

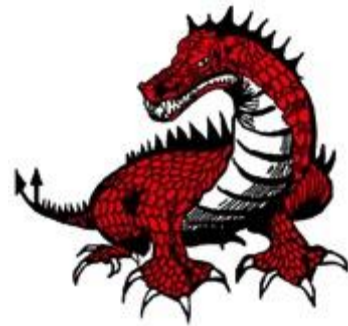
**Pendragon PRIDE**



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# **Pender Elementary eNews**



**December 3,  
2021**

## Practice makes perfect!

*That's what my coach always said.*

### **Easy ideas to practice at home when you're short on time.**

1. Have your child write out the grocery list on scratch paper.
2. Let them read the recipe to you while you're cooking.
3. Sight Words Hunt – use old newspapers, magazines, or JUNK MAIL and have them highlight, circle, or underline sight words focusing on only one at a time. (Good words to start with are: the, and, it, is, etc.)
4. Have them read street signs, billboards, or business names to you when you go for a drive.
5. At the store, have them read the name on the container as it goes in the grocery cart.
6. They can write a note or send a card to friends or family members. Have them also see how to address the envelope.
7. Read or recite poems and then have the kids make their own.
8. "In Other Words" game. – Help expand their vocabulary and learn synonyms. When your child says, "That ice-cream cone is big." You can say: "In other words, it is large/huge."



Thank-you for taking your time to read this information!  
Mrs. Miller

# PreK Classroom News

Week of: November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 3<sup>rd</sup>

## A Note From the Teacher

Please practice putting on and zipping coats at home. Remember to send folders to school every day.

## Upcoming Events

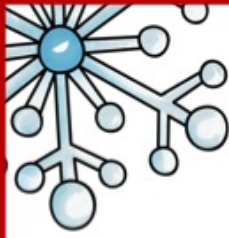
December 1, 8, 15:  
2:30pm Dismissal  
December 22: 1:00pm  
Dismissal (No PM PreK)  
December 23-January 4:  
No School (Christmas  
Break)

## What We Learned This Week

- This week we learned all about letter Ss and the four seasons. We also made a snake art project. Next week, we will be talking about the letter Uu. Please be sure to send hat and gloves to school so we can get outside to play.

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# Our Kindergarten Classroom News

The Week of November 29 - December 3

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## Our Learning

Language Arts: short o words, blending sounds, final sounds, reading with expression, understanding characters

Sight words: my, with

Math: exploring geoboards, describing and comparing shapes, building and reading graphs, ordinal position, paying for items using pennies, writing numbers to 50

## Reminder

Letter-naming speed is the single most significant predictor for word reading ability for first-grade students. Please continue to practice letters and sounds with your child.

## Dates

**December 1, 8,**  
15-2:30 Dismissal

**December 13-** Elementary  
Winter Concert 6:30  
(Preschool at 6:00)

**December 22-** 1:00  
Dismissal

**Dec 23-Jan 4-** No School-  
Winter Break. School  
resumes **Jan5**

## At-Home Practice

As your child brings home writing for the first time, do not be surprised at the spelling. We will use "temporary spelling" in our work. It is a great assessment to see what your child knows. Let your child read their writing to you and praise them for their ongoing work.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Newsletter

Week of November 29-December 3

## A Peek at the Week

Reading: Cause and Effect, Informational, wh, ph, sh, contractions, accuracy

Spelling: digraph sh, wh

Grammar: subject and verb agreement

Writing: Opinion

Math: estimate, symmetry, dimes and pennies, numbers

## Spelling

1. clip
2. flash
3. plug
4. slack
5. blob
6. crash
7. brick
8. drop
9. grill
10. truck

## Upcoming Dates

December  
8, 15- 2:30 dismissal  
13- Concert  
22-1:00 dismissal  
Start of winter break

## Reminders

- Check your child's folders and send them back each day

Second Grade - 12-2-2021

# Classroom News

Mrs. Sheila Dahlman & Mr. Mitchell Mailloux

## Notes

### Spelling 12-10

| List A      | List B  |
|-------------|---------|
| 1.free      | sweetly |
| 2.teach     | leaves  |
| 3.teeth     | queen   |
| 4.please    | please  |
| 5.beach     | speech  |
| 6.wheel     | squeal  |
| 7.team      | steam   |
| 8.speak     | breathe |
| 9.sneeze    | sneeze  |
| 10. sheep   | breeze  |
| 11. meaning | meaning |
| 12. weave   | weave   |
| 13. eat     | cheat   |
| 14. read    | grease  |
| 15.between  | between |
| 16. reason  | reason  |

## What We Are Learning

### Language Arts

- + Informational text
- + Vocabulary, fluency
- + text & graphic features
- + idioms
- + spelling base words with ai, ay
- + fact/opinion
- + Writing applied research
- + writing compound sentences

### Social Studies

- + Native Americans

### Math

- + Fractions
- + Trading pennies for dimes
- + Addition with Regrouping

### Science

- + Properties of Materials

## Upcoming Events

### December 7, 8, 9 – MAPS TESTING

Dec 8, 15, Jan 12, 19, 26 – 2:30 Dismissal

Dec 10, 17, Jan 14, 28 - SPELLING TEST

January 24<sup>th</sup> – SPELLING BEE

December 22 – 1:00 dismissal

December 22 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

December 23-January 4 – No School, Winter break

**REMINDER** - Please remind your children to wear appropriate clothing for colder temperatures.



**WEEK  
OF:**

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>



Mrs. Gaer

## THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Hoffman



### Lesson 14 Spelling Words

horse, mark, storm, market,  
acorn, artist, March, north,  
barking, stork, thorn, forest, chore,  
restore, dark, story, partner,  
fortune



### Important Reminders

- ✓ Sign your child's planner nightly
- ✓ Please check for Math homework, look over, and sign on back
- ✓ Keep track of reading for Welsh's B.O.B.
- ✓ Elementary Winter Concert is Dec. 13



### Reading

Students spent their week reading a legend. They revisited the skill compare and contrast. They looked at three characters and used compare and contrast to describe how the characters were alike and how they were different.



### Math

Skills learned this week: Comparing Fractions, Probability, Rectangles, Length & Width  
Skills coming up: MAPS Testing, Quarter 2 Assessments, Rectangular Grid Patterns, Multiplication as Repeated Addition



### Social Studies

Students continue their study on culture. This week the focus was on the traditions of citizens in Mexico.



### Science

Third graders have started Unit 1: Forces Around Us. Concepts to cover include: Motion, Force Can Change Motion, Electricity, and Magnetism,



### Writing

- Mrs. Gaer's class did a compare and contrast response.
- Mrs. Hoffman's class is publishing opinion paragraphs.

December 2, 2021

# Weekly News Edition

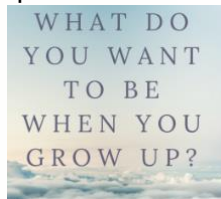
## Life and Times of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Writing Class

Pender P.R.I.D.E. ~ Preparation ~ Respect ~ Integrity ~ Determination ~ Excellence

### Writing Class

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** After reviewing good sentence structure and adjectives. We are moving into a persuasive writing unit. Students will be writing a persuasive letter to Santa! No, not about what they want, rather what job they should be hired for at the North Pole!

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Time to persuade in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have selected topics and are eagerly planning reasons and evidence to support our topics. As we begin drafting our persuasive essays, our word choice becomes more and more important.



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** What skills or qualities do you have that will make you choose a specific career? The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning a lot about their strengths and qualities to determine which careers best suit them. Over the next couple weeks, they will begin researching a career and write an expository essay, create a slide show presentation, and then orally present what they have learned.

### Quote of the Week

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER

*you don't have to be perfect*

*Having a bad day is ok*

*Small steps are also progress*

*Asking for help is straight*

*People love and appreciate you*

★ Dream Big  
★ READ! ★

**Battle of the Books-** For December, students should practice reading at their level and complete a monthly calendar of 20 nights of reading. Calendars will be collected after Christmas break!



# CLASSROOM NEWS

week of: Nov. 29-Dec. 3

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## Important Dates

- Dec 1, 8, 15- 2:30 dismissals
- Dec 22 – 1:00 dismissal
- Dec 23-Jan 4 – Christmas Break
- Jan 5 – School resumes



## What We're Learning

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Weekly Readers
  - Life on the Oregon Trail
- What kind of a place Nebraska is
  - What grows in our soil, animals that live here and how our land was formed

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Unit 5 – Revolutionary War
  - What started the war, what life was like for the soldiers fighting and how the war ended

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Ancient Egypt Unit
  - Social Structure of Ancient Egypt, 3 Kingdoms and pharaohs

## Reminders

- Please check planners nightly for homework and initial/sign
- Chromebooks need to be charged at home nightly
- Check SeeSaw for important updates, pictures and information

## Try this at Home

- Giving Tuesday – Ask your kids how they can give back, big or small, it all makes a difference!



PENDER PENDRAGONS

# Mr. Hoffman's 5th Grade 4th-6th Math

Kids can bring money to The Pendragoon Branch Bank and save on Wednesday mornings starting at 7:30AM.

If a student is having trouble with a problem, there is a number in parentheses below the problem number which indicates which lesson it was taught.

Saxon test results are posted on SeeSaw and will continue to be. If you would like your son/daughter to retake any test or quiz, they may do that at any time. I will also post that retake on SeeSaw as well.

## CONCEPTS COVERED IN 4TH GRADE

- Word Problems Involving Equal Groups
- Add & Subtract Decimal Numbers
- Multiply 2 Digit by 1 Digit Numbers
- Test
- Compare Decimals to Fractions to Percents

Next Test: December 13th

## CONCEPTS COVERED IN 5TH GRADE

- Write Numerals in Expanded Notation
- Solve Multiple Step Word Problems
- Find the Average of a Set of Numbers
- Test
- Read Graphs and Tables
- Determine Mean, Median, Mode, & Range

Next Test: December 13th

## CONCEPTS COVERED IN 6TH GRADE

- Write Decimals in Expanded Notation
- Multiply Decimals by 10 and 100
- Test
- Find the Circumference of a Circle
- Regroup to Subtract Mixed Numbers with the Same Denominator
- Divide a Decimal by a Decimal Number

Next Test: November 7th

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# Mrs. English

## 4-6 Science

December 6, 2021



### Upcoming Events

- 12/13-Elementary Concert
- 12/22-Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.
- 1/4-Teacher Inservice-No school
- 1/5-School Resumes
- Wed. mornings- 7:30-8:15-Chartwest Pendragon Branch.

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### Concepts in Science

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will ask plan and carry out investigations and use models to explain different types of energy transfer.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will understand that the mass of an object effects the size of the crater that it forms.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will investigate the transfer of energy from the Sun to Earth and the atmosphere. They will develop and use models 8uto describe unequal heating of Earth by the Sun.

# Mrs. T's Guided Reading

Many guided reading groups have begun wrapping up their novels! The plan is for most groups to be done before the Holiday break! They've continued working on their literature circle jobs (comprehension skills) and practicing their spelling. Some of their Word Works are posted on SeeSaw! As they finish their novels, we will begin our end-of-semester benchmarking! Of course, practicing spelling and reading for enjoyment at home are always encouraged!

These are the novels each class is reading:

4N Tigers: Ibis and The Sand Castle Contest

4N Artic Foxes: Champ

4N Artic Wolves: Fair Weather

4S Lions: Earth Day

4S Red Foxes: Champ

4S Funky Ferrets: 13<sup>th</sup> Floor

5H White Strawberries: Champ

5H Rainbow Rolls: The Houdini Box

5H Dino Nuggies: 13<sup>th</sup> Floor

5H KooKoo Puffs: Lightning Thief

5E Takimarshmellows: Ibis and the Sand Castle Contest

5E Blueberry Fries: The Houdini Box

5E Tuesday Tacos: 13<sup>th</sup> Floor

5E Burnt Beans: Lightning Thief

6T Golden Jelly Beans: Fair Weather

6T Blue Sprinkles: Lightning Thief

6T Rainbow Sours: Hunger Games

6M Cyan Skittles: Fair Weather

6M Yellow Sweet Tarts: Sherlock Holmes

6M Silver Snickers: Hunger Games

Spelling lists will now  
be posted on Seesaw  
each week for easy  
access at home!





# Mrs. Miller's News

December 3, 2021

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

Story: Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms

Skills:  
nonfiction text/graphic features  
text structure  
reading for information

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

Story: Dangerous Crossing

Skills:  
visual elements to create tone  
cause and effect within a story  
using reference materials  
use of primary sources

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading

Story: The Great Fire

Skills:  
sequence of events  
use of claims and support  
figurative language in nonfiction

## For Your Calendar

- Dec 8 & 15: 2:30 Dismissal
- Dec 13: Elementary Winter Concert
- Dec 22: 1:00 Dismissal
- Dec 23-Jan 4 Winter Break

December Battle of the Books is to complete a reading calendar. This will be in the Thursday folder.

\*\*Congrats! Our class was the winner of the Food Bank Challenge! We will get a pizza party and extra recess!

Tara Miller

4-5-6 Reading

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# Spelling Lists

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

wiped  
covered  
mapped  
pleasing  
slipped  
putting  
traveled  
seeking  
visiting  
mixed  
shipped  
phoning  
offered  
smelling  
hiking  
checking  
fainted  
landed  
becoming  
wandering

### Challenge

amusing  
entertained  
admitted  
stunning  
starving

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

conflict  
orphan  
instant  
complex  
simply  
burglar  
laundry  
laughter  
employ  
anchor  
merchant  
improve  
arctic  
mischief  
childhood  
purchase  
dolphin  
partner  
complain  
tremble

### Challenge

anthem  
illustrate  
function  
conscience  
apostrophe

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

circulate  
circulation  
conclude  
conclusion  
instruct  
instruction  
possess  
possession  
introduce  
introduction  
except  
exception  
discuss  
discussion  
collide  
collision  
oppose  
opposition  
estimate  
estimation

### Challenge

detect  
detection  
procrastinate  
procrastination

# Special Education

Newsletter



## Special Education Team Members

Kelly Ballinger- Special Education Director

Kira Swinton-K-3 Special Education Teacher

Payton Blanke-4-6 Special Education Teacher

Andrea Hinrichs-7-12 Special Education Teacher

Kayla Brewer- Autism Program Teacher

Brianna Hansen-Speech-Language Pathologist

Leah Clark- School Psychologist

Blythe Reinert- Occupational Therapist

**⚠ WARNING  
ACRONYMS  
AHEAD**

## **EAHCA - Education for All Handicapped Children Act**

EAHCA was an act passed by the U.S. Congress guaranteeing all children equal access to education in the least restrictive environment, This act has since been replaced by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.



## **Dr. Seuss Treasury**

Dr. Seuss classics, which have been adapted into delightful interactive experiences. All of their favorite characters are included - the Cat in the Hat, the Grinch, the Lorax, Sam-I-Am and many, many more!

The beautiful thing  
about learning  
is nobody can take it away  
from you.  
- B. B. King



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As always, if you need anything, send us an email and we'll be happy to help!

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# Weekly NEWS

## Mrs. Welch's Pendragon Academy

### Important Dates

- Nov 24<sup>th</sup>
  - 1:00 Dismissal
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup>
  - No School

### Reminders

- Remember to check your child's planner for homework they may need to finish.
- Remember to send back in PEAK Life assessments.

### What Are We Learning?

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Grammar Skills, Phonics
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Reading- Sight words, Reading A-Z,
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math- Identifying Fractions, Identifying parallel lines, Measuring, Time to the minute
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Math- Geometric Solids
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading- Reading Mastery Unit, Writing: Maid Idea
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Job Skills- Ordering books based on Dewey Decimal System