

Junction City Elementary Newsletter

Principal Corner

The Christmas Season is upon us. Sometimes we get bogged down with the frenzy of buying gifts for our children.

How would you like to find a meaningful gift that keeps on giving long after the season, affecting lives for years to come. It is a gift that can not be bought with money. It is a gift from the heart. You might say, what is this gift?

It is the gift of time spent with you.

Precious childhood memories are made from gifts like this. Reading with your child is a most precious gift to consider. It is not just the reading, but the time spent with you that make such wonderful and rewarding memories for both of you.

This Holiday Season, take some time to reflect on what is truly important in life.

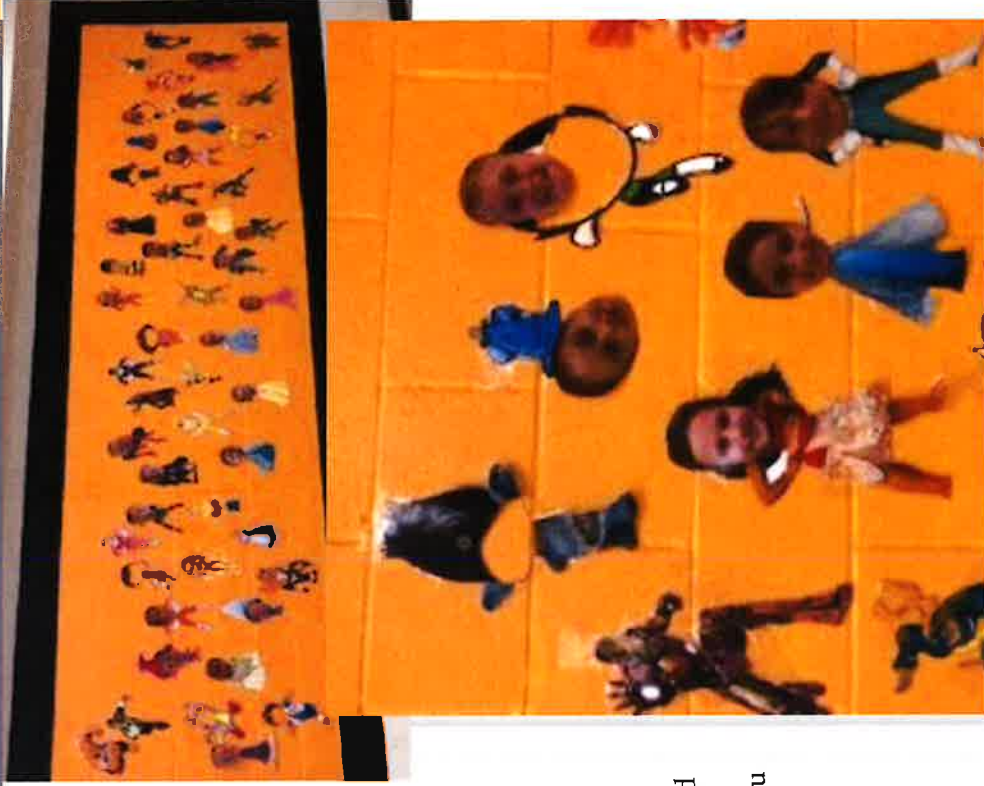
Happy Holidays from my Family to Yours!

Mrs. Hataiko



Accelerated Leader Reader Board

We have tweaked our Accelerated Leader Reader Board that is in the cafeteria. We added velcro strips so students could easily move their names as they earned AR points. This is a great way for students to keep track of their own progress. Each student has a personal goal for each quarter and can easily track their own progress. As you might notice in the picture, each grade level has a different color of panther paws which has student's names written on them. With every AR point earned, students are given Book Bucks which they will use to bid on many items at our big JCE Auction.



An Up Close Look at our JCE Super Hero Level Up League

I bet you will recognize some of these students who leveled up (jump up a level) on Lexia. The faces change regularly on our super heroes bodies as students progressed a whole level on this program.



Third Grade News



Third grade students at JCE are learning about the importance of being great leaders and community members. Each week we focus on a character trait and reflect on ways that we can develop these qualities in ourselves and others. Students pictured: (back row L to R) Nathaniel Mohler, Carson McCoy, Makayla McCoy, Kaydn Keaton, (front row L to R) Harleigh Preece and Wyatt Heston.



Fifth graders have been staying very busy. In Math, they have been working on adding decimals. In Reading, they have been working on their writing skills and also assembling a 5-paragraph essay. In Social Studies, they have researched famous explorers and put their information into poster board presentations. In Science, we have begun our unit on light and sound energy. The picture shows a Junction City 5th grader, Bo Baker, conducting a sound experiment in Mrs. Stamer's 5th grade Science class.

Fourth Grade News



This month is fourth grade we have been working on a lot of new and exciting concepts. In Language Arts we are learning about opinion writing and published a book! Division has been the new topic in Math. Students can use a new game called Reflex to practice their skills. In Science, uncovering the different types of fossils has been exciting and so much fun! Finally, in Social Studies we are working through the Causes of the American Revolution and soon the colonists will enter war. Please remember that students will enter to replenish school supplies over the break!

No Turkeys in First Grade!



This year the first grade students had a special project to complete. They worked with their families to disguise a turkey so it wouldn't get eaten for Thanksgiving! All of the students worked hard to complete this task and thankfully no turkeys were eaten! In the picture, you can see Cruze Lones and his fries, Chloe Hollingshead with her Easter Bunny, and Ian Boyden and his football player. Thanks to all of the first graders and their families for their hard work on this project. We look forward to seeing what next year's classes create!



Junction City Elementary participated in the Snowflake Movement which sends snowflakes to Children's Hospital to hang in patients rooms to help brighten their holiday.



Kindergartners

Students are actively engaged in a variety of learning activities each day. Many of these activities provide students with hands-on opportunities to achieve Kindergarten learning standards.



Check Out these books below. from:

<https://www.helpsteaching.com/blog/winter-holidays-reading-list-for-kids.html>



(K-2)The Sweet Smell of Christmas by Patricia M. Scarry

Pine trees, gingerbread men, and hot cocoa are all traditional Christmas smells kids can experience as they sniff their way through this scratch & sniff Christmas story.

A Wish to Be a Christmas Tree by Colleen Monroe

For years, the old pine tree has sat in the field, wishing to be a Christmas tree. Seeing him so sad gives the animals an idea to help him get his wish.

Merry Christmas, Mouse! by Laura Numeroff

(3-5)The Snowman by Raymond Briggs A boy builds a snowman who ends up taking him on an adventure in this classic Christmas story.

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

"All aboard!" The Polar Express takes young boys and girls to the North Pole. After reading the book, watch the movie version with kids and compare the difference.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss

It's hard not to love this Christmas classic from Dr. Seuss about a Grinch whose heart grew two sizes that day.

Junction City Elementary Community Christmas Night was a big success. Over 400 people were in attendance to celebrate with us. The first event of the evening was a Christmas Concert featuring the First and Fourth Graders singing and playing the recorders. Then at the end of the concert there was a surprise visit by Santa Claus.

After the concert, we had events going simultaneously throughout the building. We had pictures with Santa in the Gym; sub sandwiches, chips, cookies and water in the cafeteria, Christmas stories in the Library, and a Christmas Craft. We also had all the doors in the building decorated in a holiday theme. It was amazing. If you were unable to attend, here are some pics from the Junction City Elementary Community Christmas Night!



Standing Room only to have pictures taken with Santa!!



Mrs. Smith Maxwell's class celebrated 100 acts of kindness with a movie. The class wanted to promote and acknowledge kindness on a daily basis. Students could nominate each other for acts of kindness. A marble was dropped in a jar, when we reached 100 acts of kindness we watched a movie to celebrate.



Second Grade Ant Farm!

The second grade students at Junction City Elementary have been focusing on interactions within habitats in science class. Each classroom has an active ant farm on display so students can observe the daily lives of some very busy ants. Students have become aware of how the ants function and interact within their environment. The students have noted some very visible changes such as tunneling. They are excited each day to see what new interactions are going on inside the farm!



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