

# NEILSON NEWS

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## Reminders

- **School Hours**  
8:20 - 3:10 pm  
Please arrive by 8:15 a.m.
- **Winter Concert - Friday,  
December 18th at 9:45 am**
- **COLD WEATHER IS HERE!**  
Your child goes out for recess every day it is over **10 degrees**. Please send snow boots, snow pants, winter coats, hats and mittens to school!

## Important Dates

- 12/01 - Fluency Folders Due
- 12/01 - Library Books Due
- 12/02 - Mrs. Neilson at Math Institute CGI Training
- 12.04 - Fun Lunch
- 12/18 - Winter Concert 9:45
- 12/18 - Early Dismissal 2:30

## Happy Birthday!

- 12/14 - Caitlin S.



## Star Student

- 11/30 - Ellie K.



## Happy Thanksgiving!

Above is our family turkey! Our turkey is on display in the hallway by our room. It turned out beautiful. We have had a lot of comments from families going to the Book Fair. Thank you for taking the time and decorating the feathers. I hope this Thanksgiving season offers you time with your family to make life long memories. I am thankful every day for your first graders and all your support!

### Cold Weather is Here!

Please send your child **prepared** to go outside for recess. They need snow pants, snow boots, a winter coat, a hat, and mittens every day the temperature is above 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

**You may leave snow pants, a couple pairs of dry socks and a pair of gym shoes at school in your child's cubby.** Students are **not allowed** to wear snow boots in the classroom or to gym. Gym shoes that stay at school are recommended during the winter months. Students will have to call home if they don't have appropriate shoes for the day and this takes away from valuable instructional time.

## Weekly Schedule

### Monday

Music 8:50 - 9:20 a.m.  
PE 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

PE 8:20 - 8:50 a.m.  
STEM 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.  
Library 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

PE 9:05 - 9:35 a.m.

### Thursday

Music 9:20 - 9:50 a.m.  
BB PE 1:00 - 1:15 p.m.

### Friday

Art 8:25 - 9:15 a.m.  
Recess/PE 11:55 - 12:20  
Chorus 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

### Second Step

We are learning about how to identify our feelings and being able to talk about them.

### Spirit Wear & Rewards

If you have not done so please order your Lincoln Eagle Spirit Wear. On Fridays during lunch hour there will be prizes for the class with the most school spirit.

### VIDEOS added

Check out my website:  
[www.neilsonnews.weebly.com](http://www.neilsonnews.weebly.com)

## Reading

We will start Unit 3 on Monday. We will read two informational text pieces. The stories are called **At Home in the Ocean** and **Water**. The students will learn about what different types of creatures that live in the sea and will explore what all living creatures need to survive.

**Words to Know:** blue, cold, far, little, live, their, water, where.

**Phonics Skills:** Digraph **th**; base words and **-s, -es, -ed, and -ing**.

**Comprehension Skills:** Author's Purpose - why an author writes a book

**Comprehension Strategy:** Analyze/Evaluate - tell how you feel about the text and why

## Spelling

We are working on "th" words and the listed Words to Know listed in the Reading Section of this newsletter.

## Math

We have started Module 2 with regrouping to make 10. We have started with 9 and will work with partners of 10 over the next week.

## Holiday Concert and Holiday Party

The Holiday Concert is on Friday, December 18th at 9:45 a.m. Our Holiday Party will be the same day. I will be sending out more information in the weeks to come about the party. On the 18th, please send in a change of clothes or a big t-shirt for your child to wear over their dress clothes. We will be making Gingerbread houses as part of our Holiday Traditions.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM PRACTICE NOW UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18th

The music schedule has changed until the end of the year. Students are attending practice on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The practice is with all four of the first grade classes. We are expecting the best behavior during this time.

## Fluency Folders

We will take a brief hiatus from Fluency Folders during the next month. Please make sure you child is reading each night for a minimum of 20 minutes.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

I am looking for families who celebrate special holidays during the next month. Please let me know if you would be willing to come in and share your culture's holiday tradition.

The first grade will compare traditions and look for similarities in the way people celebrate (i.e. candles, family, foods, etc.)



### Some of the traditions and holidays we will covered are:

- England - paper chains, Yule Logs, Caroling, and Plum Pudding.
- Hanukkah - Festival of Lights, Dreidels, and Menorahs..
- Holland - Sunday, December 6th - St. Nicholas Day-leaving wooden shoes out on for Sinterklaas.
- Kwanzaa - the principals, the candles and foods.
- Germany - The Nutcracker and the Little Gingerbread Man
- Italy - The Crown of Lights
- Sweden - the Dala Horse
- Mexico - The Piñata, candles, and cut-out banners



### Ultimate Estimator: Jenna Waisvisz

Jenna did an awesome job estimating the number of crayons Nora brought to school. Jenna estimated 100 and their was exactly 100 crayons in the jar.



### Star Student:

Our Star Student, Nora, is counting out the estimation jar for the class. Nora is enjoying her week of activities as the Star Student.