



SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

December Dates To Remember

Dec. 1st - BB @ Omaha Nation 5 pm

Dec. 6th - Science Assembly @ 10:25

Dec. 8th - BB vs Elkhorn Valley @ 5:30 pm (H) Dec. 8th -NO PRESCHOOL

Dec. 9th - BB vs Marty Indian School @ 6 pm (H)

Dec. 12th - BB @ Centerville, SD 6:15 pm Dec. 12th - Board Meeting 5 pm

Dec. 18th - Winter Concert - Meal @ 5 pm Concert @ 6 pm

Dec. 18th - TEACHER PLC DAY – Bus & breakfast will run at regular time.

Academic classes will start at 10 am. 8 am – 10 am individual academic support with cultural activities for Pre-K through 12th grade. Attendance is expected for all students

Dec. 19th - BB @ Cody-Kilgore 5:00 MT

Dec. 21st - BB vs Bloomfield @ 6:15 pm (H)

Dec. 21st - Preschool Christmas party

Dec. 22nd - NO PRESCHOOL Dec. 22nd - 2 pm Dismissal & End of 1st Semester

Dec. 23rd-27th—BB Moratorium GYM CLOSED

Dec. 25-Jan 3rd - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Dec. 28th - BB Mead Holiday Tournament TBA

January 4th - CLASSES RESUME



Fantastic First Grade!

It is hard to believe that November is over and we are already into December!

First grade has been working hard to master the long vowel sounds. The students are continuing to practice addition and subtraction 1-20 as well as how to compare the size, weight, and shape of different objects. In science we are beginning to learn about natural resources and caring for our Earth.

I have had some parents ask about getting some extra math and reading practice sent home with their students. I now have a bin of extra math packets and reading books available for students to take home. I have sent math packets home with a couple of the students and received them back completed! I am happy that the students took this opportunity to show off their new skills to their family and friends!

Any questions, comments, or concerns please call me at the school or send me an email!

-Mrs. Crossman

2nd Grade

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the second grade! We strung up our Christmas lights, started making some Christmas crafts, and are looking forward to more Christmas activities throughout the next couple of weeks! Despite the holiday excitement we have been getting some learning in as well. We are wrapping up our unit on telling time in math, and the students are becoming time experts! In science we started a habitat unit. The students are learning about 7 different habitats and at the end of the unit, they will create their own habitat diorama using shoeboxes and other art supplies. The students are also working very hard reading books to earn points on Accelerated Reader. I am so proud of their hard work and effort! We hope you have a safe, fun and very Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Steffen



Fifth Grade (ELA)

Fifth grade is currently reading books from the series *Hollow Kids*. We have been focusing on making predictions and story elements (characters, plot, setting, conflict and theme). Students also read Achieve 3000 articles and answer activity question. Students are struggling to correctly answer these questions because they often do not focus on what the question says, they assume what the question is saying.

Fourth Grade (ELA)

Fourth grade has been reading nonfiction stories and working to become masters at main idea and supporting details. Students are becoming dedicated to reading their AR books. Encourage your child to read at home. Students also read Achieve 3000 articles and answer activity question. Students are struggling to correctly answer these questions because they often do not understand what the question is asking of them.

Sixth Grade (ELA)

Sixth Graders will be reading the novel entitled *The Middle Five* during the month of December. *The Middle Five*, first published in 1900, is an account of Francis La Flesche's life as a student in a Presbyterian mission school in northeastern Nebraska (Omaha Tribe) about the time of the Civil War. It is a simple, affecting tale of young Indian boys midway between two cultures, reluctant to abandon the ways of their fathers, and puzzled and uncomfortable in their new roles of "make-believe white men."

Ask your sixth grader if they are enjoying the book and what they have learned.



Have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Much love, Mrs. Crosley





Third grade news

Happy December to one and all! It is hard to believe our school year will be half over at the end of this month! Our students have been working hard and need to continue to do their best. Please keep encouraging them at home because our learning content is getting harder and concentration is difficult at this time of the year.

The students have beautiful cursive writing. We are still learning some letters and have been writing words in cursive. The students are anxiously awaiting the last few letters so they all can write their name in cursive!

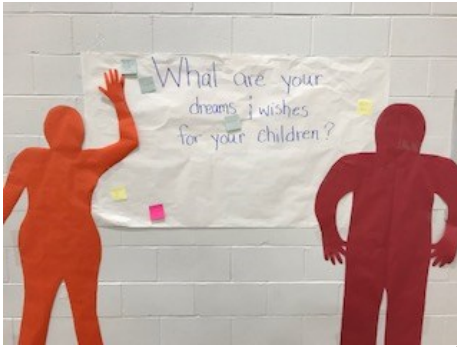
Multiplication is proving to be popular in third grade. We have some great mathematicians! They are multiplying two and three digit numbers! We have learned some skip counting songs that are helping us remember our multiplication facts. You can ask your student about some of them and help practice those facts!

We are researching and writing reports on the Western states in Social Studies using our Ipads. The students are learning lots of life long skills doing this! Some of the students are finding places they would like to go visit in the United States.

We would like to invite you into our classroom and see what we are doing or you can come have lunch with us. It would be great to see you! Thank you to all families that came to parent/teacher conferences on November 21. I enjoyed visiting with you and working together for your child's education! Merry Christmas!

Mrs.Hrbek

Dean Jacobs Family Night Photos





Music Notes: The December Concert Is Upon Us!

Anpetu waste, friends! Our concert is coming up on **Monday, December 18, at 6 P.M.!** There will be an optional dinner beforehand at 5 P.M. All K-12 student musicians are required to participate in the concert; please come and support our show!

Student musicians: Please be in the Multipurpose Room by 5:45 P.M., dressed nicely (no torn jeans or hoodies). I have some extra dress clothes at home for students that are not sure what to wear; please contact me if you need.

Santee Community Carolers!! Last year, some of our students went to the Housing headquarters and the Tribal Council building to sing Christmas carols to the workers and community friends. This year, we plan to continue the tradition! We are shooting for taking volunteer students out on the afternoon of Thursday, December 21, to sing. Mrs. Crossman, Mr. David Henry, and Ms. Knight are still working out the details, so stay tuned for this fun holiday celebration!



Fun and Success at the NVC Choir Clinic!

Senior soloist Lexi Saul performed with the entire conference of high school singers – over 200 student musicians working hard to pull off a phenomenal concert with just a few hours of combined practice. USD music educator Dr. Holdhusen led the ensemble, commenting that, while the students come from very different places and situations, we all work together to make beautiful music. The audience really enjoyed the performance!

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming concert!

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Miss Knight



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- 4th Xavier D
- 6th Noah J. & Talia S.
- 10th Veronica T.
- 16th Ronald G.
- 19th Sidney T.
- 24th Hattie K. & Dedra A.
- 25th Drake Y.C. & Tatehiyayeden F.
- 26th Forever R.
- 27th Jaidis W.
- 28th Paris R.

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To You

From

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