

Important Dates:

- January 4 - 2nd quarter report cards go home
- January 13 - Pajama Day to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital
- January 16 - No school
- January 17 - music boosters at the jr. high school media center at 7:00pm
- January 27 - PBIS celebration—movie in the gym

Updates**Junior High Ready**

One of the major goals we have for our fifth graders is to have them ready for junior high by the end of the year, with academics, organization and responsibility. Please review 3rd and 4th quarter homework policies with your child from our 5th grade handbook.

Study Skills

It's never too late to start developing good study skills. Having consistent or routine study habits will help students feel less stressed and less overwhelmed with work. Here are some tips to help with study time:

- **Have a designated study area.**
- **Have all materials ready (check before you leave school).**

- **Schedule designated study/work time everyday.**
- **Take breaks.**
- **Have a plan for what order you will get things done (make a numbered list).**
- **Be consistent.**

Student Council

Spring members of Student Council will be elected Friday, January 6. Names will be announced in the February newsletter. One of the first fun activities they will get to do are Valentine candy-grams! More information will come home soon.

School Supplies

Please check with your child to see if he or she is in need of any new school supplies for this semester. Everyone must

have a functioning calculator, which they will be allowed to use on ISAT. Please also check if their deodorant needs replenished.

Winter Weather

Please remind your child to dress warmly for winter days. Students go outside as often as possible for lunch recess so please make sure they have appropriate winter gear.

CommUNITY

We will host Pajama Day on Friday, January 13. A minimum donation of 25 cents is needed to wear pajamas this day. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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What's Coming Up In January**Language Arts:**

Adjectives; narrative writing fairy tales

Math:

Geometry; begin ISAT practice

Science:

Biome project; systems of the body

Social Studies:

Finishing American government; president projects; Louisiana Purchase, industrial revolution; Trail of Tears

Reading:

12 AR points are due by March 12

Literature circles; review of literary skills: connections, visualization and questioning, making predictions and inferences; begin ISAT practice

Challenge:

Introduction to CSI/forensics; solution matrix; making inferences/correlations

Music

After completing their learning of the 13 colonies, the students will start a traditional dance called "The Virginia Reel" After that we will be learning the Presidents Rap, which helps to learn the Presidents in order

PE:

Special note from Mr. Lindsey:
We will be skating from Jan. 12-26. It should be a great experience for the students, and also be very beneficial to many of them. We are looking forward to it, as we get back into the swing of the semester!

Art:

Awesome After School Art-Mondays 2:45-4pm

The students will continue on Creative Cubes; they will begin learning about artist Georgia O'Keeffe

Choir:

Will meet Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31 from 2:50-3:50pm; music boosters at the jr. high school media center at 7:00pm on Jan. 17