

Room 12

Friday Newsletter

February 7, 2020

What we did this week:

- We are almost done with our Nonfiction Writing Unit! The students have been working hard all week on editing and making sure they have all the aspects of a nonfiction teaching book. We are going to finish editing, start a final draft, and have a celebration day next week! Our next unit of Writing will be on opinion.
- In Math we are finishing Unit 5. In the middle of the week students took the Unit 5 Post Assessment. On Thursday and Friday students were challenged to look at a pattern, replicate it, and then add on to that pattern. Ask your students what they had to do with the unifix cubes relating to patterns!
- The class is really excited about selling Bean Soup! Our Economy Unit will be coming to a close after we put together and distribute the Bean Soup Jars. Students reviewed goods and services throughout the week as well as producers and consumers. After this unit we will have a few lessons about Government.
- Every Thursday our class does the 7 minute class run every Thursday. This week we are the winners yet again! Great job, class!

Notes:

- The Kid's Heart Challenge has begun and the American Heart Association needs your help. Please help PCCS reach our goals of raising \$10,000 for the Kid's Heart Challenge. If you can't raise money, you can still help PCCS reach our goal of having over half the

students sign up online. The class that has the most students sign up online will receive a recess basket of new equipment. Be sure to sign up online!

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/prairiecrossingcharter>

- My last day before I go on Maternity Leave is **Tuesday, February 11th**. Ellie Jensen will be taking over and will have Kristine Griffin as an Instructional Assistant. Kristine Griffin was a student teacher at the beginning of the year down in 3rd/4th grade and has been a sub here at PCCS after she finished student teaching. She met the class before winter break and will be here in the classroom a week before I am supposed to leave. This will be a wonderful team while I am gone! I plan to come back the day after Spring Break (**Monday, March 30th**). I have been reminding the students of my leave and the expectations while I am gone. If you can, please help remind your student of my leave and the expectations to help support our room.
- Students should have a **personal water bottle** at school every day to reduce the amount of in-and-out activity in the classroom.
- If your student is **absent or leaving early**, please send an email to Ms. Jensen and me so we are aware.
- The class code for Scholastic is - W92DG. If the books you order are going to be a gift, please let me know so I can put them aside so your student does not see them.

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, February 11th - Ms. Smetters's Last Day before Maternity Leave
 - Monday, March 30th - Ms. Smetters returns
- Friday, February 14th
 - PBIS Whole School Winter Celebration!
 - Valentine's Day Party 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
- Monday, February 17th - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, February 18th - NO SCHOOL

- Thursday, February 20th - Farm to Table
 - Featuring 1st/2nd grade's Black Bean Soup!
 - Wednesday, February 26th - Early Release (1:00 p.m.)
 - Friday, February 28th - End of 2nd Trimester
 - Thursday, March 5th - Tornado Drill
 - Friday, March 6th - Natural Leaders Assembly (8:10 a.m.)
 - Wednesday, March 11th - Farm to Table
 - Thursday, March 12th - Early Release (1:00 p.m.)
 - Student-Led Conferences
 - Friday, March 13th - Early Release (1:00 p.m.)
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 - Wednesday, March 18 - Early Release (1:00 p.m.)
 - Monday, March 23 - Friday, March 27 - NO SCHOOL: SPRING BREAK
 - Monday, March 30 - School Reconvenes
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