



Clyde Elementary School Newsletter

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PreK Students Participate in Nursery Rhyme Olympics!

To wrap up their nursery rhymes study, Clyde PreK students participated in the Nursery Rhyme Olympics on Friday, October 21st. Activities included the Mother Goose waddle, Dish and Spoon Toss, and Candlestick snack making. The PreK class has enjoyed reciting and acting out nursery rhymes this month!



Sing-a-Song of AESOP

Presented by
3rd grade students
Monday,
November 7, 2016
2:00 p.m.



First Grade would like to present their... Word Detectives!

Students have been studying how to be word detectives over the past 4 weeks and have earned their Word Detective badges. They have learned how to be on the lookout for tricky words and strategies they can use to solve them. Some of these strategies include looking for snap words/ sight words hiding inside larger words, breaking words into parts they know, and thinking what word would make sense. Please keep encouraging your child to detect and solve tricky words using all they know!



2nd grade is going to the theatre!

Dress to Impress!

We will attend the performance "Skippyjon Jones: Snow What" at the Diane Wortham Theatre in Asheville on November 16th. We will practice proper theatre etiquette and be on our best behavior during this event.

Other news - In math, we are using a variety of strategies to solve addition and subtraction word problems. Our next reading unit will focus on nonfiction text.

Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's learning!

Note from the Art Studio

As our students are finishing up their visit to France where they learned about artist Henri Matisse they are moving on to Mexico! Our next art unit in k-5th grade will focus on Mexican culture, Dia de Los Muertos, and popular Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo. Also save the date for our first Annual Clyde Art Show on the evening of February 28th 2017.

Third-grade parents/guardians, please mark your calendars!


Third graders will be administered the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) on Thursday, November 3rd. Testing will begin promptly at 8:30 am and end around 10:00 am. Please make sure that your child gets a good night's rest, eats a filling breakfast, and has the materials (eyeglasses, medicine, etc.) that he/she needs to do his/her best on the test. If your student has an appointment scheduled that morning, please make every effort to reschedule it. Ms. Reinhardt, our school test coordinator, will send home more information regarding the test early next week.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Friday, November 4th – Cardinal Club Reward Trip
- Tuesday, November 8th – Optional Teacher Workday
No School for students
- Friday, November 11th —Veteran Day Holiday – No School
- Wednesday, November 23rd – Friday, November 25th – Thanksgiving break - No School



Clyde Elementary Media Center

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3D Printed Ornament Contest: Students are encouraged to design a holiday ornament that can be printed using 3D printing technologies. The contest will begin in early November. More information about guidelines and how-to will be coming home soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Wantz in the library.

Makerspace materials: **The Library Needs Your Help!** Our library is currently working on implementing and expanding our MakerSpaces! The idea behind the Makers Movement includes allowing people to imagine, envision, create, innovate, learn, experiment, collaborate, share, and most of all dream of possibilities. Please help our Makerspace grow by donating any building/art/recycled materials that you think we may benefit from using! Some examples of items on our wish list include: Legos, K'Nex, blocks, ribbon, string, yarn, hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, craft supplies (cotton balls, popsicle sticks, paint, tape, low temp hot glue gun, glue gun sticks, regular glue/sticks, toothpicks), cardboard tubes (paper towels, wrapping paper, toilet paper, etc), play-doh, circuit kits, playing cards (to build with), storage containers, cardboard boxes, etcetera. Thank you in advance for all your support! We are so excited about beginning this journey!

LITERACY TIPS

from our Title I Reading Specialists

Before you write...

Whether your child lists facts, brainstorms ideas out loud, or draws a comic strip, doing pre-writing activities can make her finished report or essay more interesting and organized. Try these ideas.

Write ABC Facts

This list will make it easy for your youngster to keep track of information he gathers. Instruct him to write the alphabet down the left side of a sheet of paper and write facts starting with as many letters as possible. For a paper on reptiles, he might write "cold blooded" for C and "vertebrates" for V.

Hear Me Brainstorm

Turn on a voice recorder, and let your child talk about her topic. Without paper and pencil in front of her, she may feel more relaxed, and her ideas will flow. Encourage her to state facts she already knows and to ask questions she needs to research. When she's finished, she should play back the recording and take notes on what to include.

Draw a Comic Strip

Your youngster might enjoy creating a colorful comic strip as an outline for his paper. For instance, if he's writing about the Wright brothers' first flight, the frames of his comic strip could show them designing a building, testing, fixing problems, and taking flight. He can refer to the comic to keep events in order while he writes his report.

Teach, Learn, Dream, Achieve.