

Ms. Athon's Second Grade News

November 21, 2014

Ms. Athon's Holiday Wish

As we approach the holidays, Ms. Athon has a VERY special request. In lieu of teacher gifts, I would like to show our children the *true meaning of the season* by supporting a needy family in our area. We are presently searching for the perfect family to support. Please, if at all possible, dig deep in your hearts and allow a needy family to have a wonderful holiday season. More information will come soon. Thank you so much for everything you do!

Holiday Lunch

Our annual holiday lunch is almost here. Please make sure to mark your calendars for this very important day on **Thursday, Dec. 11th**. Our lunch time will be *slightly adjusted*. We will dine from **10:46am-11:16am** at table #s 7 & 8 (9 for overflow). We will eat in our classroom on Dec. 9th. Your invitation and reservation information went home on last week (w/correction this week) and are due NO LATER than Tuesday, 12/2. RSVP soon!!!

Shout Out to STEM

Congratulations! All students (Grades 1-5) have finished an "Hour of Code" during STEM specials this month! If you are interested, you may continue to use your login information from home. Login information was sent home this week. This is not a requirement, but it is available to you. Please remember to access your account by visiting: myduncan creek.com, click on "Special Areas", then click on "STEM". Click your grade level, and then you can enter your login information. Happy coding!

 *Ms. Athon*

Language Arts

Children have been working on features of non-fiction texts. Comparing and contrasting fiction vs. non-fiction as well as the various components (table of contents, glossary, index, diagrams, captions, etc.) has been a major focus. Informational writing continues to be our writing genre.

Math

Fact families will be reviewed. We want children to notice the patterns in numbers. Subtraction and addition work together! If $3+4=7$ and $4+3=7$, then $7-3=4$ and $7-4=3$. We have been discussing the math terms of equivalent and nonequivalent and will continue our representations of numbers in a variety of ways (i.e. 53 can be represented as $50+3$, $56-3$, 5 tens and 3 ones, etc.). Basic properties of addition (commutative & associative) will be utilized to simplify problems.

Social Studies/Science

Thanksgiving has been explored over the past week. The students have learned about various aspects of the Pilgrim's journey, its harsh conditions, and the determination it takes to really make a difference. Students will be exploring historical figures (Mary Musgrove, Tomochichi, & James Oglethorpe). Native Americans indigenous to Georgia (the Creek and Cherokee) will be discussed in the weeks to come.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 24-28	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2	Buffalo's Spirit Night
Dec. 8	Firehouse Subs Spirit Night
Dec. 9-Dec. 13	Scholastic Book Fair
Dec. 9	Holiday Lunch
	Grades 1, 3, & 5
Dec. 11	Holiday Lunch
	Grades K, 2, & 4
Dec. 15	Winter Party (2 nd Grade)
Dec. 19	End of the 2 nd Nine Weeks
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 5	Teacher Work Day
	Student Holiday
Jan. 6	School Resumes
Jan. 9	Report Cards
Jan. 15	Reflections Reception @ 6:30pm
Jan. 15	AR Awards Show (Mid-Year)
Jan. 19	MLK Day/School Holiday

Book Fair

Our children will be able to preview the book fair on **Thursday, Dec. 4th at 9:30am**. Our class will be able to purchase books on **Wednesday, Dec. 10th at 9:30am**. These purchases will not only encourage a love of reading in your child, but they will also help to expand the DCES Media Program. Thank you for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair at Duncan Creek Elementary!

Media Center

Please be aware that our wonderful media center will have limited use throughout the Book Fair's duration. Students may exchange books on a limited basis. Thanks for understanding!



Candy Grams

Relay for Life will be selling Candy Grams for fifty cents during the after Thanksgiving Break. All monies collected will support the fight against cancer. Children love receiving these sweet messages from their friends. It's as easy as sending in fifty cents...we do the rest!! Please look for more info soon and help support another worthy cause at Duncan Creek!

Specials

Specials for Week 12/1-12/5

Mon.	PE	Thurs.	STEM
Tues.	Art	Fri.	PE
Wed.	Music		



Our "Incredible Cardinal" is...

Madelyn B.

Week of Dec. 1-5, 2014