

December 2021

Message from the Principal:

~Colder weather is here! Please make sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. Recess continues outdoors if the temperature is 15 degrees Fahrenheit or above. Outside recess is mandatory for students unless they have a doctor's note to stay inside. Make sure students have shoes to change from their boots when they arrive at school. I suggest to the students to dress in layers. No shorts please! No hoodies please!

~Penny Wars are back. The week of December 6<sup>th</sup> is Penny Wars. Each teacher has a jar. The object of the challenge is to put pennies in a jar as positive (+) and silver or bills in as a negative (-). All money donated goes to Kuzma Cottage to help the needy.

~Second and third grades will present their holiday programs on December 8, 2021: second grade at 5:30 p.m., third grade at 6:30 p.m. Anyone in attendance must wear a mask. Between the two performances, the gym will be cleared out and families must exit. Everyone should enter through Door F (the AP Room). Everyone will exit out the main doors.

~Holiday Dress:

Monday, 12-20: Favorite Holiday Movie Character

Tuesday, 12-21: Holiday Colors-red, green, silver, gold, blue, etc.

~Christmas parties will take place on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Party volunteers may enter the building at 12:15 p.m.

~Christmas is a great time to replenish school supplies. School supplies make great stocking stuffers. As always, if you need help with supplies, never hesitate to ask.

~WE-PTO will meet virtually Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.

~State Testing: Preparing for IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) testing: SIS students take the IAR test in April. The IAR is very important to students, staff, and the school district. I ask that your student do their best work, put forth their best effort, answer the questions thoroughly, and take their time. Students are rewarded for their effort and time on the test. Please help your child prepare for testing by:

1. Having students read to you: discuss characters, point of view, plot, summaries, alternate endings, etc. Ask your student(s) to cite text evidence when they give you these answers.
2. Giving multi-step math problems to your student(s) to solve. Ask if they can solve in a variety of ways. Once they have the answers, have them write out the steps to solve the problem, and reasons for their answer.
3. Helping your student get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and encourage the students to review the days' testing with you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A festive graphic for Christmas. The words "MERRY CHRISTMAS" are written in a bold, bubbly, green font with black outlines. To the left of the text is a red Santa hat with a white pom-pom. To the right is a green Christmas tree decorated with red and yellow ornaments and a gold star on top.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A festive graphic for New Year. The words "HAPPY NEW YEAR!" are written in a bubbly, multi-colored font (blue, purple, red, pink) with black outlines. The text is surrounded by small black confetti and red streamers.