

N.O. Nelson Elementary School

December 2007

Mrs. Tanya Patton, Principal



Principal's News

Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 3 - PTO Party Committee Mtg @ 9:30am
- ◆ December 4-6 - Winter Fun Shop
- ◆ December 7 - Nelson goes to EHS for Holiday Play @ 9:30am
- ◆ December 12 - Nelson's Drama Club Performance @ 6:30pm
- ◆ December 13 - KG Winter Program @ 6:00pm & 7:15pm
- ◆ December 17 - Board Mtg @ Woodland @ 7:30pm
- ◆ December 18 - Nelson Night @ Cold Stone Creamery
- ◆ December 19 - Drama Club Performance @ 10:00am
- ◆ December 20 - Nelson's Drama Club to Woodland @ 9:30am & Papa John's Night
- ◆ December 21 - KG Visits to Nursing Homes - 9:30-11:30am & Winter Fun Parties @ 2:30pm
- ◆ December 22-January 2 - Winter Break - No School
- ◆ January 3 - School Resumes

Reading Aloud: "I always stumble because I read too fast." "I'm afraid my child won't listen to me." "I was laughed at when I read aloud at school."

Do you have worries like these when you read aloud? You're not alone. Many parents avoid reading aloud to their kids. However, reading aloud is one of the best ways to help your child succeed in school. Keep these tips in mind:

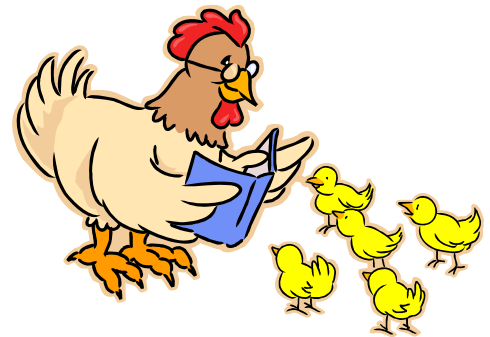
1. Everybody makes mistakes. If you make mistakes when reading aloud, your child will learn that it's okay for them to make mistakes.
2. Practice makes perfect. Find a book that you like and read it aloud by yourself until you feel comfortable.
3. Involve your child in the story. Have them turn the pages, or read one line and have them read the next.
4. Take your time and don't rush the story. Your child can tell if you're in a hurry. Reading slowly will help you read clearly.
5. As you feel more comfortable, try changing your voice to show the character's feelings - joy, sadness, fear. These variations can make the story more exciting

for both of you.

6. Remember that you are helping your child learn to enjoy reading. Try different types of reading materials, such as comic strips and poetry.

7. Above all, try to relax and enjoy the time you're spending with your child!

(Information from Reading Connection)



We, the staff of Nelson School, would like to thank our parents for their support in making our school a nurturing place for our students. We would also like to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully,
Tanya Patton

Parent-Teacher Conferences



Thanks to all of our parents who participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences. After reviewing the completed surveys, it was a great success and parents felt a part of the process of educating their students.

If you did not have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, please contact them via email or the school office (656-8480) to set an appointment.

As always, we encourage every opportunity to work with you to improve your student's success in school!

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The most important thing a teacher can do is to send the pupil home in the afternoon liking themselves just a little better than when he/she came in the morning!

Ernest Melby

Box Tops for Education

Keep sending/bringing in those box tops!!!! Thanks to all of the students and parents we are having a very successful year with Box Tops for Education!!! Keep up the good work!

Here are the winners for the Fall Box Tops for Education:

Classes: 1st Place: Mr. Emerson's Class - 1,307 points
 2nd Place: Mrs. VanVoorhis' Class - 993 points
 3rd Place: Mrs. Quattlander's Class - 807
 4th Place: Mrs. Wellen's Class - 136 points

Top 10 Collectors:

Josh Ohl, Caleb Carnes, Jacob Kitchen, Grace Olsen, Patrick Driscoll, Evan Driscoll, Dahlia Nelson, Caden Schuessler, Lauren Ladd, Taylor McOlgan, Wyatt Waltenberger and Emma Ladd

Top Teacher/Faculty Collector:

Mrs. Van Voorhis

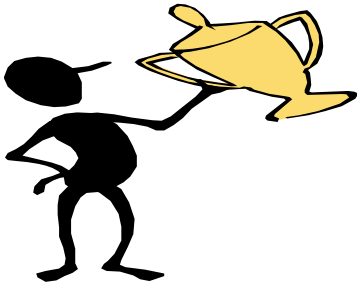
Word of the Month

Our word for the month of December is **Generosity**. During Morning Meeting, students will hear the word, learn the meaning, see a skit and will be given examples of what **Generosity** means. They will also share what the word means to them.

We encourage our families to use this word at home throughout the month as this will better instill the word and its meaning in our students.

Character development is an important part of our school's education; therefore we would appreciate any support we receive from our parents at home.

Principal's Proud Pals



The students chosen for the month of November were: **Lorraine Hicks, Brandon Yan, Matthew Mendez & Abby Cimarolli.**

These students were randomly selected from the group of students who received a Caught Being Good Award so far this year. They received a certificate and their pictures have been on display on the Principal's Proud Pals bulletin board in our main hallway.

Congratulations!!!

Classroom Happenings!!!

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*An effort made
for the happiness
of others lifts us
above ourselves!*

*For your child's
safety and
comfort, please
have your child
wear play clothes
and tennis shoes
on their PE day.*

*Mondays and
Fridays are PE
days!*

Greetings from Mrs. Klenke's 2nd grade class! Our class is in the process of finishing our Native American Unit. Students have studied the culture and heritage of different tribes that lived in different regions of the United States. We also had a "Bartering Day" where each second grade class made different crafts from different tribes. We then traded them with the other classes. Our class made spinning snakes, beaded necklaces, masks, and hand shakers. A great time was had by all. The teachers also were impressed by the polite manner in which the students traded with each other.

Our next unit of study will be Celebrations Around the World. Once again we will be studying different countries and their culture and heritage. We will also study how the different countries celebrate their holidays.

Mrs. Jones' first grade class is busy learning and having fun. In Science we just kicked-off an interactive hands-on unit called "Science in the Toy Box." The kids will enjoy exploring force and motion.

In Math we will continue to work on frames and arrows, counting combinations of coins, and measurement. Measurement skills will be put to use as the kids measure and mix their own gingerbread muffins and then enjoy eating them. Yum! The kids are looking forward to our classroom "General Store" opening after Winter Break. The kids will have the opportunity to purchase items by counting out money in a meaningful situation.

During Writer's Workshop we have been focusing on writing a story with a beginning, middle, and end. We will continue to work on coming up with a topic, then organizing our thoughts before writing, and applying conventions such as capital letters and punctuation marks. The kids are already writing amazing stories. (I can't wait to see some of their published masterpieces they will be writing by the end of first grade.) The kids are so creative!!