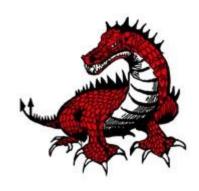
# Pendragon PRIDE



# Pender Elementary eNews





September 23, 2019

Colors, cats, and caterpillars!

This week in Preschool we have been learning the letter C.

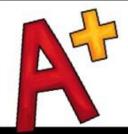
We loved making caterpillars this week! Some of us used colored stampers to create while others cut circles and made wonderful caterpillars crawling in the grass!

We have been having so much fun matching colors, learning the names of the colors, and making new colors! It's like magic!

We have also been working on patterning with apples, bananas, and cookie cutouts.

We have learned some new songs this year, like our ABC rap, but, of course, we always have to sing our favorites, like

"Where Do You Start Your Letters?"



# Our Kindergarten Classroom News

#### The Week of September 9-13

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#### **Upcoming Events**

September 25 2:30 Dismissal

NOTE CHANGE:

September 26 School Pictures

#### **Our Learning**

New sight word: the

**Language Arts:** beginning sounds n and o, writing our letters nicely on the lines, synonyms, nouns

Math: acting out story problems; identifying, comparing and describing shapes; identifying and ordering numbers 1-5, missing numbers, creating graphs

#### Reminders

"Battle of the Books!"- continue reading with your child and filling out the September reading log.

Download the "Box Tops" app and start scanning your receipts. Bring any Box Tops that you have to school.

Please remind your child to wear tennis shoes every day for safety at recess and PE



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

Week of September 16-20

#### A Peek at the Week

Reading: Text and Graphic features, intonation, ABC order, informational text, glossary

Spelling: short e

Grammar: Adjectives

Writing: handwriting/describing a picture/labels

Math: story problems, geoboards, number identification, pennies, numbers between

#### Spelling Words

(Sept. 23-27)

- 1. up
- 2. bug
- 3. mud
- 4. nut
- 5. hug
- 6. tub
- 7. rug
- 8. bus
- 9. cut
- 10. bun

#### Upcoming Dates

September

25- 2:30 dismissal 26-Picture day

#### Reminders

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

### **Classroom News**

Mrs. Sheila Dahlman & Mrs. Vicki Smith

#### September 16 - 20th

#### A peek at the week

#### Language Arts:

- + "Diary of a Spider" story
- + Long o, u words using vce
- + Cause/effect
- + Vocabulary, fluency
- + Hard/soft g
- + Writing complete sentences
- + types of sentences

#### Math:

- + Adding 0, 1, 2, 9, and 10
- + Identifying Polygons
- + Creating and Reading a Pictograph
- + Fractional Parts of a Whole
- + Repeating Patterns

#### Social Studies:

+ studying maps

#### Science:

+ Changing of the Earth

#### Spelling Words 9-27

List A	List B
1. spin	spill
2. clap	afraid
3. grade	story
4. swim	grass
5. place	scare
6. last	clear
7. test	skill
8. skin	smoke
9. drag	please
10. glide	class
11. just	just
12. stage	stage
13. slip	clip
14. drive	drive
15. climb	climb
16. price	price

#### Upcoming dates to remember

**September 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 -** 2:30 Dismissal

**September 26 –** School pictures

October 23 – 2:30 Dismissal, 3-9 Parent-Teachers Conferences



Week of September 16-21t

#### Reading

Both classes spent their week understanding characters motivations and traits in fiction texts. In grammar students focused on making compound sentences.

#### Math

**This Weeks Focus:** Adding 3 numbers; graphing bar graphs and pictographs; place value

#### Science

Mrs. Gaer's class continues their unit of study on life cycles of animals and plant reproduction.

#### Social Studies

Mrs. Hoffman's continued their unit on government.

#### Reminders:

- 2:30 Dismissal Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Continue to fill out your Battle of the Books calendars
- Log those Box Tops through the app!
- Farm Safety Day & Picture Day next week

#### Spelling Words (long o)

load told yellow soak open follow sold shadow foam alow window almost throat cold coach sailboats most tomorrow



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#### Writing Class

4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: We are working on writing our very best detailed sentences in 4 <sup>th</sup> grade. From using better verbs to explaining with detail, our writing is improving with each lesson we do.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: The finishing touches are being made on our Adventurous Magic stories. Students have revised for better detail and word choice, and have finished by editing grammar, spelling and punctuation.



Battle of the Books- Keep on reading at home! We can't wait to see the cool videos students share at the end of the month about the books they read.

#### Precept of the Week



#### **Guided Reading Class**

Guided reading groups are in the process of forming and classroom running records will start next week. We continue enjoying the book, Wonder as a class.



SeeSaw is a great place to see what your son or daughter is doing in the classroom. I sent QR codes last week, sign up soon! We have so much for you to see this year ©

<sup>\*</sup>Graphics courtesy of Google



Mrs. Schrunk's Class Classroom Newsletter September 19, 2019

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#### Dates to Remember

- Sept. 25-2:30 dismissal
- Sept. 25- Farm Safety Day
- Sept. 26 School **Pictures**

#### Reminders

- Send/Scan in Box Tops!
- Look at planners daily, homework is circled and parents please sign. It is our way to communicate!
- **Check Thursday** folders!

#### Classroom News

Social Studies Information-

4<sup>th</sup> Grade-We talked about important water ways in Nebraska in the weekly reader. We will talk more in depth about water in Nebraska later on in the year. We also worked on researching Nebraska symbols. The students are in pairs and will teach the rest of us more about their symbol.

5th Grade: We talked about the first ancient civilizations that were in the United States. We are filling out a chart on each groups environment, art, religion and food.

6th Grade: We are learning about the European Exploration. Where, who and why are the Europeans expanding are some of the questions we are finding answers too.

Mrs. Schrunk 4th Grade Homeroom 4/5/6 SS. Pender Public Schools

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

Mrs. English

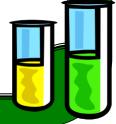
#### Dates to Remember

- ☐ 9/20-Field trip to Ponca Expo-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- ☐ 9/25-Farm Safety Day
- ☐ 9/26-Picture Day for Elementary
- ©Remember to watch for Thursday folders.
- ©If you haven't already, you can sign up for seesaw!
  Your 5<sup>th</sup> grade students did an awesome job during Homecoming week. We really had a good time with all the activities.

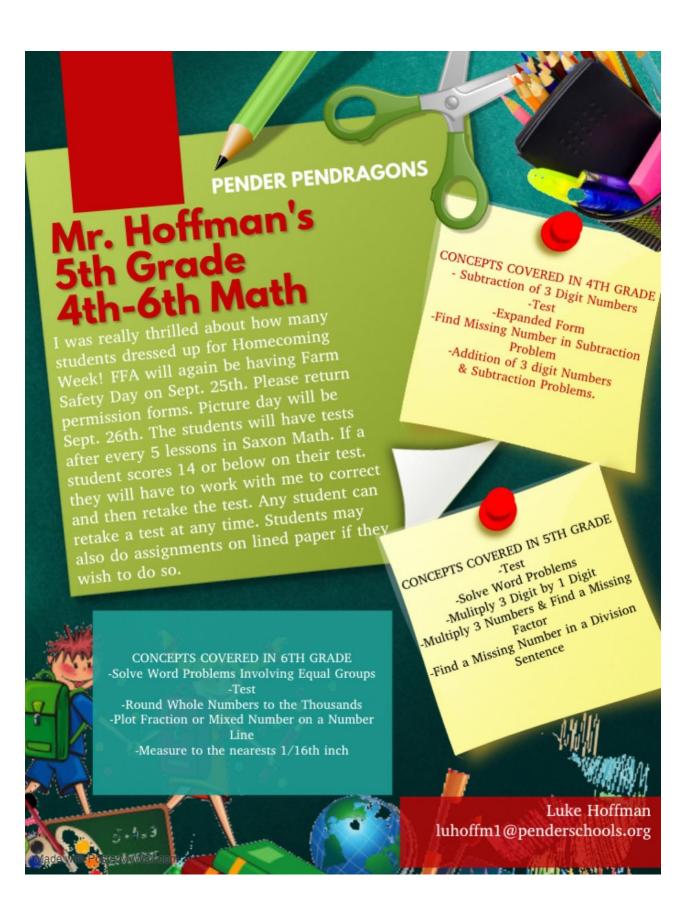
#### Notes from the teacher:

- $\sqrt{4^{th}}$  Science- Identify energy uses and their sources
- $\sqrt{5}^{\text{th}}$  Science- Describe the major characteristics of the planets of the solar system
- $\sqrt{6^{\text{th}}}$  Science- Describe how water waves interact with matter and the different forms of energy





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#### Mrs. Miller's 5th Grade Homeroom

#### 4-5-6 Reading September 20, 2019

#### 4th Grade

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes have finished unit 1 of their Reading series and will complete the unit 1 Assessment next week. There will be no spelling list assigned for the week.

Below are some of the comprehension skills we've reviewed and practiced in this first unit of 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Story Structure
Point of View
Flashback
Biography
Author's Purpose
Idioms
Cause and Effect
Informational Text
Theme
Elements of Drama
Allusion
Tall Tale
Point of View
Hyperbole
Characters

#### 5th Grade

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have completed Unit 1 and will be taking the Unit 1 test next week. There is no spelling list assigned.

Some of the skills we reviewed and practiced in this unit are:

Story Structure
Point of View
Theme
Characters
Compare/Contrast
Idioms
Sequence
Rhythm
Visualize

#### 6th Grade

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are all done with Unit 1 and be taking the Unit 1 assessment next week. They will not have a spelling list or assignment. We will be reviewing and practicing homophones as part of our vocabulary practice.

Some of the important skills we've reviewed so far this year are listed below.

Characters
Simile
Realistic Fiction
Author's Purpose
Figurative Language
Point of View
Informational Text
Sequence of Events
Story Structure
Alliteration
Style and Tone
Fact and Opinion
Biography

Dates to Remember: 9/25: Farm Safety Day (return the sheet ASAP) 9/25: 2:30 Early Dismissal 9/26: Picture Day

#### **Tara Miller**

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"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they in return, but because of who you are." -Harold Kushner

# Special Education Classroom News

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#### **Special Education Team Members**

Kelly Ballinger- Special Education Director

Kira Swinton-K-3 Special Education Teacher

Kayla Brewer- Autism Program Teacher

Mitchell Mailloux-4-6 Special Education Teacher

Tami Nelson-7-12 Special Education Teacher

Cathy Schroeder- Speech-Language Pathologist

Leah Clark- School Psychologist

Chelsea Umscheid- Occupational Therapist



ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder

is a developmental disorder that affects communication and behavior. Although autism can be diagnosed at any age, it is said to be a "developmental disorder" because symptoms generally appear in the first two years of life.

#### App/Website of the week

The Magic School Bus



Based on the books The Magic School Bus: On the Ocean Floor and The Magic School Bus: In the Time of Dinosaurs these interactive storybook apps are teeming with science facts, videos, photos and games about ocean life and dinosaurs. In comic book style format, readers engage in an active reading experience. Many pages of each Magic School Bus adventure feature interactions to engage and explore science.



#### Mrs. Welch's Classroom News

The Pendragon
Academy at Pender
Public School
provides
individualized
solutions for
challenging
behaviors while
accelerating
learning and
increasing

September 25<sup>th</sup>: Farm Safety Day
September 25<sup>th</sup>: School Pictures Prek-6
September 26<sup>th</sup>: School Pictures 7-12

**Upcoming Events** 

What We Are Learning This Week...

This week the students focused on Kindness activities. We had one student become a secret agent and he left notes for all of his teachers. We are hoping he has inspired more students to become secret agents!

Vocabulary of the Week:

independence for

students with

unique needs.

#### **Behavior:**

A behavior must be observable and measurable



#### **Beginning Reader Information**

#### Common Prefixes

Un- unkind, unlike, undo

Re - retell, replay, recycle

Pre - **pre**school, **pre**view, **pre**heat

Dis - **dis**able, **dis**agree, **dis**obey

Mis - misread, mislead, misunderstand

Non - **non**fiction, **non**stop, **non**sense

#### **Common Suffixes**

frogs, bikes, shops -s -ed jump**ed**, walk**ed**, wait**ed** reading, swinging, carrying -ing sweeter, faster, louder -er smartest, quickest, hardest -est tasty, lucky, funny -y -ly slowly, sadly, lightly joyful, thoughtful, cheerful -ful tireless, careless, fearless

-ness kindness, darkness, goodness

Sometimes young readers will get overwhelmed when they see a longer word. Help point out the prefixes and show them the base word.

For example if they see the word <u>misread</u>, break the word after '<u>mis</u>' and remind them this is a prefix and show them the base word '<u>read</u>' that they can sound out by 'r' sound, vowel team 'ea' that says e, and the 'd' sound.

You're doing great!! Keep up the good work.



If you have questions about helping your child with reading please give me a call.

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

Mrs. Miller

#### Beyond the Bell

# Pendragon Afterschool Program September Schedule

Monday September 2 – NO SCHOOL

September 9, 23,30 - Outside/inside play

depending on weather

September 16 – Secret Kindness

**Tuesday** September 3, 10, 17, 24 – Outside/inside play

depending on weather

**Wednesday** September 4 - Outside/inside play depending

on weather

September 11 – Activity

September 18 - Extension Office "Rocking

School Bus, Pom Pom, Slingshot"

September 25 – Activity – Secret Agent

**Thursday** September 5, 12, 26 - Outside/inside play

depending on weather September 19 - Activity

**Friday** No After School Program on Fridays

#### **Programming Notes:**

If parents have concerns about the activities during the after school program they should contact the elementary principal, Kelly Ballinger at 402-385-3244 ext. 2150 or keballi1@penderschools.org