

Classroom Newsletter

Mr. Zielsdorf
Grade 4/5 Reading and Writing
December 2017



Reading News

As we continue through the second quarter, the 4th grade students will be reading the novel "Holes" and the 5th graders will be reading the novel "The Pinballs". Also during the month of December, all students will be reading "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" as we head toward Winter Break.

Math News

In 4th grade, during the month of December, the students will be working on decimal places and adding/subtracting decimals.

In 5th grade, students will be moving into units that focus on estimation of numbers and long division equations.

Social Studies/Science News

In Science, the students will be solving a problem about a Tokay Gecko becoming less populous in its environment, due to factors involving light.

In Social Studies, the students will be learning about the American Revolution and they will become familiar with the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Room 109 News

Quarter 2 is flying by! We are already at the time of the school year for our next set of MAPS testing to be completed. We will be taking the tests in both Reading and Math the week of December 4th.

In our room, we continue to work hard on our weekly spelling words. Please make sure you are looking for those lists that should be coming home every Monday and study with your child when you have a few minutes during the week.

We are also seeing great improvement in the students writing. We work on writing every day for the last 30 minutes of the day and we are seeing fabulous progress in their writing details and originality.

Phantom Ranch

For the parents of 5th grade students, the first \$30 payment for our spring field trip is due by Friday, December 8th. If there is going to be any problem making this first payment, please let Mr. Z. or Mrs. Bohm know.

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By June 2022, McKinley Elementary will be ranked in the top 5 Title 1 Elementary Schools by building a foundation that focuses on academic growth and character development.

Calendar

- 12/6:** Pajama Day at school and Warm Up With A Good Book event at school from 2:30 – 3:15pm
- 12/8:** First payment due for Phantom Ranch
- 12/19:** Last Day of School before Winter Break
- 12/20-1/2/18:** Winter Break (No School for students)
- 1/3/18:** First day back for students



