

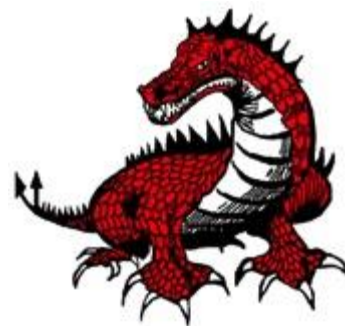
Pendragon PRIDE



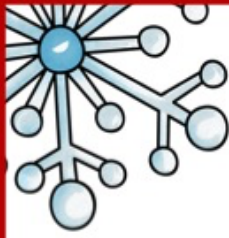
2019 NATIONAL ESEA  
DISTINGUISHED  
SCHOOL



# Pender Elementary eNews



December 9, 2019



# Our Kindergarten Classroom News

The Week of December 2-6

Shauna Kinning  
Amy Bargholz

email: [shkinni1@penderschools.org](mailto:shkinni1@penderschools.org)  
email: [ambargh1@penderschools.org](mailto:ambargh1@penderschools.org)

## Our Learning

Language Arts: short e words, blending sounds, final sounds, author's purpose, complete sentences

Sight words: you, what

Math: building and reading graphs, identifying ordinal position, paying for items using pennies, creating, describing, and extending patterns, identifying a cube

## Reminder



Remember to keep scanning receipts with the Box Tops App

## Dates

**December 11, 18-**  
2:30 Dismissal

**December 10-**  
Elementary Concert  
6:30

**December 20-** 1:00  
Dismissal

**Dec 23-Jan 3-** No  
School-Winter  
Break

## At-Home Practice

Az ur child brings home riting for the ferst tim, do not be serprizd at the speling. We will uz "temporary speling" in r wrk. It iz a grat asesment to se wut yor child nos. Let ur child red thair riting to u and pras them for thair osum wrk.



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

Week of December 2-6

## A Peek at the Week

Reading: Conclusions, Informational, a\_e, soft c and g, expression

Spelling: a\_e

Grammar: verb and time

Writing: Opinion

Math: symmetry, dimes and pennies, identifying numbers on a chart

## Spelling Words

(9-13)

1. time
2. like
3. kite
4. bike
5. white
6. drive
7. bite
8. hike
9. while
10. dime

## Upcoming Dates

December

10-Christmas Program  
11, 18- 2:30 dismissal  
20-1:00 dismissal  
Start of winter break

January

6-school resumes

## Reminders

- Check your child's folders and send them back each day
- Send in box tops
- Be sure to send your child with proper clothing for recess on cold days

# Classroom News

Mrs. Sheila Dahlman & Mrs. Vicki Smith

**December 2-6**

## A peek at the week

### Language Arts:

- + Informational text
- + Vocabulary, fluency
- + Spell base words with ee, ea
- + Main idea/details
- + Text/graphic features
- + Use a glossary
- + Use quotation marks
- + Writing processes – paragraphs/poetry

### Math:

- + Addition facts
- + Adding 3 or more numbers
- + Naming Fractional Parts of a set
- + Subtracting 0
- + Identifying and Creating Congruent Shapes

### Social Studies:

- + Native American groups

### Science:

- + Matter, Being Engineers

## Spelling Words 12-13

List A	List B
1. own	woe
2. most	mows
3. soap	soap
4. float	stows
5. both	moaned
6. know	toast
7. loan	coal
8. goat	foaming
9. flow	know
10. loaf	mostly
11. throw	throw
12. coach	coach
13. so	bowl
14. grow	borrow
15. swallow	swallow
16. ocean	ocean

## Upcoming dates to remember

**Dec 11, 18** – 2:30 Dismissal

**December 10** – Elementary Concert 6:30pm

**December 20** – 1:00 Dismissal, End of quarter

**December 21-Jan 5** - Winter Break

**January 6** - School Resumes

# THIRD GRADE HAPPENINGS

December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>



**Reading:** Students practiced identifying text structures & features in informational texts. The focus was on the text structure sequence of events. In grammar, students practiced making irregular nouns plural.

**Math:**

This week's skills: Comparing Fractions, Probability, Rectangles  
MAPS Test → Ask your child how they did!

Next week's skills: Length & Width, Rectangular Grid Patterns, Multiplication as Repeated Addition, Multiplication Table

**Science:**

Mrs. Hoffman's class began their study of fossils. The students will look at various fossils and use logical reasoning to support their ideas of what fossils tell us about the past.

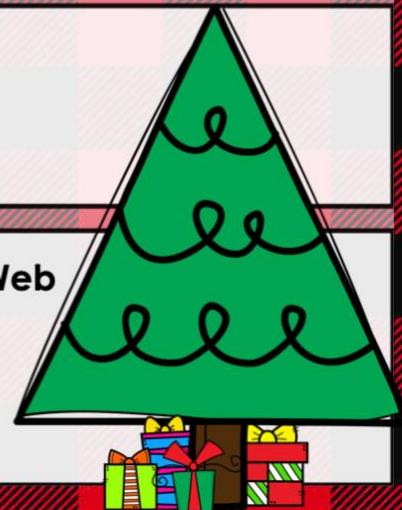
**Social Studies:**

Mrs. Gaer's class started a very fun unit on economics. Topics include: Buyers & sellers, supply & demand, wants vs. needs, local trade.

**Reminders:**

- Christmas concert is Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
- 2:30 Dismissal on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>
- Continue to fill out your Battle of the Books calendars
- Log those Box Tops through the app!

**\*None next week due to MAPS and AimsWeb Testing**



December 5, 2019

# 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:** We are moving on persuasive writing unit in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will be using their persuasive power to get a well-deserved job...at the North Pole! 😊

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Persuasive writing is our focus in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are building an understanding of the structure of a persuasive/ argumentative essay and have developed a stance on an issue.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are working on a project for their penpals from Legacy Gardens and Prairie Breeze. We hope to have these complete just in time for Christmas!

### Precept of the Week



Battle of the Books-This month goal is nightly reading. A calendar will allow students to read over break and not have to worry about completing a project this month. Please encourage your child to read a little every night!

\* Graphics courtesy of Google



Mrs. Schrunk's Class  
Classroom Newsletter  
December 5, 2019

### Dates to Remember

- Dec. 11,18,25 2:30 dismissal
- Dec 20- 1:30 dismissal
- Dec 23-Jan 5 – No School –Christmas Vacation

### Reminders

- 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 are starting to get some mail back from the county clerks that we wrote to. We've been busy learning about agriculture in Nebraska and finding pictures of each county courthouse.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** We learned about how our Nation was formed, the Constitution, Bill of Rights and what some responsibilities of citizens are.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** We learned about the French Revolution. We learned how Napoleon took over and how he fell.

**Battle of the Books:** Read 20 nights this month. Calendars due back January 6<sup>th</sup>.



graphics © thislittlebrain.com  
©Ashley Magee, First Grade Brain

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

Email address: keschru1@penderschools.org  
Website: [www.penderschools.org](http://www.penderschools.org)  
Phone Number: 402-385-3244 ext 2203



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mrs. English

## Dates to Remember

- ☐ 12/10-Elementary concert at 6:30 p.m.
- ☐ 12/20-2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Pride Assembly
- ☐ 12/20-1 p.m. Dismissal
- ☐ 12-23-1/6-Winter Break



☺ Remember to please send coats, hats and gloves with your child. Students will be going outside on cold days and need to have warm clothing.

☺ Mrs. Nelson's advisory group challenge is for everyone to concentrate on being kind to others through volunteering. You can volunteer at school, at home, or in the community. Some examples could be: helping a teacher or co-worker do something at school, babysitting a couple of hours for a friend or neighbor, helping the elderly or grandparents, doing an errand for someone, visit Legacy Gardens/Prairie Breeze, help someone at the grocery store (example: carry out groceries), etc. These small tasks can make a BIG

## Notes from the teacher:

√ **4<sup>th</sup> Science**-Describe how charged particles interact with one another

**5<sup>th</sup> Science**- Describe how landforms can change over time.

**6<sup>th</sup> Science**- Describe how objects become electrically charged and how they interact.



Contact Information Mrs. English (402-385-3244 )  
taengli1@penderschools.org



PENDER PENDRAGONS

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

The 5th Grade will be doing gift exchange within the class before Christmas break. The students are NOT supposed to spend any money on this fun activity. Please make sure you are getting updates on SeeSaw. If a student gets stuck on a math problem, they can go back to the lesson in parentheses under the problem to help complete it. The math kids may retake a test at any time. They are required to fix and retake a test if they get less than 15 problems correct.

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 4TH GRADE

- Find Equivalent Fractions, Decimals, and Percents
- Add & Subtract Numbers to One Hundred Thousand
- The Start of Long Division
- Elapsed Time

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 5TH GRADE

- Name Numbers Through the Billions
- Find Perimeter & Measures of a Circle
- Divide Numbers by Multiples of 10
- Multiply Two 3 Digit Numbers
- Test

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 6TH GRADE

- Divide Two Decimal Numbers
- Identify Decimals on a Number Line
- Divide Fractions
- Test
- Line Plots
- Mean, Median, Mode, & Range

Luke Hoffman  
luhoffm1@penderschools.org

# Mrs. Miller's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom

**4-5-6 Reading  
December 6, 2019**

**These words will be tested on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## 4th Grade Spelling Lesson 15

### Changing Final y to i

tiniest  
hobbies  
copied  
countries  
pitied  
easier  
laziest  
families  
spied  
happiest  
ladies  
friendlier  
studied  
busier  
breezier  
prettiest  
noisier  
healthier  
butterflies  
funniest

Challenge  
heaviest  
categories  
communities  
multiplied  
qualities

## 5th Grade Spelling Lesson 15

### Final schwa + /1/

formal  
whistle  
label  
puzzle  
legal  
angle  
normal  
needle  
angel  
pupil  
struggle  
level  
local  
bicycle  
channel  
global  
stumble  
quarrel  
article  
fossil

Challenge  
identical  
vehicle  
mineral  
colonel  
artificial

## 6th Grade Spelling Lesson 15

### Final /iz/ /iv/ & /ij/

revise  
advantage  
memorize  
active  
organize  
criticize  
shortage  
advertise  
attractive  
college  
explosive  
exercise  
encourage  
summarize  
wreckage  
recognize  
positive  
percentage  
sensitive  
heritage

Challenge  
utilize  
mortgage  
merchandise  
aggressive  
compromise

**Dates to Remember:**  
**12/10: Elementary Music  
Program**  
**12/11 & 18: 2:30 Early  
Dismissal**  
**12/20: 1:00 Dismissal**  
**Enjoy your BREAK!**

**Tara Miller**

402-385-3433

[tamille1@penderschools.org](mailto:tamille1@penderschools.org)

"If you're for the right thing, then do it without thinking."

-Maya Angelou

# Special Education

Newsletter



HELLO!

## 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



## **DD- Developmental Delay**

To qualify for special education services in the category of developmental delay, the child shall have a significant delay in one or more areas and, by reason thereof needs special education and related services.



## **FunBrain Jr.**

Funbrain Jr. is a collection of games for preschoolers and kindergarteners that helps jumpstart their learning. Offering five separate fun and engaging games, Funbrain Jr. introduces little learners to several important skills while they play.

The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.



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

[Kira Swinton: kiswint1@penderschools.org](mailto:kiswint1@penderschools.org)

[Mitchell Mailloux: mimaill1@penderschools.org](mailto:mimaill1@penderschools.org)

## Mrs. Welch's Classroom News

The Pendragon Academy at Pender Public School provides individualized solutions for challenging behaviors while accelerating learning and increasing independence for students with unique needs.

### ABA Vocabulary of the Week:

Receptive-  
Receptive is listener behavior and refers to tasks that require a nonvocal action or motor response such as touch, give, or point.

### Upcoming Events

December 10<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Concert

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Knights of Columbus Free throw contest

December 15<sup>th</sup>: Sounds of Season

### What We Are Learning This Week...

Pendragon Academy focuses on ABA therapy. Applied behavioral analysis (ABA) is a type of therapy that can improve social, communication, and learning skills through positive



# Reading Tips

Here are some tips to help your kids when they read.

<u>WHEN I READ</u>	<u>THINGS I CAN DO TO HELP ME UNDERSTAND WHAT I READ</u>
<p>Before I read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Think: What do I already know?</li><li>• Predict: What do I think will happen?</li></ul> <p>As I read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ask: Did I understand what I just read?</li><li>• Were there any words I didn't understand?</li><li>• Was anything confusing?</li><li>• Can I retell in my own words what I just read?</li></ul> <p>After I read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summarize</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sound out an unknown word.</li><li>2. Go back and reread the passage.</li><li>3. Look up the meaning of an unknown word.</li><li>4. Read ahead and see if it makes sense.</li><li>5. Ask a question and try to find the answer.</li><li>6. Slow down as I read.</li><li>7. Do one or more of these things, or something that I've learned to understand what I read.</li></ol>



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

# Beyond the Bell

## *Pendragon Afterschool Program*

### ***December Schedule***



<b>Monday</b>	December 2, 9, 16 – Outside/inside play depending on weather December 23, 30 – Winter Break
<b>Tuesday</b>	December 3, 10 – Outside/inside play depending on weather December 17 - Secret Agent activity December 24, 31 – Winter Break
<b>Wednesday</b>	December 4, 11 – Secret Agent activity December 18 – Santa’s parachute/Shelf for the Elf December 25 – Winter Break
<b>Thursday</b>	December 5, 12- Outside/inside play depending on weather December 19 – Christmas fun December 26 – Winter Break
<b>Friday</b>	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