

Contacting Teachers

All teachers can be contacted here at school between 8:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Dial the school number, 656-2068 and then the teacher's extension. Or dial 0 to leave a message with Mrs. Parker or see if we are available.

The best method for contacting teachers is e-mail. While we may not be able to answer the phone, many times we can get back to you much more quickly with an e-mail.

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Holiday Gift Idea!

While it might not sound too exciting, a new binder might be just what your child is hoping for! Binders take a beating during the early months of school as students learn to use the system. A new, heavy duty, D-ring binder might be just what they need!

Rings that don't quite fit together or tears in the seams can cause frustration as your child moves through his or her day. The holiday break is a good time to take a look at the binder's condition and replace it if necessary. You might be surprised by how much your child appreciates it!

Curriculum Corner

Math: Before Thanksgiving Break, we started our unit of study on fractions. We will take a benchmark test which includes all of the material from the first four chapters. The topics include adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals, as well as graphs and basic fractions. We will then move on to adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. Please continue to review multiplication facts with your child.

Science: This month in science we are beginning our study of matter. The students are now experts on mass, density, and volume, and will soon be experts of atoms too! They will each complete a candy model of an atom, and then we'll be moving on to learning more specifically about elements and the periodic table. Later, the students will study states of matter and how it changes.

Writing: Now that we have a body of written pieces in our portfolios, students are working to publish selected pieces online!

Our district writing scores were very good and the students did an excellent job with their narrative writing samples. We continue to develop our author's craft through modeling after other writers. As we work our way through the coming months, we will expand our efforts into informative writing of different forms.

Geography Bee

6th grade students will participate in the National Geographic Geography Bee this month. 10 students will be selected during preliminary classroom competitions and those students will progress to a school-wide bee to be held on December 18th at 9:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend! School-wide bee participants will be notified soon! For more information about the Bee, check out the website at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee/>.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please make note of the following dates:

Thursday, December 5 th	Leola Barnes and Noble Book Fair
Tuesday, December 10 th	Holiday Concert – 9:30a & 7p
Wednesday, December 18 th	6 th Grade Geography Bee* - 9:15
*Parents and guests of participating students are welcome to attend!	
Wednesday, December 18th	Early Dismissal @ 1:15
Wednesday, December 11 th	Guest Speaker –Duane Abel 10:30a (4-6 th)
Friday, December 20 th	Holiday Sing Along – 2:30p
12/23/2013 – 1/1/2014	No school- Holiday Break
School resumes Wednesday 1/2/2014.	

Looking ahead to January... Leola Spelling Bee-
Thursday, January 16th, 9:15.



Character Trait for December-
Caring
Sensitivity to Other's Needs