



Lil' Mountaineer News

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Alphabet Experts!



The kindergarten class is very excited to report that they have learned the entire alphabet A-Z! These students have done an awesome job! In January, they celebrated the wedding of Mr. Q and Miss U! The students had a wonderful time dancing, and enjoyed a special snack!



Solids, Liquids, & Gases

Do solids, liquids, and gases even "matter"? Yes, of course they do! First graders are excited to be starting their new science unit on solids and liquids. During this unit, students will be participating in various hands-on experiments and learning different properties of matter. Students will have the opportunity to explore everyday items while describing their characteristics. Ask your little scientist to point out different solids, liquids, and gases to you!

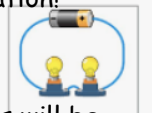


Weather Fun!

Second graders are embarking on a study of weather. They will be doing a variety of hands-on experiments. Creating their own rain, clouds, thunderstorms and tornadoes, are activities that the second graders are sure to love! There is so much fun learning happening in 2nd grade!

3rd Grade Detectives in Action!

In third grade's science unit, they have been learning about inherited and acquired traits. Students have been observing how physical characteristics are passed down through genetics and are being asked to bring in family photos. They have even learned the three main patterns of fingerprinting and how fingerprints are uniquely formed in the womb. Ask your child what fingerprint pattern they have after participating in their classroom investigation!



High Voltage

In fourth grade science class, students will be experimenting with electric circuits. Students will learn about materials that make good conductors, as well as good insulators. Fourth graders will be predicting, observing, describing, and recording their experiment results. Students will not only develop an interest in electricity, but will learn skills to analyze and solve problems. They are "amp"ed up about electricity!

Students as Leaders

Second graders will be conducting their own conferences for their parents! Students are responsible for presenting and explaining a variety of class assignments and projects to their parents from materials that have been combined into a portfolio. Student-led conferences allow students to share their portfolios of quality work, practice their communications skills, report on their school progress, practice organizational skills, assess their work honestly, and become accountable for their work and behavior.

Principal's Corner

Reading is Critical

Parents that read to children are helping pave the way to academic success. Reading to young children sets them up for success. The more knowledge they absorb prepares young learners for school later down the line. Parents that read to children help foster the important habit of reading alone as children grow older. Children never outgrow the enjoyment of having someone read to them. It is never too late to read to a child. Having taught high school for sixteen years, I have had the opportunity to read aloud to my classes and have noted that even teenagers still enjoyed having someone read to them.

Among the benefits of reading are the expansion of vocabulary and the development of language skills. Reading encourages a thirst for knowledge, and increases concentration and imagination in a child. These are essential skills that will be used again and again as children move forward in their education. For parents who work, or have a busy lifestyle, reading to your child is a great way to enjoy each other's company, while reading can be a great way for everyone to wind down, relax, and bond.

Martin Mudry
Principal

From the Office

If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten, please watch your mailbox in February for an invitation to attend the information meeting in March. The meeting explains the registration process.



PTSO

Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual PTSO Fall Fund Drive. The total was over \$1,100, which will go towards grades K-8 field trips!

Please continue sending in Box Tops for our January to February war. Remember to clip around each box top.

Several events are in the planning process:

- February 6, there will be a Parent/Volunteer meeting at 7am
- The Dino-Mite Spring Book Fair is scheduled February 26-28
- The Father-Daughter Dance is scheduled for March 8
- Mother-Son Movie Night will be April 5th

Watch for more details as you check your child's take-home folders.

Save the Date

02/06 PTSO Parent/Volunteer Meeting 7pm
02/15 Valentine's Day Celebration
02/15 2-hour delay
02/18 School is in session
02/26-28 Dino-mite Spring Book Fair
03/01 ACT 80 Day