

Meadowlark School

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

A trimester has already come and gone and it's amazing to see the growth around our school! Some students have gone from not knowing their name to reading words, others accomplished mastering math facts, some made new friends, and all have gained a staff that cares for them dearly!

Our staff completed the Happiness Advantage/Orange Frog training last week. The development was focused on the power of positive psychology and gave us all an opportunity to reframe our minds when it comes to success for ourselves and our students. The 'old' algorithm for happiness told us that success leads to happiness, while the new research demonstrates time and time again that truly happiness leads to success! We as a staff are working on finding positives in our daily routines and ensuring that our students come into a vibrant and positive atmosphere for learning! I have to tell you all that the Meadowlark staff is truly amazing and here for the right reasons, your child's success (and therefore, happiness!).

Learning over Winter Break

We always find that the times teachers are most appreciated are the end of summer and winter break :) If you are needed to fill the gaps with activities, below are some ideas to help keep your child entertained and up to speed with their learning!

1. **Read for Pleasure!** Encourage family members to gift children a book and take your child on a picture walk, read to them, or have them read to you!
2. **Cook up an easy lesson!** Have your child help make a meal and practice their fraction and adding skills!
3. **Make the most of car rides!** Look for letters on billboards and license plates. Find different numbers on signs and add them up. Count the trees down grandpa's driveway!
4. **Maintain Reasonable bedtimes!** With no school, it is easy to get out of regular bedtime routines. A few days before we start up again, start adjusting back so that they can start the new year bright-eyed and ready to learn!
5. **Ask for grocery list assistance!** Have your child help meal plan, decide your budget, check supplies you have, write or draw up a list, and sort coupons!
6. **Have a Family Game Night!** There are so many great games that reinforce counting, reading, memory, and drawing (cribbage, pictionary, card games, etc.)

Coin War - Take 2! December 17-19

So with the 'busy-ness' of Parent/Teacher Conference week, we dropped the ball with our student 'Coin War'. This fund raiser helps support student t-shirts for track and field day. If your child already participated, please don't feel it necessary to send in coins again! We will collect from both attempts and the top classes will earn a special reward!

Be Our Guest! December 4th - 7th

The district is inviting the parents and community members to join us for a free lunch the week of December 4th - 7th. Visitors must reserve a spot ahead of time so our amazing food service department can plan accordingly; we are limiting each day to 40 additional guests .

Please call Mrs. Totdahl to reserve your spot!

Thanks for all you do support your child in and out of school!

All the Best,

Marie Y. Judisch, principal

December 2018



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

December Events

Report Cards Go Home

December 7th

Grandparent's Day Event

December 18th - 12:15pm

K-6 Holiday Program

December 18th - 2:00pm

Winter Break - No School

December 20 - January 1

GOOD TO KNOW

We have shifted our lunchroom schedule to make life easier!

2nd/3rd eat from 11:15 - 11:35

K/1st eat from 11:25 - 11:45

Please make sure kiddos have warm gear for the winter months! We make sure they have a coat on if the temperature is below 50*!

Note - If the temperature is below 0 degrees with wind chill, we do keep them inside! If anyone wants to volunteer

SAVE THE DATE

April 12, 2019

Parent Council Trivia Night Playground Fundraiser!

More info to come!



December 18th

12:15 - 1:30pm

Classroom activities

1:30 - 2:00

Transition to HS Auditorium for Holiday Program

2:00

K-6 Holiday Program

We are so excited to bring back a form of Grandparent's Day for our students and families! If you have not seen the letter sent home, please

feel free to share this information with any grandparents or fill-in grandparents for your child! **Have them call us in the office no later than**

Tuesday, December 11th. Please allow your child to enjoy this time with their grandparent and help us have enough space by limiting it to 4 guests maximum!