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# Parent Notes



### Coming up:

**Friday, Dec 18:** Last day of school before Christmas break—2 hour early dismissal

**Monday, January 4:** School Resumes

**Friday, January 15:** In-service—No school for students

**Friday, January 15:** End of second nine weeks

**Monday, January 18:** Martin Luther King Day—No school

**Friday, February 12:** Parent/Teacher Conference (No school for students)

**Monday, February 15:** President's Day—No school.

*Success is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.*

Booker T. Washington

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<http://ulschools.com>

You will find quite a lot of information including lunch menus, athletic event schedules, a link to study island, and much more.

Check it out today!!

### What's Happening at School

December has been a busy month in **pre-school**. The kids are working on number recognition skills 0-10 along with writing the numbers. We are learning rhyming words and having fun making up silly rhymes. **Mr. Bober's fifth grade** class visited and read Christmas books to the kids. The preschoolers were very excited to have the "big" kids in the room! The kids wrote letters to Santa in hopes of getting their favorite toys at Christmas! We will celebrate with a Christmas Party and a visit from Santa! Happy Holiday's! The **Kindergarten** classes have been learning about the true meaning of Christmas and have climbed aboard the "Kindergarten Express" by writing about our wishes for Christmas. Stop by the yellow wing to check out our wonderful train of wishes! We celebrated the holiday with a Holiday Party on Tuesday,

December 15. Ms. Crystal has been helping us improve our handwriting by visiting every week and teaching us Handwriting Without Tears. Over the past month, Mrs. Sayre's class welcomed two new students to their Kindergarten class. We also have been working with Ms. Kami to improve our reading skills. **2nd grade** have written letters to Santa and learned the process of explanatory writing. We will begin money after Christmas. Remember to bring your bags of change after Christmas. In December, the **third grade** completed holiday activities relating to the indicators, participated in a "wing sing" (2nd & 3rd grade students gather to sing Christmas songs), worked on poetry, money, making change, time, and elapsed time. After Christmas break we will be starting multiplication. **Mrs. Nowak's fourth grade** Science classes are

wrapping up their work on glaciers. They are making glaciers with ice cream, cookies, and marshmallows. In Math they are doing multiplication and coordinates on graphs. **Mrs. Miller** and **Mrs. Smith's reading** classes are working on idioms, facts and opinions, and reading biographies. **Mrs. Smith's social studies** classes are studying prehistoric people, the mound builders, and native Americans. **Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Kemp's English** classes are working on possessive nouns and abbreviations. **Mrs. Ogilbee's Science** classes are working on weather and in **Math** on multiplication, factors, prime, composite. In **5th grade**, **Mr. Bober** and **Mrs. Smole-nak's** reading classes are learning to draw conclusions, the difference of fact and opinion, comparing and contrasting, writing for the OAT, and study strategies: outlining and note taking. In language arts,

they are studying verbs and contractions. **Mrs. Diab and Mr. Turvey's** math classes are continuing to work on OAA indicators for Geometry—circumference, ordered pairs, congruent figures, etc. **Mrs. Coleman's** science classes are reviewing the properties of matter, and states of matter. In January, we will begin investigating motion and energy. **Miss Lodge's** social studies classes are continuing with colonization and slavery in the colonies, continuing map skills (latitude, longitude, physical maps, thematic.) They are studying economics (supply and demand) and the background for the American Revolution.

Union Local Elementary Teachers and staff would like to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.



### Library

**Kindergarten** is reading The Bear Who Slept Through Christmas and Fat Santa. They worked on letters and writing and created a Christmas Card.

**1st grade** is reading How Little Porcupine Played Christmas. They created an envelope and ad-

### Art and Computer Science

Mrs. Benson's Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade art classes are making Christmas projects. 4th and 5th grades are making winter decorations for the hallways for January.



ressed it. They also created a Christmas Card. **2nd grade** is reading Africa and The Christmas Party. They created a Grinch nice wish list and a Christmas Card. **3rd** is reading Christmas Haiku and Take A Giant Leap, Neil Armstrong. They discussed Neil Armstrong and NASA. They created a Christmas Haiku and a Christmas

In Computer class, all students have completed several Christmas projects. Since it is close to the end of the nine week period, they have also been finishing up any missing projects.

Card. **4th grade** read The Legend of the Poinsettia and the documentary "Glaciers: Ice on the Move." They discussed glaciers, created a Christmas card, and wrote a letter to the principal. **5th grade** read A Tail of Two Tails and are continuing to read chapter books.

### Music and Physical Education

Music classes are all doing Christmas music and Christmas activities. The 1st grade had their Christmas program on Wednesday, December 16. Congratulations to them on a wonderful program.

4th and 5th grade physical education classes are racking up the miles for Mighty Milers. All classes are doing Christmas games and are getting ready for the holidays.

