

Watson Times

I READ. I THINK. I COMPREHEND. I SHARE.

January 2017



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1/2 - No School - last day of Christmas/New Year's break
- 1/16 - No School - Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- 1/30 - No School - district professional development day

The Nurse's Office

Happy New Year!

Just a reminder to parent, please make sure your children are properly dressed for the cold temperatures. If you are in need of assistance please let us know.

Also, it is not too late to have the flu shot, so please speak with your pediatrician.

Mrs. Couto

We had a super exciting month of December, filled with many activities and fundraisers! We appreciate everyone's participation - it makes all the difference! Keep your eyes peeled for more notices to go home with information about upcoming events!

Message From Principal Carvalho

Happy New Year! With one trimester under our belt and the second underway we realize how much more work there is to be done.

*As you know, this is our last year in Level 4 Turnaround! The staff and students are working hard to meet the state standards but we also need your help. Please do your best to get your child to school on time each day and limit the number of times they are excused early or arrive late. This interferes with your child's learning and forces them to continuously play 'catch up'! We also need you to check their backpacks for homework and be sure they are reading at least 20 minutes each night and recording it on the classroom log. Most importantly, keep in touch with your child's teacher. Children have more success when there is a strong home-school connection. The children need to know we are working **TOGETHER** to help them be successful in all they do; now and in the future!*

Building a strong Watson community that has pride in our school is hard work without the support of our parents and community. Please try to attend our family events, volunteer as a parent helper or a member of the PTO. This shows your child you are also committed to Watson's success.

Together we are stronger and will get the job done!

*Thank you,
Mrs. Carvalho*

ATTENDANCE

In the month of December the grade level that had the best attendance was grade 5 with 96.09%! Amazing!! They have won three of the four months we have been in school. They are the leaders towards our special secret field trip in June!!!

Watson attendance was 92.33%, just short of our goal of 93%. Considering all the students that have been sick, that's not too bad. We also had 54 students that had perfect attendance for the month of December- no tardy, no absences, no dismissals. They have earned a free dress down pass. Super job! Make sure you are coming to school every day, all day and on time and only staying home if you have a fever or vomiting. Keep up the great work Watson!!

What is Going on In...

<p>Kindergarten</p> <p>We are finishing up Unit 2 in ELA and we continue to work on letter sounds and sight words. They also have been working very hard on writing sentences. We will be taking our benchmark this month and then moving on to Unit 3.</p> <p>In math, we will be starting our shape unit. This is a very hands on and fun unit that the students will love!</p> <p>Please continue to read every night and fill out the reading log! When reading with them try and let them read their sight words or sound out some of the sight words! You will be amazed at how much they can read!</p>	<p>Grade 1</p> <p>We are finishing up Unit 2 in reading. We've been working on long vowels and nouns. We will start Unit 3 this month which is about changes in our world.</p> <p>In math, we are working on a unit that focuses on fluency to 10. We are also working on addition and subtraction word problems up to 20. Please make sure your child is reading every night and writing in their journals. They should be going onto Dreambox and Headsprout at home, also.</p>	<p>Grade 2</p> <p>Grade two is finishing up our reading unit about working together. We have been learning new vowel sounds, contractions, nouns, and working toward reading fluency. Unit three begins this month. Students will be exploring creative ideas, we can't wait!</p> <p>Second grade has just finished the addition and subtraction benchmark. Make sure they continue to use an open number line on math homework! This month we are moving on to measurement and data. Fun! Keep reading at least 20 minutes each night!</p>
<p>Grade 3</p> <p>In ELA we are enjoying reading <u>The Fantastic Mr. Fox!</u> We are using this story to work on our reading skills. Keep your eye out for information on our final projects! Make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes each night and recording it on their monthly reading log. Students are learning about the forces that make objects move in our science unit, Force & Motion.</p> <p>In Math, children will begin noticing multiplicative patterns. They will record these patterns on a ratio table. I will send home a "Homework Helper" with an explanation of this model.</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>In fourth grade math, we are working hard on multiplication. We will be working on multiplication and division for quite some time. It would be beneficial for your student to be practicing their math facts to be prepared for this. Please make sure your student is doing their homework every night! Mrs. Borkman's math intervention group has been exploring factors of numbers, They also understand the difference between prime and composite numbers so quiz them at home. I am very proud of the effort your children put into my lessons.</p>	<p>Grade 5</p> <p>Happy New Year from fifth grade!! Since the nice vacation, all students have been working very hard!</p> <p>In math, students have been learning how to add and subtract fractions. For the next three weeks, they will be working on how to solve word problems by adding and subtracting fractions.</p> <p>In ELA, students have been reading Esperanza Rising. They have also been doing a fantastic job with Writer's Workshop! Students really enjoy sharing their writing!</p>
<p>P.E./Art</p> <p>Art- Students have handed in all assignments for grading! Please check backpacks so you can see the wonder artwork they have worked on! With the weather changing to winter fast, students are finishing fall assignments and moving on to winter! Focusing on line, color, shape, and texture!</p> <p>P.E.- Students in all grades have been doing a great job with parachute activities. We incorporated working as a team, cooperation, and a lot of laughter. The next few weeks will be focused on basketball skills. The upper grades will be strengthening their passing and dribbling skills, while the younger grades will be introduced to dribbling and passing through individual and station work.</p>	<p>STEM</p> <p>Science is moving full steam ahead with all grades discovering new explanations for the workings of the world around them. We also have been using our brand new lab coats!</p> <p>Kindergarten has been working in the computer lab to learn how to use a mouse and interface with the computers. First Grade is is working on human mimicry of animal adaptations and are building pieces of armor inspired by different animals.</p> <p>Second grade is working with matter and the properties of matter, even making some non newtonian fluids!</p> <p>Third grade is working on force and motion and the differences between balanced and unbalanced forces.</p> <p>Fourth grade is learning about waves and how sound is created.</p> <p>Fifth grade is learning about matter and mass of objects. We also are focusing on the scientific method and more specifically on variables.</p>	<p>Miss Amaral</p> <p>Over the past few weeks students have been working on their country research projects during our ELA blocks. Students have been working very hard on collecting information and sharing it through a visual aid and report. Presentations are Friday, January 13th at 10am. We hope to see you there!</p> <p>In math we have continued learning about fractions. Students have demonstrated an understanding of fair shares and have been learning about equivalent fractions. To maintain these new skills, ask your children to make fair shares or equal fractions at home by sharing items (ex. Candy bar, crayons books, etc).</p>

