

DECEMBER 2021

# CROC TALK

Dear Crystal Lake Families,

As the holidays approach, it is time for us to reflect on the first four months of school and to thank those of you who have made them rewarding...

1. Students: What a terrific bunch of students we have here at Crystal Lake Elementary. They are friendly, thoughtful and eager to learn.
2. Parents and Community: I appreciate your support and help in getting this year off to a great start. From PTA, SAC, business partners, and the volunteers in the classroom, I appreciate all that you do for the teachers and students at Crystal Lake Elementary!
3. Teachers: A school is only as successful as the teachers who work there. Teaching is more than a "job". It's a passion. Our students are very lucky to have such passionate individuals working long hours to make each day count!
4. Support Staff: Thanks to all those who support our teachers and students!! Assistants, office staff, custodians, lunchroom staff, Guidance Counselors, bus drivers, and Extended Day workers – All of you work tirelessly to make Crystal Lake Elementary a place where you can be WILD about Learning!

Ricky Carver

## KINDERGARTEN

*The Kindergarten team would like to wish your family a Happy Holiday season!*

*In ELA we are continuing to compare and contrast stories, retell events in chronological order, identify characters, setting and main events. Please continue to practice sight words and read with your child!*

*In Math, we we are exploring 2D and 3D shapes and their attributes!*

*Look out for information about Winter Rotations from your child's teacher!*

## 1ST GRADE

**First Grade is ready for some holiday spirit! 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 math standards this month cover addition & subtraction strategies to 20. Please practice fluency of math facts to 10. This month in science we will be observing stars. We will be ending our month with gingerbread houses and pajama day to get ready for our winter break!!! Please 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!*

*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 Story Book Day and Pajama Day!*

## 3RD GRADE

In ELA, we are reviewing fables and comparing and contrasting short stories.

Math finds us working on geometry this month.

In Science, we will continue learning about light energy.

Exciting things are happening in Social Studies. As we study Economics, your child should be working on their products for the Marketplace Fair. This is always such a fun learning experience for our students!

Happy Holidays from Third Grade!

## 4TH GRADE

Math teachers are wrapping up division and moving on to measurement conversions and area/perimeter skills.

In science, we are discussing the Earth, moon and sun! Do you know what makes day and night? I am sure you will hear about it soon!

THE ELA team is continuing writing instruction. We started with informational writing and next up - opinion!

Florida explorers are being explored in Social Studies! ;-)

## 5TH GRADE

Math will have students continuing to work on mastering multiplying decimals through the thousandths.

In Science, students will describe what makes up the Milky Way Galaxy and compare and contrast the inner and outer planets.

During ELA, students are reading Greek myths to determine the narrative elements. They will look at themes, summarize and study the importance of multimedia and visual elements.

Social Studies brings history to life by reading about Ruby Bridges. Students will be concentrating on text structures and relationships in the text.

