

DECEMBER 2020

CROC TALK

DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec. 4 - Squad Rally
- Dec. 7 - Picture Retake
- Dec. 7 - PTA Board Meeting
- Dec. 16,17,18
- EARLY RELEASE DAYS
12:20pm
- Dec. 21-January 1
Winter Break School Closed
- January 4 -School Resumes
Start of the 3rd Quarter



Dear Crystal Lake Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and were able to find time to enjoy family and to relax. The weeks between Thanksgiving and Winter Break always pass quickly due to the amount of curriculum being covered and various events occurring at the school.

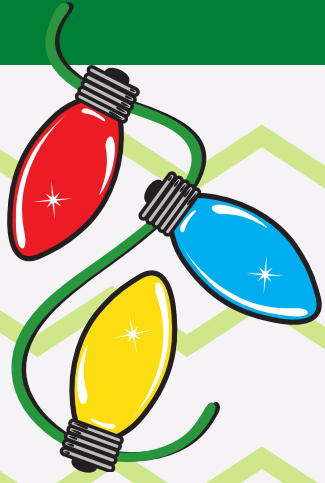
I would like to begin by thanking all those parents who have already attended some type of parent/teacher conference this year. Conferences are important as they allow teaching staff to discuss with parents the academic progress of their child and ways that we can build the connection between learning at school and home. Please remember that our staff is available to speak with parents throughout the year.

Our staff at Crystal Lake Elementary continues to be committed to high levels of learning for each and every student.. It is important that we work together as a team to provide the best learning environment possible and maintain high expectations at all times. Please remember that I always have an open door for parents to answer questions or assist in addressing concerns.

We appreciate your support as we strive to maintain social distancing, washing of hands, and wearing of masks.
Ricky Carver

WARMEST WISHES

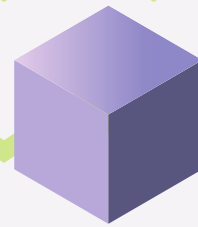




Kindergarten

MATH

In Math we are moving into 3D shapes!



ELA

We will be comparing and contrasting books with some fun winter stories!



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

Kindergarten is so excited for our virtual field trip in December to the Crayola Experience!

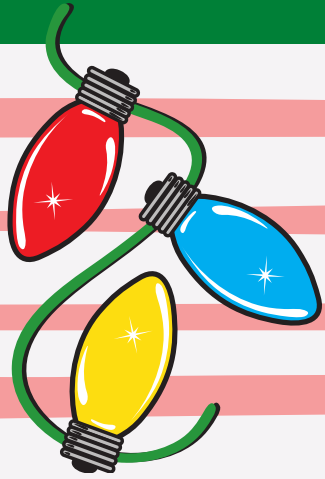


WINTER WONDERLAND CELEBRATION

We have decided to keep our winter wonderland celebrations within our own classrooms this year.

Look for more information coming home soon from your child's teacher.





1st Grade

Welcome to December
in first grade!!!

First Grade is ready for
some
holiday spirit!



MATH

Our math standards this month cover addition & subtraction strategies to 20. Please practice fluency of math facts to 10.

ELA

This month we are reading informational text. We will be identifying main topic and key details.

We will be comparing similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic.

Our students love reading non-fiction books!



Science

This month in science we will be observing stars.

Time to Celebrate

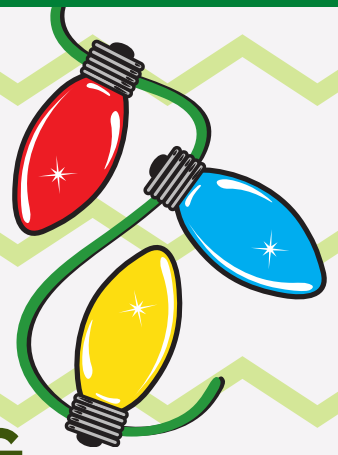
We will be ending our month with gingerbread houses and pajama day to get ready for our winter break!!!

Hopefully, it won't be 90 degrees!!

Please remember to check your child's planner and green take home folders daily.



2nd Grade



Burrr!!

Winter is on its way.

Time to snuggle up with a good book, warm up to your weekly homework, and nestle in for some learning fun!



READING

We will be focusing on opinion writing and comparing and contrasting 2 or more versions of the same story.

SCIENCE

We will be learning about forces of motion followed by rocks and soil.

MATH

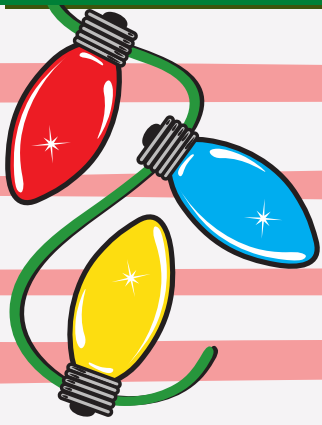
We are continuing with addition and subtraction with in 100. Please practice those math facts with your child!

Family and Home

Please be sure your child is reading nightly to build those comprehension skills. This is extremely important as we enter the new year.

Look for information to come about Winter Rotations and Pajama Day!





3rd Grade

MATH

SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies, we will explore different cultures and holidays.

SCIENCE

Light Energy and the Sun's Light and Heat will be our focus in Science this month.

We will be working on division this month and will also continue multiplication practice. Be sure to have your child keep working on those multiplication facts.

ELA

During December, we will be reviewing skills such as main idea/supporting details and text structures. We will introduce point of view and identifying historical events and connections. Please continue to encourage your child to read daily even during the break.

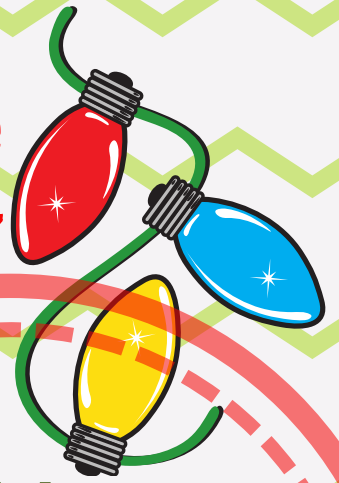


HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Third Grade teachers wish you and your family a very happy holiday season. We encourage you to find time as a family to explore ways that you can give back to your community. Maybe you could help a neighbor, pick up litter in your neighborhood, or write a letter to thank someone for service. Then, enjoy time as a family!



4th Grade



MATH

Fourth grade is gearing up for FRACTIONS! It's the perfect time of the year. If you bake with your child, measuring cups are a great hands-on activity to show fractions that are equal like $1/2 = 2/4$



SCIENCE

Earth's place in space takes center stage in our science studies in December. We will be tracking the moon phases for the month!

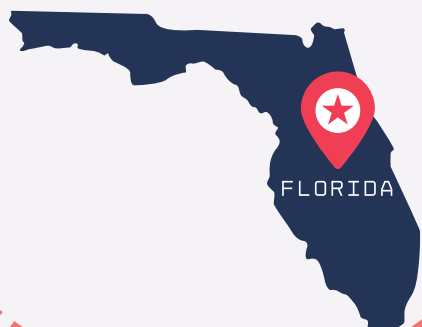
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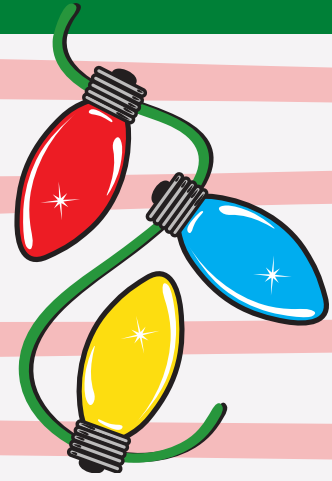
Please encourage your child to read over winter break! It would be great to have the students return in January with some fun book reviews!

Happy Holidays!

SOCIAL STUDIES

We continue to focus on Florida history.





5th Grade

ELA & SOCIAL STUDIES

We will be continuing our journey into Greek mythology with Cadmus and Europa and Hercules. We will be comparing and contrasting stories of the same genre and becoming word detectives as we study Greek roots. Finally we will work on point of view and summarizing with the story of Ruby Bridges.

MARVELOUS MATH

We're multiplying our way through the holidays!

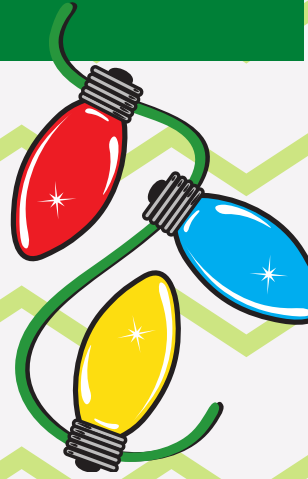
December focuses on Decimals. We will build a bridge from the area model to the standard algorithm that parents are familiar with. Keep practicing those multiplication basic facts. It makes doing the standard algorithm easier!

SUPER SCIENCE

Science is out of this world as we begin to study the solar system. Be on the look out for a special at home solar system project.



CLC NEWS



MUSIC

Music teachers will be meetings to discuss the possibilities of starting after-school clubs.

I truly hope we can be able to at least meet with a small group of students that want to further enrich their music life after school with their favorite music teacher and director.



Leonard's Picture Retakes

December 7th

We will be hosting fall picture retakes for all students that were not in attendance October 16th, were not pleased with the the first photos or are new to Crystal Lake. We will be sending a schedule when we return from Thanksgiving break for the Seminole Connect and Seminole County Virtual Save My Seat Students .

If you are concerned about coming on campus for a photo, Leonard's Photography is also offering the opportunity for families to contact the company directly to take your student to the studio in Casselberry. If you are interested in this option please contact them directly @

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/LeonardsCasselberry>

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE WITH OTHERS

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE NUMBER ONE REQUESTED ITEM FOR KIDS IN FOSTER CARE, ADULTS IN RETIREMENT FACILITIES, INDIVIDUALS IN HOMELESS SHELTERS IS NEW SOCKS?

PLEASE HELP US FILL THIS NEED BY DONATING NEW SOCKS FOR CHILDREN/ADULT OF ALL AGES.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING SOCKS WITH A SOCK BOX AT OUR SCHOOL FROM NOW UNTIL THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER.

PLEASE HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND FULFILL THIS NEED.

WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING CANNED FOOD. THE CONTAINERS WILL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS.

Happy
holidays