

**Troy Elementary  
December 1, 2023**

## **Mrs. Sandquist's & Mrs. Sullins' Third and Fourth Grade News**

### **What's Happening in December..**

#### **Special points of interest:**

- Late Start (10:15) Wed. Dec. 6th.
- Winter Break: December 23rd through January 7th

#### **Be on the lookout:**

- Spelling words come home every other Monday. Spelling tests are every other Friday.
- **3rd spelling list: 11/27-** smile note skate cube plate arrive globe stripe flame rose white pancake beware confuse become though option lollipop extreme escape  
**12/11-**snowman wreath reindeer Christmas Santa holly angel carols snowflakes winter elf sleigh merry lights candle star tree gift presents mistletoe
- **4th spelling list: 11/27-** uniform excuse juice tuned unusual curfew blueberry using duel usually salute threw utensil chewing toothache stew bugle unicorn music mute season honey freezing unicycle interview  
**12/11-**ornaments evergreen reindeer mistletoe wreath hot cocoa cookies Santa Claus gingerbread tinsel caroling chestnuts twinkling lights exchange decorations December snowflakes Mrs. Claus eggnog chimney angel elf gifts holly berries Christmas tree
- All students should be reading for 20 minutes each night.
- 4th graders should be practicing their multiplication facts at home.

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#### **Writing**

- ⇒ **3rd:** Students are doing some informational writing on different subjects right now. They will also be working on typing and making slides about Christmas traditions from other countries.
- ⇒ **4th:** Students will start working on typing and making slides for the Corps of Discovery Journey.

#### **Reading**

- ⇒ **3rd:** Students will be comparing and contrasting important points on two texts with the same topic. Then they will be identifying the parts of stories, dramas, and poems, such as: stanzas, lines, rhyme, dialogue, acts, scenes, stage direction, etc.
- ⇒ **4th:** Students are working on comparing and contrasting first and second hand information on the same event or topic. After that they will be working on drawing complex inferences from the text.

#### **Social Studies**

- ⇒ **3rd:** Students are researching and working on a slide presentation about Christmas traditions of other countries. Once they complete their slide show they will get to present it to the class.
- ⇒ **4th:** Students will start working on their research project for the Corps of Discovery Journey. They will read about the Corp. of Discovery and make a slide show that they will get to present to the class when they finish.

#### **Math**

- ⇒ **3rd:** Third graders will be creating and extending arithmetic patterns and explaining these patterns using properties of operations. Students will then work on using metric measurement in real world problems. Mass, capacity, and length are the focus, while understanding the unit measure of each: gram, liter, and meter.
- ⇒ **4th:** December has a lot of fraction work! Students will be working with regular, irregular and mixed number fractions. They will learn to compare, add, subtract and make equivalent fractions (with and without a common denominator). They will break fractions down by decomposing them.

#### **Science**

- ⇒ **3rd:** Students will be learning about the different climates around the world. They will also understand the difference between climate and weather.
- ⇒ **4th:** Students are studying how the surface of the Earth changes over time and the mechanisms that cause that change. Students will be able to identify and describe the process of weathering, erosion and deposition. Students will also study and analyze maps of Earth's land and ocean floor, as well as locations of mountains, continental boundaries, volcanoes, and earthquakes.
- ⇒ **December Spirit:** All school basketball game at University of Idaho, Tuesday, December 19th from 1:00-2:30.

***Have a Happy Holiday Season!***