice using the traditional method with a one digit multiplier by a two or three digit multiplier. Using Splash math, Xtra math, Multiplication.com are a few sites that are helpful to practice. Students have access to many useful sites through the Methacton Student Wiki.

As always, it is important to make sure that the students are keeping up with their work. Homework is key to keeping up with the skills learned during the day. Please make sure that good study skills and habits are followed and maintained.

The weather is getting cold (☺). Please encourage your child to dress appropriately for school and for outdoor recess. Having a hat and gloves and a WINTER JACKET is necessary for them to be comfortable outside. Also, having a sweatshirt or sweater that can be kept at school is a good idea.

It is important that students are automatic with basic multiplication and division facts

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Counselor

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season, is well rested and ready to begin another year. Welcome 2018!

During January, all students will be participating in cyberbullying lessons. It is so important for the students to understand that what they write down is the same as if the words came out of their mouths.

Third grade students will continue with their lessons, we will be learning about diversity.

From the Physical Education Dept.

Please send students to school with sneakers on Physical Education days. Snow and other types of boots do not give the support and traction needed for activities in Physical Education classes. Thank you.

English Language Development

English Language Development (ELD) - from
Mrs. Zac, Mrs. Roese, and Mrs. Bauer

Our English Learners will be taking the annual state-mandated test of English Language Proficiency sometime between January 22nd and February 23rd. The length of the actual computer-based test can take up to two hours, which may be split up over several days. Please make sure students are well rested and fed when coming to school every day, but especially during this time. Test scores will be available before the start of the next school year and will be shared with parents as soon as they are received.