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November News



Happy December! With all of the warm weather we have been having, you wouldn't believe it was late fall. I love fall, but I am not complaining about weather above 50 degrees. November has been an amazing month.

Kindergarten has been spending a lot of time creating different projects with weather. They have also

been helping the staff create art work to bring our middle room to life.

The 2nd and 3rd grade group have been spending a lot of time working on student led activities. For example, we had two students find a recipe in a cookbook while they were doing pair reading. They wrote down a list of supplies and instructions to complete the activity. Then they led the activity 3 different times for their peers. It was a very successful activity. We also had a lot of student led discussions. Af-

ter a conversation about composting, some students are working with me to add a composting bin to add to the school. They are really starting to become real leaders in our community.

4th and 5th grade have also spent some time working on student led activities. They spent an afternoon cleaning up the playground and field by picking up trash and talking about ways to keep our environment clean. I cannot wait to see what December holds for our students.

Cold Weather and Outdoor Activities

Even though we haven't experienced the cold weather yet, winter is coming! However, children still want to play outside. Please make sure you are sending the kids with warm clothes so they can continue to play outside safely.

Along with the cold weather, we will

also be anticipating the one thing we all dread... SNOW! But, the kids love this stuff. When the snow comes we will be offering a sledding option for outside activities. I will send out permission slips for kids to participate in those activities when we actually start getting cold weather.

Registration for Non-School Days

It is that time of year again—enrollment for non-school day care during the second half of the school year will begin at noon on Monday, December 5th. If you have any questions please contact the main office at mpls.kids@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Kids Welcome:

After School 2:00-6:00
Non-school days: 6:30am-6:00pm



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What's Happening in December

For this month's theme we will be looking at Weather Wonders. The children and staff will spend time looking at different major weather occurrences. These include: tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and blizzards. The kids will learn about how these major weather occurrences happen, and what needs to happen in nature in order for these types of dangerous conditions to happen.

On top of learning about how these weather events happen, the children will also be creating small model versions of these storms. For example, the children

will be creating miniature tornadoes with recycled water bottles. It will be interesting to see what else the kids come up with.

The children will be spending a little more time coming up with their own activities to lead. In the 4th/5th age group some students want to lead a clay project with the other students. I am excited to see the kids step up into more leadership positions.



Winter Break

It's one of the kid's favorite times of the year– winter break! Our Non School Days are December 19th-22nd and December 27th-29th. We will have our NSD care at Kenny Elementary. Families can enter Kenny from the parking lot off of 57th and Emerson. You will come in through Door 6. To enter, ring the buzzer and the Minneapolis Kids room is across from the door you enter in. A staff will greet you at the door and assist you with checking in. If you have any questions or concerns during winter break, please call the Kenny room phone at 612-668-3344.

Winter Break Schedule:

- 12/19: Pajama Day (onsite) 12/20: Sledding at Elk Creek (offsite)
- 12/21: Winter Wonderland (onsite) 12/22: Musical Theater (onsite)
- 12/27: Seeing Reluctant Dragon at Old Log Theater (offsite)
- 12/28: Snow Games (onsite) 12/29: History Museum (offsite)

Minneapolis Kids will be closed December 23rd, 26th, 30th and January 2nd.

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