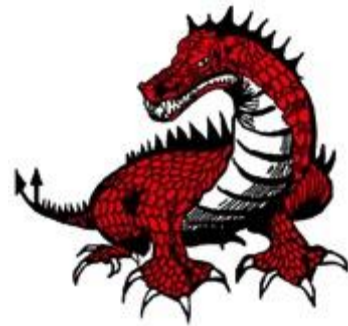


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# **Pender Elementary eNews**



**January 28, 2022**

## Is it reading or is it math...

Here are lists of math vocabulary words by grade level that will help your child in both reading and math!

### Third Grade Math Vocabulary Terms

- Algebraic Thinking – solution, range, inequality, distributive, equation
- Base Ten Operations – regroup, place value, rounding, estimation, multiplier, difference
- Measurement & Data – centimeter, length, kilometer, perimeter
- Geometry – perpendicular, reflection, congruent, degrees, coordinates, line segment, prism, solid figure, congruent, translation, parallelogram

Try to use some of these words in conversation at home.

Examples:

- Can you use a pattern when setting the table for dinner?
- How fast can you run around the perimeter of the house?

For a complete list of words and activities go to: [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)

On the home page scroll down to the Featured Vocabulary and Spelling Lists on the left side and select Math.



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

# PreK Classroom News

Week of: January 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

## A Note From the Teacher

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

## Upcoming Events

February 2, 9, 23:  
2:30pm Dismissal  
February 16: Parent  
Teacher Conferences-  
NO PreK  
February 18: NO School

## What We Learned This Week

- This week we learned all about the letter Bb. We talked about different words that start with that letter and made an art project. Next week we will be learning about the letter Rr and rhyming words.

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# Our Kindergarten Classroom News

The Week of January 24-28

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## Upcoming Events

**February 2, 9, 16, 23** Dismiss at 2:30

**February 16** Parent/Teacher Conference 3-9

**February 18** No School



## Reminders

**New sight words:**  
**be, will, your, into,**  
**that, who**

Please continue to send hats and gloves with your child every day.



RED folders will continue to come home every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

## Our Learning

Language Arts- blending and segmenting sounds, author's purpose, digraphs (sh, ch, wh, th) writing opinions

Math- ordering objects by weight, ordering numbers 0-20, adding by counting on

## At-Home Practice

We had so much fun celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day! Please have your child count to 100 for you. Then switch things up and have them count by 10s and 5s to 100.

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

Week of January 24-28

## A Peek at the Week

Reading: Main Idea and Details, suffixes -y -ful, stress

Spelling: long o

Grammar: Questions

Writing: Handwriting

Math: subtracting 2, counting by 5s, drawing a line segment, sorting

## Spelling Words

1. me
2. be
3. read
4. feet
5. tree
6. keep
7. eat
8. mean
9. sea
10. these

## Upcoming Dates

February

- 14- Valentine's Day party
- 16- Parent teacher conferences
- 18-No School

## Reminders

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

Second Grade - 1-20-2022

# Classroom News

Mrs. Sheila Dahlman, Mr. Mitchell Mailloux & Miss Kaya Stark

## Notes

### Spelling 1-28 Friday

#### List A

1. night
2. kind
3. spy
4. child
5. light
6. find
7. right
8. high
9. wild
10. July
11. fry
12. sigh
13. by
14. why
15. behind
16. lightning

#### List B

1. night
2. kind
3. smile
4. child
5. light
6. high
7. sky
8. eyes
9. sight
10. lie
11. bright
12. shy
13. fright
14. why
15. behind
16. lightning

## What We Are Learning

### Language Arts

- + Humorous/Realistic Fiction
- + Vocabulary, fluency
- + Spell words with ed, ing
- + compound words, homographs
- + Cause/effect, story structure
- + root words/schwa sound
- + abbreviations
- + Writing processes –opinion

### Social Studies

- + Immigration
- + Colonial America

### Math

- + Venn Diagrams
- + Place Value
- + Measuring to the nearest half inch

### Science

- + Changes to Earth's Landscape

## Upcoming Events

Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 – 2:30 Dismissal

Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 17, 25 - SPELLING TEST

Feb 16 – 3-9 pm – Parent Teacher's Conferences

Feb 18 – No School

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



WEEK  
OF:

January 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>



Mrs. Gaer

## THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Hoffman



### Lesson 17 Spelling Words

shark, check, queen, circus,  
flake, crack, second,  
squeeze, quart, squeak,  
quick, coldest, Africa, Mexico



### 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 Battle of the Books!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 3-9pm**



### Reading

Student spent their week reviewing conclusions. We read a book about the discovery of the Albertasaurus. Ask your child about that!



### Math

Skills learned this week: Polygons, Congruent Shapes, Triangles, Multiplication Facts: Memory Group  
Skills coming up: Rectangular Prisms, Counting Cubes, Volume, Geometric Solids



### Social Studies

Third graders finished their second lesson in economics. We learned about the types of resources needed to run a business. Ask your child about the three types of resources.



### Science

Third graders continue their unit about Magnetism and Electricity. Key vocabulary terms in Lesson One include: electrical charge, repel, attract, and static electricity. Lesson One Check will be at the end of the week.



### Writing

- Mrs. Gaer's class practiced taking notes and paraphrasing.
- Mrs. Hoffman's class continues to write poetry specifically couplets.

January 27, 2022

# 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: This week, we have begun our Text Dependent Analysis unit. We found the evidence in what we read and are working to organize it and explain how it supports the writing prompt. Students are really learning how to be detectives in finding evidence and then acting as lawyers to explain and defend the evidence.



5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade are learning how to compare and contrast factual information. After charting similarities and differences, we have been working to write compare/contrast essays with specific words that signal comparison and opposition.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Our presentations were enjoyed this week. Students have done a great job sharing all they have learned about their careers. From here, we will spend some time polishing up our grammar skills before we move into persuasive writing.

\*Graphics courtesy of Google

### Quote of the Week

"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

*Benjamin Franklin*

Dream Big  
READ!

Battle of the Books- For January, students will be designing a book jacket that summarizes the author, characters, and plot of the story in a visual way this month. Students have this in their black file box to work on throughout the month.



# CLASSROOM NEWS

week of: Jan 24-28

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## Important Dates

- Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 - 2:30 dismissals
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>- P-T Conferences
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>- No School



## What We're Learning

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

- We learned about how Nebraska became a state in the weekly reader and talked briefly about the civil war. You should have found the map test on Seesaw and will see them in the Thursday folders. We did get back into our textbooks and learned more about how American is beginning to grow and how Nebraska plays into that, along with the people living here already.

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

- We took a test over Unit 6, you can find a picture of the test on Seesaw. We are marching onto a new unit, expanding the United States!

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

- We finished up learning about technology and science inventions of Ancient India. We wrapped up our notes and reading passages with a test, you can find the results on Seesaw. Moving onto China.

## 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





# Mrs. English

## 4-6 Science

January 31, 2022

### SciNcE

If it grows or wriggles,  
it's biology.

If it stinks,  
it's chemistry.

If it doesn't work,  
it's physics.

If you see stars,  
it's astronomy.

If it has fossils,  
it's geology.

If it's incomprehensible,  
it's mathematics.

If it doesn't make sense,  
it's either economics  
or psychology.

Adapted from: [www.tumblr.com](http://www.tumblr.com)

### Upcoming Events

2/16-P-T Conferences

2/18-No School

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### Concepts in Science

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will plan and carry out investigations to explain how energy can be transferred by heat. Students will investigate how the particles of a substance move in hot and cold water. (Assessment)

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will observe how the properties of matter and its interactions with other matter apply to identify materials based on their properties

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will gather evidence that all living things are made up of cells, investigate different types of cells, and explore engineered solutions for observing cells.

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.

Students may complete their assignments on any piece of paper. They do not have to use the box sheet I hand out to them. Safe Boundaries training happened this week. Please have a discussion with your child about what they learned. 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

- Multiply by Multiples of 10
- Test Correction Day
- Long Division
- Measure Using Centimeter and Millimeters
- Find a Fraction of a Group

Next Test: Monday, January 31st

## CONCEPTS COVERED IN 5TH GRADE

- Write Equivalent Decimal Numbers
- Compare Decimals
- Test
- Read Bar Graphs, Histograms, Circle Graphs, & Pictographs
- Write Fractions as Decimals & Percents
- Find the Area of a Square or Rectangle

Next Test: Thursday, February 3rd

## CONCEPTS COVERED IN 6TH GRADE

- Identify the Prime Factorization of a Number
- Test
- Multiply Mixed Numbers
- Reduce or Simplify Fractions
- Divide Mixed Numbers

Next Test: Wednesday, February 2nd

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# Mrs. Miller's News

January 28, 2022

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

Story: Riding Freedom

Skills:

Compare/Contrast  
Historical Fiction  
Personification  
Literary Devices

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

Story: Lunch Money

Skills:

Author's Purpose  
Voice  
Visual Elements  
Word Origins

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

Story: The Real Vikings

Skills:

Main Idea/Details  
Compare/Contrast  
Author's Purpose  
Author's Perspective  
Greek/Latin Word Roots

## For Your Calendar

- January 31: Thurston Co. Spelling Bee
- February 2: 2:30 Dismissal
- February 16: P/T Conferences
- February 18: NO SCHOOL

January Battle of the Books to complete a "book jacket" for the book read.

"So many things are POSSIBLE just as long as you don't know they are impossible." Norton Juster

Tara Miller

4-5-6 Reading

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# Mrs. T's Guided Reading

This week in Guided Reading small groups really got into their new novels! The stories are starting to get good! We will be continuing with our Literature Circle Jobs, as well as practicing our spelling words in class each day. Spelling words are posted on Seesaw each week, and so are the students' test scores. Practicing spelling and reading for fun at home are always encouraged!

These are the novels each group is reading:

- 4N Flamingos: Triple Rotten Day
- 4N Snakes: A Dog's Life
- 4N Baboons: Tangerine
- 4S Gorillas: Punished!
- 4S Seagulls: A Dog's Life
- 4S Dolphins: Tangerine
- 5H Rhinos: Dragon of Lonely Island
- 5H Crabs: The Sisters Grimm
- 5H Dinos: The Bad Beginning
- 5H Coons: The Boy Who Dared
- 5E Lions: The Sisters Grimm
- 5E Moose: Cam Jansen
- 5E Humans: Music of the Dolphins
- 5E Blobfish: The Boy Who Dared
- 6T Monkeys: The Bad Beginning
- 6T Fish: The Boy Who Dared
- 6T Snails: Catching Fire
- 6M Serpents: The Wanderer
- 6M Iguanas: The Boy Who Dared
- 6M Shellfish: Chains

# Spelling Lists

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

unused  
refresh  
dislike  
replace  
unpaid  
redo  
disorder  
unplanned  
distrust  
rewind  
untrue  
unload  
recall  
displease  
uneven  
rebuild  
restart  
uncover  
untidy  
discolor

### Challenge

disband  
rearrange  
discontinue  
refund  
unusual

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

duties  
earlier  
loveliest  
denied  
ferries  
sunnier  
terrified  
abilities  
dirtier  
scariest  
trophies  
cozier  
enemies  
iciest  
greediest  
drowsier  
victories  
horrified  
memories  
strategies

### Challenge

unified  
dictionaries  
boundaries  
satisfied  
tragedies

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

section  
shallow  
direction  
musician  
rash  
position  
astonish  
pressure  
attention  
impression  
crucial  
official  
emotion  
bashful  
delicious  
establish  
ancient  
situation  
suspicion  
permission

### Challenge

diminish  
beneficial  
efficient  
potential  
compassion



# Special Education

Newsletter



## Special Education Team Members

Kelly Ballinger- Special Education Director

Kira Swinton-K-3 Special Education Teacher

Payton Blanke- 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



## **ESEA-Elementary and Secondary Education Act**

ESEA is an extensive statute that funds primary and secondary education, emphasizing high standards and accountability. As mandated in the act, funds are authorized for professional development, instructional materials, resources to support educational programs, and the promotion of parental involvement.



## **Spelling Stage**

Kids may usually find spelling words difficult, but with this app, they can be interested in spelling practice. The paid subscription offers a wide range of words for different age groups, from preschoolers to adults.

**SUCCESS IS  
THE SUM OF  
SMALL  
EFFORTS,  
REPEATED DAY  
IN AND DAY  
OUT.**

*Robert Collier*



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

### Autism

Helping your child with autism thrive tip 1: Provide structure and safety

Be consistent. ...  
Stick to a schedule. ...  
Reward good behavior. ...

### Services

ABA now includes a range of different approaches. This article from the Child Mind Institute describes how they work and how they're different.

**Read the article:**

In English

at: <https://childmind.org/article/what-is-applied-behavior-analysis/>

### Let's Change the Way We Talk About Autism

With a diagnosis so complex, how do we define it for a young child?

Here is an example:

"For you, autism means Your brain is built in a way that notices many sights, sounds, smells, and textures that others may not. Sometimes, this can get overwhelming and you may need some tools to filter out the sensations you don't want."