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The Garfield Times

The Leader In Me

Our children, our teachers and I have been telling you about the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. We continue our study of the habits and we are impressed with how well our students are learning and using the vocabulary. In addition to the first three habits our students have been learning and using:

"Empathy is the fastest form of human communication."— Stephen R. Covey

HABIT 4: **THINK WIN-WIN**: Everyone can Win!! We don't want win-lose. We don't want lose-lose. We want win-win! Choose your weather! Courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want.

HABIT 5 SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE

UNDERSTOOD. Listen before you talk. Remember to really listen before speaking. Grow the idea even if you don't agree give the idea a chance! Have a reason for talking! Stay focused on the idea or point. Talk in ways to help our thinking grow. Have evidence for your opinion!

Mark Your Calendars!

Our annual Christmas programs will be held in the Garfield gymnasium on:

Monday December 12, 2016

9:30AM-Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Clouston, Miss Jensen 10:45AM-Mrs. Harbage, Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Kinsley 1:30PM- Mrs. Adcock, Miss Stranges, Miss Torrens

Tuesday December 13, 2016

9:30AM-Mrs. Herring, Mr. Kinsley, Mrs. Schnegg 10:45AM-Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Peterson, Miss Rotella 1:30PM-Mrs. Buchanan, Miss. Spears, Mrs. Wilson We are so proud of our 125 students of 385 students who had perfect attendance!

Heath Fire Department Visits Garfield!

On October 11th Firefighter Love and members of our Heath Fire Department shared Fire Prevention and Fire Safety lessons with Garfield students. Kindergarten-2nd grade students learned many safety measures to take in case of a bad fire. For example, in case of a fire students learned to call 911, know their address, know the way out of their bedroom, establish a meeting place outside of the house for the whole family to meet and more. Students were also asked to remind parents to change the batteries in the smoke detectors at home! Thank you Heath Fire Department!

Attendance

What an outstanding first nine weeks in the area of attendance! We are so proud of our 125 students of 385 students who had perfect attendance! Arriving at school each day and on time is of the utmost importance. The following had perfect attendance by grade level!

Kindergarten 35 students

First Grade 44 students

Second Grade 46 students

These students will be recognized this month for their perfect attendance!

Thank you Parents and PTO!

Thank you to all of our first and second grade students and parents who attended curriculum night. We believe in the home and school connection and know when teachers and parents communicate with one another the children are set up for success! We appreciate your attendance during parent/teacher conferences and during our Fall Celebration parade. We also give a BIG thank you to our PTO who support all of our efforts at school and beyond. We thank you PTO for a successful rescheduled tailgate and book fair! PTO officers and members working behind the scenes is greatly appreciate by our staff and students!

Your children are learning and growing and watching them flourish is amazing!

Sincerely,