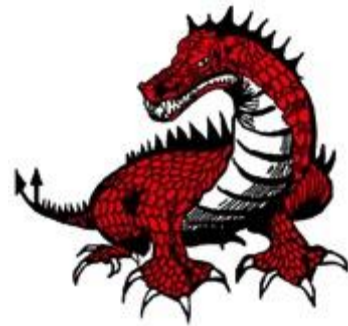


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# **Pender Elementary eNews**



**February 18,**  
2022



# Keep Reading Aloud to Your Older Kids

Reading to your child in the evening or at bedtime is a family tradition shared in so many homes. The little ones snuggle in tight to hear a favorite bedtime story and you get a few extra minutes of quality time with your child.

My kids are now upper elementary and can read on their own.  
We can't do that anymore...

## Stop the press!!! Special Announcement:

Not only is it GREAT for your kids to listen to you read aloud,  
but when upper elementary kids were surveyed a large number  
of kids said they LOVE IT when their parents  
still read to them!

It can be picture books, it can be chapter books, it can be whatever you and your child decide would be a fun book to read. You don't have to read a hundred words per minute. Read like you're telling them a story. Have them guess what might happen next or why a character did something in the book. Whatever you do just have fun and enjoy it!

Mrs. Audra Miller

# PreK Classroom News

Week of: February 14<sup>th</sup>-18<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 23: 2:30pm  
Dismissal

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30:  
2:30pm Dismissal

March 4, 11: No School

## What We Learned This Week

- This week was review week. Next week we will be learning about the letter Nn.

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# Our Kindergarten Classroom News

The Week of February 14-17

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## Upcoming Events

**Dismiss at 2:30-** Feb 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**No School School-** March 4 & 11

## Our Learning

Language Arts- vowel teams, story elements (character, setting, problem/solution), writing a complete sentence

Math- ordering objects by length, making patterns, addition, take away problems, writing numbers to 100

## Reminders

**New Sight Words:**  
**them, make, say,**  
**play, give, new**

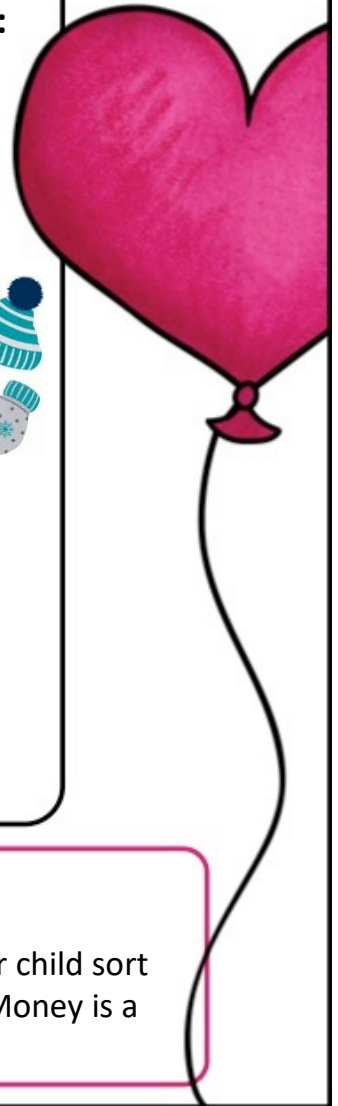
Please continue to send hats and gloves with your child every day.



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

## At-Home Practice

We now can identify the penny, nickel, and dime! Have your child sort coins, and practice identifying the coins and their worth. Money is a difficult skill.



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

Week of February 14-18

## A Peek at the Week

Reading: Sequence, contractions, oa and ow, intonation, synonyms

Spelling: long o-oo and ow

Grammar: future tense

Writing: Black History Month

Math: doubles plus one, double digit addition

## Spelling Words

1. bedtime
2. sunset
3. bathtub
4. sailboat
5. flagpole
6. backpack
7. playpen
8. raincoat
9. inside
10. himself

## Upcoming Dates

March  
4-No school  
11-No school

## Reminders

- Check your child's folders and send them back each day
- Thank you for coming to conferences. We enjoyed talking to each of you about your **AMAZING** kiddos!

Second Grade - 2-17-2022

# Classroom News

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

## Notes

### Spelling 2-25

#### List A

1. father
2. over
3. under
4. herd
5. water
6. verb
7. paper
8. cracker
9. offer
10. cover
11. germ
12. master
13. fern
14. ever
15. remember
16. feather

#### List B

- mother
- letter
- person
- enter
- water
- perform
- dinner
- cracker
- offer
- cover
- certain
- exercise
- summer
- every
- remember
- feather

## What We Are Learning

### Language Arts

- + fantasy
- + Vocabulary, fluency
- + or, ore words
- + compare/contrast
- + figurative language
- + prefix over-
- + Writing processes –poetry

### Social Studies

- + Citizenship

### Math

- + Counting money using \$
- + Write numbers in expanded form
- + Subtraction

### Science

- + How Earth Changes

## Upcoming Events

Feb 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 2:30 Dismissal

Feb 25, Mar 3, 10, 18, 25 - SPELLING TEST

Mar 4, 11 – No School

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



WEEK  
OF:

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>



Mrs. Gaer

## THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Hoffman



### Lesson 21 Spelling Words

coming, swimming, dropping, tapping, taping, invited, saving, stared, planned, changing, joking, loved, gripped, tasted



### 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!
- **3G Social Studies test-February 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **3H Social Studies test-February 25<sup>th</sup>**



### Reading

Students spent their week reading a nonfiction text about scientists in Antarctica. We reviewed the five text structures an author uses when writing nonfiction texts. We also practiced main idea and detail.



### Math

Skills learned this week: Mass: g, kg, Multiplying 2-Digit Numbers, Test Prep

Skills coming up: Fair Share, Finding Half of a Number, Multiplying 2-Digit Numbers, Using Manipulatives to Divide by a 1-Digit Number



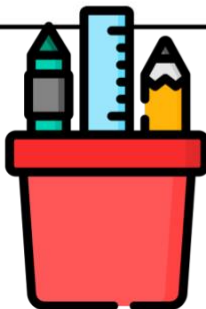
### Social Studies

Third graders finished their economics unit. We filled out our study guides and will spend next week reviewing for our Unit 3 test.



### Science

Third graders are nearing the end of their unit about Magnetism and Electricity. The module test will be given late in the week and the students will complete some inquiry activities involving static electricity and electromagnets.



### Writing

- Mrs. Gaer's class wrote their introductory paragraphs for their informative pieces
- Mrs. Hoffman's class continue poetry by drafting quatrains this week.

February 17, 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:** In 4<sup>th</sup> grade writing, we are diving into a text dependent analysis essay. Students are reading about how elephants communicate and will then write a response that proves elephants use many senses to talk with one another.

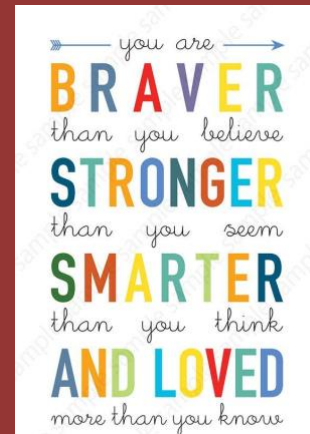


**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are starting poetry this week. Over the next couple weeks, we will be writing, reading, and learning new types of poetry. So far, we have written alphabet poems (which are not as easy as they sound 😊) and biography poems.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** This week, we have tackled the difference between argumentative writing and persuasive writing. Students are learning how to organize an argument and to support it with facts and logic, not emotions and opinions.

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### Quote of the Week



• Dream Big  
• READ! •

**Battle of the Books-** Reading Bingo is the project this month! Each student has a bingo card in their black file box where they can begin completing short responses about the chapter book they are reading. This is due March 1<sup>st</sup>!



# CLASSROOM NEWS

week of: Feb 14-Feb 18

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## Important Dates

- Feb 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 2:30 dismissals
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>- No School
- March 3 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Q
- March 4 & 11 – No School



## What We're Learning

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

-We've started learning about Famous Nebraskans. We will choose a famous person from Nebraska and take some time to learn more about them.

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

- We are talking about slavery and emancipation. We will be talking more about the Civil War.

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

- We continued to learn about Ancient China. We talked about the famous Great Wall of China and about the Silk Road.

## 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

- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Practice States and Capitals – Must say to me by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.





# Mrs. English

## 4-6 Science

February 14, 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.

Random Facts, jokes, riddles, drawings, etc.  
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### Upcoming Events

- 3/3-End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 3/4- NO SCHOOL
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### Concepts in Science

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will investigate how the structure of the plants they chose help each plant survive and research different plants and their structures of the plants they chose.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will investigate how temperature affects the ability of a solid to be mixed into a liquid and observe mixtures to see if mass is conserved when substances are mixed.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students will describe the function of a cell and explore ways parts of cells contribute to their function. They will develop and use models to enhance their understanding of these concepts.

PENDER PENDRAGONS

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

Kids can bring money to The Pendragon Branch Bank and save on Wednesday mornings starting at 7:30AM. Thanks for everyone who came to parent teacher conferences. I am hoping for a fantastic end to the year with lots of learning. If students come to a problem they do not know, the number in parentheses tells the student what lesson the concept 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

- Reflective Symmetry
- Rotational Symmetry
- Long Division
- Classify Triangles by their Sides and Angles
- Test

Next Test: Thursday, February 24th

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 5TH GRADE

- Find Equivalent Fractions for a Given Fraction
- Determine a Number as Prime or Composite
- Test

-Graph Points on a Coordinate Plane

Next Test: Thursday, February 24th

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 6TH GRADE

- Convert Capacity in the Metric and Customary Systems
- Find the Area of a Triangle
- Find Unstated Information from Fractional Parts Statements
- Write Fractions as Decimals

Next Test: Thursday, February 24th

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# Mrs. Miller's News

February 18, 2022

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

Story: Raising Hope

Skills:

Biography  
Problem/Solution  
Idiom  
Drawing Conclusions

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

Story: Darnell Rock Reporting

Skills:

Greek/Latin Suffixes  
Characterization  
Author's Purpose  
Dialogue

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

Story: The Princess Who Became King

Skills:

Greek Roots  
Historical Events  
Draw Conclusions  
Cause and Effect

## For Your Calendar

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- February 16: 2:30 Dismissal
- February 16: P/T Conferences
- February 18: NO SCHOOL
- February 23: 2:30 Dismissal

February Battle of the Books will be student choice.

“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 our small groups continued reading their novels! The stories are starting to get good! We have continued 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 student's test scores. Practicing spelling and reading for fun at home are always encouraged!

These are the novels each group is reading:

- 4N Flamingos: Amelia Bedelia
- 4N Snakes: A Dog's Life
- 4N Baboons: Tangerine
- 4S Gorillas: Mr. Popper's Penguins
- 4S Seagulls: A Dog's Life
- 4S Dolphins: Tangerine
- 5H Rhinos: Dragon of Lonely Island
- 5H Crabs: The Sisters Grimm
- 5H Dinosaurs: The Bad Beginning
- 5H Coons: The Boy Who Dared
- 5E Lions: The Sisters Grimm
- 5E Moose: Triple Rotten Day
- 5E Humans: Wanderer
- 5E Blobfish: The Boy Who Dared
- 6T Monkeys: Music of the Dolphins
- 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

event  
humor  
rapid  
music  
relief  
planet  
detail  
unite  
frozen  
figure  
siren  
polite  
hotel  
protest  
punish  
defend  
relay  
habit  
student  
moment

### Challenge:

rumor  
jealous  
license  
image  
rival

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

nature  
certain  
future  
villain  
mountain  
mixture  
pleasure  
captain  
departure  
surgeon  
texture  
curtain  
creature  
treasure  
gesture  
fountain  
furniture  
measure  
feature  
adventure

### Challenge:

leisure  
sculpture  
chieftain  
architecture  
enclosure

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

prediction  
project  
prevent  
prepaid  
prevail  
proclaim  
prehistoric  
prejudge  
preapprove  
pregame  
precaution  
preorder  
prescreen  
preshow  
pretreat  
prolong  
process  
protrude  
provision  
production

### Challenge:

prologue  
proportion  
prorate  
preseason  
prearrange



# Weekly NEWS

## Mrs. Welch's Pendragon Academy

### Support For Parents

Social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and autism blogs will allow you to:

- Connect with parents in similar situations, who are facing the same challenges.
- Ask specific question and get immediate feedback.
- Get support from other parents without having to travel or leave home.
- Read communications from trusted health organizations.

### Services

Discrete trial training (DTT), also known as discrete trial instruction (DTI) is one teaching style and example used in ABA therapy. The purpose of discrete trial training is to break down skills into smaller, or more discrete components that allows for quicker success.

### Autism Diagnosis

#### Supporting Your Other Children

Parents of children with autism can be under tremendous stress. It may seem like there is never enough time to do everything that needs to be done. So much focus and attention is placed on the child with autism, that it is common for parents to have little time or energy left to focus on their other children. Brothers and sisters of children with autism frequently face their own challenges. Much more may be expected from these siblings. They often need help understanding the emotional reactions they are experiencing as a result of the many changes occurring in their lives. This support is essential to their future well-being.

# Special Education

Newsletter



## Special Education Team Members

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Kira Swinton-K-3 Special Education Teacher

Payton Blanke- Special Education Teacher

Andrea Hinrichs-7-12 Special Education Teacher

Kayla Brewer- Autism Program Teacher

Cathy Schroeder- Speech-Language Pathologist

Leah Clark- School Psychologist

Chelsea Umscheid- Occupational Therapist



## ELL-English Language Learners

An English language learner is a term used in some English-speaking countries such as the US to describe a person who is learning the English language in addition to their native language or any other languages they may speak.



## News-O-Matic

News-O-Matic is the first daily newspaper just for students. It provides an exciting and engaging nonfiction experience for students, complete with valuable literacy tools for the classroom. Thanks to its unique combination of editorial and technology, News-O-Matic creates innovative solutions to help children become tomorrow's responsible citizens. It gives young readers a window into the world — and a reason to love reading news.



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

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