

Ah- "Mason" Happenings in the



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Things to Know

Please consider donating Vienna sausages for Snack Packs!

Upcoming Events:

- December 11th-December 15th—PTO Penguin Store
- December 13th—Making Gingerbread Houses
- December 21st—Christmas Breakfast
- December 22nd-January 5th—Christmas Break

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What We're Learning This Week

Reading, Language Arts, & Writing

This week students took their mid-year benchmark for the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI). We are so proud of all of the growth that our students demonstrated. Please give your child a pat on the back for their hard work. In Language Arts, we will be focusing on reviewing our previous learned skills. We will continue to focus on writing compound and complex sentences as students are still struggling with these. In addition, we will also continue to focus our attention on informational writing and informational texts.

Dear Parents,

We are still in need of supplies for the gingerbread houses. We are anticipating making these in class on Wednesday, December 13th, but as it stands now, we will not have enough supplies—graham crackers, white icing, and assorted candy—to make them with all 106 fifth graders. If you are able to contribute to this activity, please send in the supplies by Monday, December 11th. Also, next week the PTO is sponsoring the Penguin Store where students can buy small, surprise gifts for their loved ones. Please find your child's date to visit the store in your child's folder.

Lastly, it seems that winter may officially have arrived on the hill. The playground is always bitterly cold and very windy, and the temperature has not met the high for the day by the time we go out. We ask that you please make sure your child brings a warm jacket to school each day. The nurse has only a limited supply of jackets to borrow. Thank you!

Math

Smith: We are working with multiplying and dividing decimals.

McEntire: We are working on identifying solids and finding volume, as well as, reviewing previous skills. In addition, Mrs. Wilds' homeroom will be moving into solving numerical expressions.

Science: Lo's students will continue studying animal and plant classification. Test will be on December 12th. Study guides have been sent home.

Social Studies: We will continue examining the Great Depression through lives of Duke Ellington, Margaret Mitchell, and Jesse Owens. We will test on this material December 19th.