



December 21, 2014

# Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

## Math

This past week was used to review multiplication and take a test on multiplication. The test was sent home for you to review. You can help your child this winter break by practice skip counting by numbers 2-9, asking them to give you factors of a number, and practicing math facts. When we return from break we will learn about division.

## Writing

This past week we only had a few days to work on writing. The students worked on their final draft of their legends. Students made the connection to recounting a story they read to writing their own story.

## Earthkeepers

Students who completed all the assignments for Earthkeepers earned their "Y" key. If students were absent or did not earn their key yet, I will award the keys after winter break if all assignments are completed. Later in the school year, I will be sending home information to earn the "S" key.

## Reading and Raz Kids

I would like to encourage all students to continue reading over winter break. See below about Blue Stem books. Your child can also go to <http://www.raz-kids.com/main/Login/reset/student> to work on Raz Kids.

## Reading

We continued to learn about recounting or summarizing a story this week. I read book by Paul Goble and we discussed how to recount the story.

This past week most students were tested on their reading level. I had the student read a book and answer questions about the book. You can find the type questions I asked on our class page on the school website.

## Social Studies

The students learned how life changed for the Indians when more people Europeans came to this area. Many Indians died due to diseases brought by the Europeans. They also learned how Indians traded with the pioneers for items they did not have before the arrival of Europeans.

## Science

Students continued to learn about inherited traits and learned behaviors. A favorite activity was where the students turned into a pretend creature called a Narf. They all had inherited traits and some learned behaviors. There were 4 different situations and they had to decide if their inherited traits or learned behaviors would help them survive. Ask your child if he/she survived the different situations.

## School Website

Please check out the new school website. You will find the newsletters and classroom calendars. I have also put a link for reading comprehension questions based on reading levels. There are some pictures of the students.

Username: PCCSparent  
Password: g0Hawks\*1415

## Short Volunteer Survey

Please fill out this short volunteer survey.  
[https://docs.google.com/a/pccharterschool.org/forms/d/1jZ6llSPWT4yDiJOlWldCXMoK1A9H4YRBo2jWkjJ79Ok/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/a/pccharterschool.org/forms/d/1jZ6llSPWT4yDiJOlWldCXMoK1A9H4YRBo2jWkjJ79Ok/viewform?usp=send_form)

## Illness

Please remember to keep your child home if he/she has a fever. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

## Big Bluestem Award

Prairie Crossing Charter School is excited to have our 3rd and 4th graders participate in the The Bluestem Award program (<http://www.islma.org/Bluestem.htm>) this year. It is designed to get students reading longer chapter books. There are 20 age-appropriate titles on the Bluestem list. To participate, students are read (or have read to them) a minimum of 4 of these books. At the end of February students who have completed a minimum of 4 books get to vote on their favorite one! We will tally the votes to see the PCCS Bluestem book favorite, then enter the votes for the official state selection of the Bluestem Award 2014-15. It will be fun to see if our pick is the state pick!

Please encourage your child(ren) to get excited about reading and voting! Winter break is a perfect time to curl up and read one or more of these. Many titles will be available in our classroom. Your local libraries stock extra copies of the Bluestem books as well. If you have any questions, please email Elizabeth Conlon at [elizabeth.conlon@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.conlon@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

December 22 to January 2- Winter Break  
December 6- Green Challenge Assembly  
December 7- Early Release  
December 12- 8:15 Coffee with Administration

## Social Studies Immersion Day

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the third and fourth grade students participated in a variety of activities. They made corn husk dolls, small moccasins, and a parfleche. They also learned square dancing in the gym with Mr. Corra. Mrs. Steinbeck would like to thank her dance partner for dancing with her. I would like to thank all parents who helped make this day special for the students.

## Other Events This Week

Thursday the students participated in the Holiday Sing. At the end of the day Thursday, the students watched a staff vs. student basketball game. Friday the children enjoyed a winter party. I would like to thank Mrs. Anderson for organizing this party. I would also like to thank Mrs. Masud, Mrs. Choi, Mrs. Borre, Mr. and Mrs. Erksi, Mr. Parker, Mr. Russ, and Mr. Trage for helping with the party. I would like to thank all the parents who I may have left off the list who made this day special for the students.

## Thank you

Mrs. Steinbeck and I would like to thank all the parents and students for all the gifts, holiday cards, treats, and script money. We appreciate the all the thoughtful gifts.