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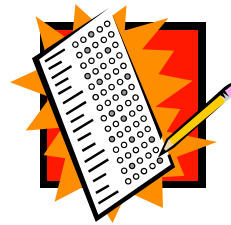
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What's Happening at Creekside?

Creekside Book Fair!

During the week of December 4th-8th, Creekside will be holding a book fair. Allow your student to bring money to school to purchase a book! Also, on Dec. 6th, the book fair will be open until 7pm. Bring the whole family to buy some books!



9 Weeks Testing

During the week of December 12th-15th, we will be having 9 weeks tests. See the calendar on page 2 for details as to which tests will be given on which days.

Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 19th, we will be having a little party to celebrate the holidays and hang out with our friends before the long break. If you are interested in helping provide cookies, drinks, etc. please e-mail or call us by Friday, December 15th.

Ways to contact us:

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- Phone: 281-284-3500

Holiday Program

As you know, the GBCHI Holiday Program will be on Friday, December 8th at Hall Elementary. There will be an Open House to see the new GBCHI offices beginning at

5:00pm with the program beginning at 6:00pm. The kids have been working hard on their skit and are very excited about it! We look forward to seeing you there!



Schedule of Events

- 4th-7th—Creekside Book Fair
- 6th—Book Fair open until 7pm
- 8th—GBCHI Holiday Program
- 12th—Math/LDC/Theater/PE 9 Weeks Tests
- 13th—Social Studies 9 Weeks Test
- 14th—Language 9 Weeks Test
- 15th—Science/FCS 9 Weeks Tests
- 19th—Deaf Ed. Christmas Party
- Dec. 20th-Jan. 3rd—Holiday Break/ No School
- Jan. 4th—See you back at school!

December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



3rd-Daniel

9th-Dustin

26th-John

From the Desk of Ms. Traynor

I want to go ahead and inform you about our novel project that we will be starting when we come back in January. Each Language class will be reading a different novel. Periods 1/5 will be reading The Island of the Blue Dolphins, periods 2/4 will be reading Dinosaurs at Dark and periods 3/6 will be reading Things Not Seen. I plan on doing one chapter per week, so the project will continue for as long as there are chapters. The students will be required to read one chapter each week and answer questions regarding vocabulary, character, plot, etc. The vocabulary words from each chapter will be included in that week's spelling homework. There will be a short quiz every Friday with the same questions

as the homework. When the entire book has been read, the students will then choose from a list a creative project they would like to make concerning their novel. The list will be sent home for students and parents to choose together.



Since these novels will be completed mostly at home, I picked novels that were on the students' independent reading levels. The students should be able to complete these projects on their own with minimal help from parents, but I encourage

you to be involved in this project. Have your student read to you occasionally or read the book yourself and start up conversations with your student about certain parts of the book. If a student can be involved in a thorough discussion about the book, they will be more apt to remember key elements and themes.

December Scholastic book orders are being sent home on Dec. 1st (due Thur. Dec. 7th), but also don't forget about our school-wide book fair!

From the Desk of Mrs. Myers

November was fun! I can not believe that we are almost through our 2nd nine weeks and first semester! I hope the students had a nice week off and are ready to dive into some more learning!

1st and 6th period science:

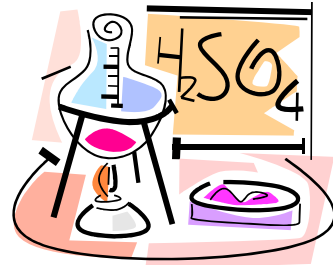
We brought the microscopes in the classroom and learned the parts and how to use them correctly. We brought dead ants in from outside and looked at them close up. We looked at strands of hair and parts of the dollar bill. We all had fun with looking at things under the microscope. We also learned that the rock cycle is not as complicated as it looks in the book.

2nd period science:

We have breezed through chapters 23, 24 and 21. The students are doing an awesome job at keeping up with the fast pace of 7th grade science. I was so proud of the students' grades on their most recent test! They never cease to amaze me!

5th period science:

We reviewed the parts of the microscope and used them to do several labs, including the dollar bill lab. We have learned about animal and plant cells. We made a cellular city where different parts of the city represented a cell part. We are



almost finished with genetics. We did a very cool lab where the students actually saw their DNA float to the top of a solution.

KEEP THE MOTIVATION GOING!!!!

From the Desk of Mr. Porche

December is finally here! I continue to be amazed of how fast those 5 months went by and seeing how much the kids have changed. It must be my gray hair that is starting to sprout up or the kids are starting to wear me out with the 3 W and 1 H. Those are: when, why, where, and how. I finally realized, wow, the kids are asking tough questions! I have never been more impressed when they ask those tough questions. That is a positive attitude when it comes to learning.

Many of you know that we are having a VP (video phone) Re-

lay service that will be placed in my classroom. While this kind of technology opens up vast opportunities for dialogue throughout the world. VP has become a necessity for the deaf and hard of hearing. I plan on using VP to enrich the kids learning to be able to learn on how to function in the real world environment. I plan on incorporating VP in social studies because the student will be able to discuss ideas and work on projects with other school across the United States and even the world. How cool

would that be? Of course, this is not my first time and I can say with excitement that the kids would love to do something like that. I am looking forward to it! Christmas is winding down and lots of shopping and teaching to do!

I wish all of you a great Christmas!



Want to brush up on your sign language skills?

Announcing free sign language video classes for parents of deaf and hard of hearing children in Texas - Family Signs (www.familysigns.org)

Coordinated by the Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD) of Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) and Sponsored by Sorenson Communications

Do you know parents who want to learn sign language but don't have easy access to traditional sign language classes? Maybe there are no sign classes in their area or the parents' work schedule does not allow them to attend classes?

Family Signs is designed for these parents. All they need is access to high speed Internet and a desire to learn.

Check out www.familysigns.org for more information - easy online registration.

Thanks,

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