

NEWSLETTER

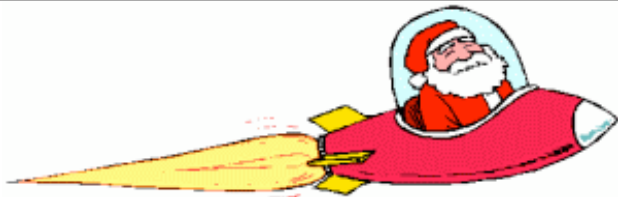
Upcoming Events

Pajama Breakfast Party

Wednesday, December 16
8:30 - 9:30

Come join us for a delicious **Pajama Breakfast!!** We are having pancakes, sausage, grits, fruit, and some other yummy things to eat. The cost is **\$1.50 per person**, for both students and adults. Student's breakfasts can be charged to their lunch accounts.

Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast. I do need to know how many people plan to attend, so please return the reservation form as soon as possible. Look for a note from Mrs. Riley about how you can help with the breakfast.



Owl Pellet Dissection

Friday, December 11
8:30 - 9:30

Help!! We are dissecting owl pellets, and I need some helping hands!

If you can join us at 8:30 on December 11, I'd really appreciate it.

Elves' Shelves Shopping

Wednesday, December 9
10:00 - 10:30

We will be shopping at the Elves' Shelves on December 9. There are a lot of great items to choose from. Most items cost between \$1 and \$3. This is a great opportunity for students to purchase items for family and friends.

"Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" Play

We are going on a field trip to see "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" at Mattie Kelly Arts Center on January 12. **The cost is \$8 per student.** Permission slips were sent home before Thanksgiving. I need your **payment by January 4.** If you can, please pay before Christmas Break.

Things We Need

- Pringle's cans-- empty and rinsed out (before Dec. 10, if possible!)
- Small pine cones (the 1 to 2" size)
- acorns

Spelling Styles

Learning to spell involves much more than memorization alone. Most students can become competent spellers if they use ways that are compatible with their learning styles. These studying techniques are also useful for learning in other areas. For example, you can use these strategies to learn vocabulary words and multiplication facts. Choose the style that feels most comfortable for you.

Visual Style

1. Choose one word from your list. Look at the word: say it aloud, pronouncing all the sounds.
2. Close your eyes and "see it."
3. Open your eyes and write the word.
4. Check for accuracy and write it again in another color.
5. Look **up** to the **left** and "see" the word in a bright color.
6. Hide your written sample. Write again. Check for accuracy.
7. Hide your sample. Write again in another color. Check.
8. Repeat these steps with all the other words.

Auditory Style

1. Choose one word off your list. Say the word.
2. Sound it out, saying each letter or blend.
3. Spell it aloud. Write it as you spell it aloud.
4. Check for accuracy. Write again. Check.
5. Sing the letters to the tune of a song you know.
6. Say each letter clearly or blend slowly.
7. Repeat these steps with all the other words.

Tactile-Kinesthetic Style

1. Look at the word. Trace it with your index finger. Say the letters.
2. Draw a box around the word that follows the letter shapes. Notice what the drawing reminds you of.
3. Write the word in shaving cream, salt on a paper plate, finger paint, pudding, etc.
4. Punch out the letters in the air. Say a letter with each punch.
5. Sing, act, or dance the word (in your mind is OK).
6. Use your finger to write the words on a piece of sandpaper while saying them aloud.
7. Write the word in the air. Write it on paper and check for accuracy.
8. Hide your written sample. Write again. Check for accuracy.
9. Repeat these steps with all the other words.

Calendar

December 2, 2009

Early Release.

December 4, 2009

Math, Chapter 6 Test

December 9, 2009

Elves' Shelves Shopping

December 11, 2009

Northeast Region test
Owl Pellet dissection

December 15, 2009

Math, Chapter 7 test

December 16, 2009

Pajama Breakfast 8:30

December 17, 2009

Dismissal begins at 1:50
School resumes Jan. 4

This Week:

READING

"One Riddle, One Answer"
Spelling Unit 3.3

MATH

Counting money.
Telling time to 1/4 hour.

SCIENCE

Sun and the Stars.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Northeast region.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Present tense verbs.
Expository writing.