

KNE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Month at a Glance:

Monday, 12-3

RTI- Math Week

Food Drive begins: Bring Canned Goods

Tuesday, 12-4

Mellon Lunch w/ Character Winners

Food Drive begins: Bring Canned
Meat/Fish

Wednesday, 12-5

Food Drive begins: Bring Breakfast Items

PTO Meeting 5 pm KNE Cafeteria

Thursday, 12-6

Food Drive begins: Bring Baking Goods

Friday, 12-7

Food Drive begins: Bring Dry Foods

Monday, 12-10

Grant Announcement on Base!

Thursday, 12-13

3rd Grade Musical 6 pm

Wednesday, 12-19

Board Meeting 6 pm KNE Cafeteria

Thursday, 12-20

Jingle Jam 5-7 pm

Friday, 12-21

Wear PJ's for \$1 to support PTO

Character Assembly 8:10

Sing along 10:15-10:45

Party Schedule:

Kindergarten & 2nd grade 9:15-10:00

1st, 3rd & 4th grade 12:00-12:45

1 pm dismissal

Monday, 12-24/1/7 Winter Break

School Resumes

Tuesday, 1-8

Good Morning KNE Families,

I hope everyone had an amazing Thanksgiving Break! I hope you took time to enjoy your family and rest some too! If you ventured out for Black Friday, I hope you found some awesome deals! December will be a fast month, it will only be a few short weeks before we are on our winter break!

Friday, December 21st is a VERY busy day at KNE! Please know the schedule is different that day. We will do a sack lunch & lunch times will be:

First Grade- 10:50

Kindergarten- 11:00

Third Grade- 11:20

Fourth Grade- 11:30

Second Grade- 12:00

See "month at a glance" for party times, sing along time and character assembly!

Our 2nd quarter ends, Friday, December 21st. We will email grade cards home to parents after the break, on Friday, January 11th. If you need a hard copy sent home, please let your teacher know ahead of time.

Our winter break will start on Monday, December 24th and school resumes on Tuesday, January 8th. You can always find calendar information and much more on the KNE site, the link is: <http://ke.knobnoster.k12.mo.us/>

Please call, email, or stop by if you have a question or concern. My email is kmellon@knobnoster.k12.mo.us or you may call at 660-563-3019 ext. 2501

Thanks for all you ALWAYS do!

Looking ahead, if you have suggestions for KNE please visit with me. We are always looking to improve practices and suggestions are always welcome! Also, if you are super impressed with something or someone, let me know. I love spreading good news to staff and students!



Mrs. Mellon

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Kindergarten:

ELA:

- Oo & Dd Letter Names, Sounds, and Printing
- Blending and segmenting words.
- Sight Words you & do

Math:

- Counting and writing numbers 1-20.
- Rote counting to 21
- more, less, equal

Theme:

- Holidays

Third Grade:

ELA

- *Strategies: visualizing, rereading*
- *Skills: problem & solution, cause & effect*
- *Genres: folktale, historical fiction*

Math

- *Finish up measurement*
- *Begin multiplication & division (properties and units of 0, 1, 6-9, and multiples of 10)*

Social Studies

- *Missouri History*



First Grade:

Reading-

Week 1- How do we measure time? Skill: Making and Confirming Predictions

Week 2- How do plants change as they grow? Skill: Plot (Sequence)

Week 3-What is a folktale? Skill: Plot (Cause and Effect)

Math- Introduction to addition and subtraction within 20 & Indirect Comparison in Length and Measurement

Theme- Christmas Around the World, Energy, Christmas STEM, and Gingerbread

FOURTH GRADE:

Reading: biography text features; review of concepts

Math: Multiplying a 2-digit by 2-digit number; dividing a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number

Social Studies: Christmas around the world (traditions/cultures)

Writing: Opinion writing (persuasion)

*Please continue to read and practice math facts at home!



Second Grade:

ELA--Identify author's purpose, verb tenses, parts of a letter

MATH--Continue adding and subtracting 2- & 3- digit numbers with and without regrouping
--Solve story problems using addition and subtraction

SOCIAL STUDIES--Develop understanding of basic concepts of Economics

PE:

4th & 3rd: Stepping with opposition, underhand/ overhand throwing towards stationary and moving targets at varying distances and catching. We will also play reindeer games.

2nd: Stepping with opposition, underhand/ overhand throwing towards stationary targets at varying distances and catching. We will also play reindeer games.

1st and K: Stepping with opposition, underhand/ overhand throwing at stationary targets from varying distances and catching. We will also play reindeer games.

ART

Focus: Painting

4th - Mixing tints & shades

3rd - Warm and Cool Cityscapes

2nd - Complimentary Optical Colors

1st - Piet Mondrian & Primary Colors

Kindergarten - Winter Holiday Projects

**Please have your child wear something appropriate for painting. Thank you,
Biz Boston**

Title Reading: Our classes continue to work on phonics and comprehension skills. Please look for our December newsletter.

Title Math: Kindergarten is working on counting & number recognition. 1st grade is practicing what comes before/after numbers 1-120 & ordering numbers on a number line. 2nd grade is working on 1 more/less & 10 more/less. 3rd and 4th graders continue to build their place value & number sense skills. Several 4th graders have passed their final place value assessment:)

Music:

Our focus for December is seasonal music.

4th - finishing up Native American soundscape and recorder units

3rd - preparing for Christmas program

2nd - Watching a musical - "Emmet Otter's Jug Band Christmas"

1st - Christmas songs

K - Christmas songs

COMING UP - 3rd grade Christmas program on December 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm - "Cookin' Up Christmas"

Library:

KNE students have been busy reading and testing over their AR books and have read 4,464 books so far but we need to keep reading to reach our end of the year goal of 20,000 books!

This month we be focusing on some Christmas classics by various famous authors including Tomi DePaola, Jan Brett, Patricia Polacco, Marc Brown & Laura Numeroff. In addition, all grade levels will be participating in the annual Hour of Code, which is an exciting and fun introduction to computer science.

Congratulations to our
November Readers of the Month
Kalel Kidd & Ethan Sinks

Technology:

Kindergarten will be participating in small group rotations to work on basic coding skills. They will continue to work their way through course A on Code.org in a whole group setting.

1st will continue to work their way through course B on Code.org and participate in Lego Education for building and programming.

2nd will be engaged in the FIRST Lego League Jr. Program. They will work their way through each session of the Mission Moon Challenge.

3rd will continue to work their way through course D on Code.org and participate in Lego Education for building and programming.

4th will continue to work their way through Course E on Code.org and participate in Lego Education for hands on building and programming.

FOCUS: Innovation

Visit our new KNE Robotics Facebook page for daily pictures and visit!

Counselor:

KNE Food Drive Dec. 3-8

Week 1: Class Discussion- Compassion

Acts of Kindness Trivia

Book Reading- Be Kind by Pat Zietlow and Jen Hill

PTO: Questions or comments? Contact us at kne.pto@knobnoster.k12.mo.us or on FB @KnobPTO

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:00PM

JINGLE JAM--Thursday, Dec. 20, 5-7PM

COZY PJ DAY--Friday, Dec. 21, bring \$1 & wear PJs all day!

Boxtop Super Heroes for November were Mrs. Jenkin's class--congratulations on winning the popcorn party!

Membership drive--class with highest percent membershin was Mrs. Bertschv's class--thank you!



KNE Food Drive
Knob Noster Christmas Store
Dec. 3-7



Monday, December 3rd—Canned Goods (soup, fruit, vegetables and juices)

Tuesday, December 4th—Canned Meat and Fish items

Wednesday, December 5th—Breakfast items (cereal, pancake/waffle mixes)

Thursday, December 6th—Flour, Sugar, Dry or Evaporated Milk

Friday, December 7th—Dry Foods (noodles, rice, pasta, beans, cake mixes, Jello)

**There will be a friendly competition between each class as to who can bring in the highest percentage of food. The winning class will win a
POPCORN PARTY!!!**