

December 2022

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 5th 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 7, 2022: second grade at 5:30 p.m., third grade at 7:00 p.m. Everyone should enter through Door F (the AP Room). Everyone will exit out the main doors.

~Holiday Dress:

12-14: Ugly Sweater

12-15: Tropical Christmas Vacation

12-16: Mad About Plaid/Flannel

12-19: Merry, Merry Monday-PJs

12-20: Baby It's Cold Outside-Snowman

12-21: Santa's Helpers-Red and Green and Santa Hats

~Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday, December 21st from 12:45-1:30 p.m. Party volunteers may enter the building at 12:30 p.m.

Early Dismissal on December 21st at 1:50 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 10th @ 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.

