

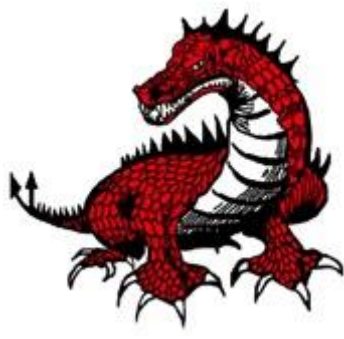
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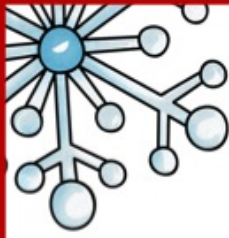
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# Pender Elementary eNews



**December 13, 2019  
\*Last eNews of 2019\***



# Our Kindergarten Classroom News

The Week of December 9-13

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## Our Learning

Language Arts: short i words, middle vowel sounds, cause and effect, making predictions, complete sentences

Sight words: are, now

Math: matching numbers to sets, copying lines on a geoboard, estimating collections, counting by 10s, identifying dimes

## Reminder

We will be going outside if the wind chill is above 0. Please bring appropriate clothing every day.

## Dates

**December 18-2:30**  
Dismissal

**December 20- 1:00**  
Dismissal

**Dec 23-Jan 6- No**  
School-Winter Break

**January 6- No School**  
(Calendar Change)

## At-Home Practice

Fun sight word game: Write sight words (see list in the back of the RED folder) on separate pieces of paper and hide them throughout the house. Then have your child find them. When they are done, have them read all the words that they found.



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

Week of December 9-13

## A Peek at the Week

Reading: Compare and Contrast, Informational, Play, i\_e, ghost buddy digraphs, intonation

Spelling: i\_e

Grammar: be verbs

Writing: writing a letter

Math: line of symmetry, time the hour, adding 2

## Spelling Words

(16-20)

1. NO SPELLING

## Upcoming Dates

December

18- 2:30 dismissal

29-Polar Express Day 🚚

20-1:00 dismissal

Start of winter break

January

7-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 9-13**

## A peek at the week

### Language Arts:

- + Informational text
- + Vocabulary, fluency
- + Spell words with ow, oa, oe
- + summarize
- + author's purpose
- + suffix -ly
- + proper nouns
- + Writing processes – letter/poetry

### Math:

- + Addition Facts
- + 2 Digit Addition with Regrouping
- + Quarter Tests

### Social Studies:

- + holiday history

### Science:

- + Matter, Being Engineers

## Spelling Words 1-10

### List A

1. cannot
2. pancake
3. maybe
4. baseball
5. playground
6. someone
7. myself
8. classroom
9. sunshine
10. outside
11. upon
12. nothing
13. into
14. inside
15. nobody
16. everywhere

### List B

- fireplace
- friendship
- forecast
- gentlemen
- goldfish
- grasshopper
- heartbeat
- highway
- lighthouse
- matchstick
- newspaper
- outfield
- outside
- inside
- nobody
- everywhere

## Upcoming dates to remember

**Dec 18, Jan 8, 15, 22, 29** – 2:30 Dismissal

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

**December 21-Jan 6** - Winter Break

**January 7** - School Resumes

**January 27** – Spelling Bee @ 8:30



# THIRD GRADE HAPPENINGS

December 9-13<sup>th</sup>



**Reading:** Students finished up winter testing and continued to practice identifying text structures & features in informational texts with a focus on the text structure sequence of events. In grammar, students practiced making irregular nouns plural.

**Math:**  
This week's skills:  
Length & Width, Rectangular Grid Patterns, Quarter 2 Assessments  
Next week's skills:  
Quarter 2 Assessments, Multiplication as Repeated Addition, Multiplication Table

**Science:**  
Mrs. Hoffman's class finished their study of fossils. The students looked at various fossils and used logical reasoning to support their ideas of what fossils tell us about the past.

**Social Studies:** Mrs. Gaer's class continues their economics unit.  
Topics include: Buyers & sellers, three types of resources.

- Reminders:** Winter break: December 23<sup>rd</sup>-January 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2:30 Dismissal Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Continue to fill out your Battle of the Books calendars
  - Log those Box Tops through the app!
  - 1:00 dismissal Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>



## Holiday Words

|             |          |            |         |          |
|-------------|----------|------------|---------|----------|
| Christmas   | December | elf        | garland | tinsel   |
| mistletoe   | bow      | snow       | candy   | reindeer |
| presents    | sleigh   | chimney    | eggnog  | workshop |
| Santa Claus | wreath   | decoration |         |          |

December 12, 2019

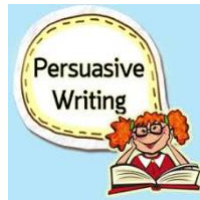
# Weekly News Edition

## 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

★  
when  
you  
choose  
joy  
You feel good  
& when you feel  
good, YOU do good  
& when YOU do good  
it Reminds others  
of what joy feels like  
& it just  
might inspire  
them to do  
the same.



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!

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Mrs. Schrunk's Class  
Classroom Newsletter  
December 12, 2019

### Dates to Remember

- Dec. 18,25 2:30 dismissal
- Dec 20- 1:30 dismissal
- Dec 23-Jan 6 – 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 have opened our mail and checked out the information we've gotten. We continue to work on county maps and information about the counties.

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

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** We finished learning about the French Revolution. We learned about Napoleon. We took our Chapter 9 test.

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



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# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mrs. English

## Dates to Remember

- 12/20-- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Pride Assembly @ 8:30 a.m.
- 12/20--1 p.m. Dismissal
- 12-23--1/6-Winter Break
- 1/7--School Resumes



☺ 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.

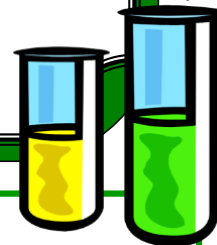
☺ This week Mrs. Flores' advisory group challenges Pender students and staff to write down a card to one of the school sponsors to express gratitude for everything they do for us throughout the year. We encourage you to take the time to know what each organization does and how their contribution to the school impacts the life of students and staff. Please talk to your teacher for more information about the names of these organizations/individuals and their address.

## Notes from the teacher:

√ **4<sup>th</sup> Science**-Describe how electricity is generated.

**5<sup>th</sup> Science**- Explain and describe how the movement of Earth's crust can change Earth's surface.

**6<sup>th</sup> Science**- Describe how electric currents and magnetic fields relate.



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PENDER PENDRAGONS

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

The music concert always puts me in the mood for Christmas. The kids looked great and performed great! 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

- Factors & Multiples of a Number
- Prime & Composite Numbers
- MAPS Testing

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 5TH GRADE

- Multiply 3 Digit by 3 Digit Numbers with Zeros
- Probability of an Event Occuring
- MAPS Testing

CONCEPTS COVERED IN 6TH GRADE

- Round Money and Decimals
- Mentally Divide Decimals by 10 & 100
- Simplify Improper Fractions
- MAPS Testing

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

**4-5-6 Reading  
December 13, 2019**

## Happy Holidays!

**First semester has flown by, as usual. We are finishing up 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter with many assessments and checkpoints. AimsWeb was completed last week, and MAP Assessments were finished this week. Next week we will be assessing the reading standards for our report cards.**

In 4<sup>th</sup> Grade the standards assessed will be: Vocabulary, Fiction Comprehension, Nonfiction Comprehension, and Figurative Language.

In 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade the standards assessed will be: Vocabulary, Fiction and Nonfiction Comprehension, Figurative Language, and Text Evidence.

PLEASE LOOK FOR THESE ASSESSMENTS TO BE POSTED ON SEESAW AS THE STUDENTS COMPLETE THEM.

I want to wish all of you a wonderful Winter Break! Please keep reading at home throughout the break with a variety of genres. Battle of the Books calendars will be due in class on January 7.

I am looking forward to 2020 and the growth the students will be able to make.

**Please mark your calendars for the Oral Spelling Bee on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The students will complete a written spelling test in class to qualify for the oral competition. This written test will be done sometime during the week of January 13<sup>th</sup> in order to give students ample time to prepare for the oral rounds.**

**Dates to Remember:  
12/18: Early Dismissal  
12/20: 1:00 Dismissal  
Enjoy your BREAK!  
School Resumes on 1/7/20**

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

-Maya Angelou

## 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:

VB

*VB stands for Verbal Behavior. Verbal Behavior is a type of ABA based on the works of B.F. Skinner that focuses on understanding and teaching language as a behavior and based on its function.*

### Upcoming Events

December 20<sup>th</sup>: End of Quarter 2

December 20<sup>th</sup>: Pride Assembly

December 20<sup>th</sup>: Dismiss at 1:00

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

This week we are focusing on MAPS and AIMSWEB testing. Our students take these tests three times a year. They work very hard and are very proud of their improvement!





# 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



## **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! Parents can see their children's reading skills improve with statistics for number of books read, hours read, pages turned, and words tapped.

Merry Christmas!!



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

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# 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!

## Kindergarten Math Vocabulary Terms

- Comparison – big, equal, more between, less, before, after
- Counting – hundred, count forward, even, number, odd
- Grouping – pair, table, add, equal, ten, one
- Money – coin, money, cent, penny, dime, quarter, count
- Sequence – fourth, number line, sequence, order
  
- Algebraic Thinking – different, alike, input, output, sort
  
- Base Ten Operations – minus, value, behind, sum, above difference
  
- Measurement & Data – measure, long, estimate, longest, shortest, small, size, big, short
  
- Geometry – square, shapes, pattern, triangle, rectangle, cylinder, halves, cone

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



# Beyond the Bell

## *Pendragon Afterschool Program*

### ***December Schedule***



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