



# Armatage Announcement

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## December Days

December was a very short month. But it was jam packed with so many different activities. This past month kids spent time exploring what happens when there is a major weather occurrence. Kindergartners made tsunamis in a cup. They added shaving cream and food coloring to a cup of water and made observations about the way clouds look before a storm starts. 2nd and 3rd graders spent a lot of time exploring more student led activities. Two of the students led a drawing contest. The students had to draw a

mythical creature. And the person who drew the most creative creature won a prize. The kids were very enthusiastic about drawing and explain their creatures to the judges. 4th and 5th grade have spent time getting active by trying new sports. They have also working on different art activities. For example the kids were able to try and make balloon animal creatures. I don't think they realized how much it would be.

The kids really had a blast this past month.



## New Staff

Welcome to our two new staff! Eva and Ashley. Ashley joined us right before Thanksgiving. She has been working with the 2nd and 3rd grade group. Eva joined us right before winter Break. She recently moved here from Iowa. I am excited to welcome them to our team. Please check out our staff board to read more about our staff .

## Reminder

The cold weather is here and I think it is going to stick around for a while. Please continue to send kids with warm gear. Children need snow pants and boots in order to play in field with the snow. Thank you.



### Kids Welcome:

After School 1:50-6:00  
Non-School Days at Kenny  
6:30-6:00



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## Looking Ahead

Our theme for this month is Going off the Grid. Kids will be looking at different ways people live a little bit differently than themselves. The topics for each week will include Living Below Zero, Living Beyond Civilization, Amish Country, and what would we have to give up.

During each week we will be doing activities surrounding those different topics. One group will spend time looking at how snow is made. Another group will be looking at life without some of the major technologies that they have access to.

We will also be starting more clubs for the kids to participate in. For example, there will be a cooking club. Participants will be creating different snacks for their peers to try. We will also be continuing the Pokémon Club but extending it for other age groups to join in.

I am excited to see what other clubs and activities the students want to participate in.

## January Non-School Days

We have 2 non school days in January.

We will be traveling back to Kenny for those 2 days. To get into Kenny you will need to enter the building through Door 6. Please use the buzzard at the door so a staff can let you into the building. Please make sure you connect with a staff when you drop off. They will assist you with signing your child in on the ipad. If you have any questions before hand please feel free to contact me. Below are the themes for each non school day.

January 2nd– MPLS Kids Closed

January 16th– MPLS Kids Closed

January 27th– Dawn of the Dinosaurs (onsite)

January 30th– Disney Comes to Life (onsite)



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