

MADISON ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Madison Families,

In an effort to condense some of our communication we've combined our December and January newsletter. I want to start off by saying how much I appreciate the excellent attendance that we had during our remote learning at the beginning of this month. Please keep that up now that we are back "in person". We know how difficult it was for everyone to be remote and we hope that we do not have to go back to a long period of remote learning again this school year.

In the month of January we are excited to welcome back many families who have been learning virtually and will transition back to "in person" learning on January 19th (the beginning of the 2nd semester). We will also be welcoming back several staff members who have been teaching virtually. It will be nice to see the return of familiar faces.

January also marks the 2nd benchmarking period for ELA and Math. We will be assessing our K-6 grade students in several areas. We are looking for growth in each subtest in the areas of reading and math and confident that we will see improvement from the fall. Please help ensure that your student is continuing to read over the winter break and engaging in activities to help reinforce math concepts. Some ideas for families are listed in this newsletter and on www.iowareadingresearch.org. Let's work together for the growth of our learners. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are looking for additional ideas during our winter break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, January 4th!

Sincerely, Mrs. Zillig

FOR FAMILIES

www.readingrockets.org

Top 10 Family Reading and Writing Ideas for the Winter Holidays

by Reading Rockets



The winter holidays are a great time to make learning fun with opportunities to read books, write letters, and tell family stories.

- 1. Continue Learning Overbreak.** During the holiday season, consider setting some new traditions for your family that will allow meaningful, stress-free, fun conversations to continue. For example, read (or reread) your favorite books in English and Spanish.
- 2. Children, What Were Your Winter Wonders?** It's the time of year when many children sit down to write an important letter addressed to Santa Claus. Help children explore and create the scene and party invitations. Consider the busy time of the year. Come up with letters to a list of fun, but it doesn't have to be!
- 3. Outdoor Celebrations** Shopping online is a helpful way to get last-minute gifts. However, kids who love to shop for themselves can lead to interesting conversations that can help them "vocabulary words." Ask if kids are looking for a new book, and ask them to share their ideas with an observing, practicing, and interacting. (In English and Spanish)
- 4. Reading Adventure Pack: The Dragon Day** It's the "Dragon Day" month of adventures! Get creative with your own holiday traditions and learning activities around your shared Italian and Spanish levels.
- 5. Helping Your Family Celebrate to Read** It's a great idea to give a gift from the heart of the holiday of the week and the month of the year. Your family member offers opportunities for other learning as well, including reading, singing, and more. (In English and Spanish)
- 6. Winter Adventure Pack: Reading** Go on a "reading" holiday adventure! Get reading adventure packs encourage to read fun and learning on your holiday reading (and resolution books).
- 7. Start with a Book** Winter Adventure Pack: Read, Write, Share, Create, Celebrate! Read, Write, Share, Create, Celebrate! The pack includes a book, a book, and more — 24 stories in all. Pack 1 includes a book and a book, a book, a book for families to enjoy, writing prompts, activities for kids, and more to go!
- 8. 10 Things to Do Before/During/After Reading** Check out the collection of activities, activities that build reading, writing, and listening, and more to go!
- 9. The Night Before Christmas** Use this holiday-themed special reading and writing opportunities for families. Whether you're going to the city, the mountains, or a state park, there are a few "ideas" to make before your visit. (In English and Spanish)
- 10. How to Help Your Child with 10 Fun & Happy Holidays** The holiday season is a time for family traditions, fun, and friendship. But children who struggle with social and emotional problems can feel lonely and excluded during this busy time. This article gives you a clear way to help your child join the fun.

PTO NEWS

2020-2021 PTO Meetings

1st Tuesday of each month

5-6 pm Virtual Meeting-join us via Facebook live.



Madison Elementary School-Muscataine

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FROM NURSE KELLY



Wear a Mask to Protect Others

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you're infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms
- Wear a mask in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay six-foot apart
- Wear a mask correctly for maximum protection
- Don't put the mask around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the mask, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer so often



TECHNOLOGY

Just a reminder that we will no longer have snow days. We will learn virtually on days with inclement weather. It is going to be VERY important that your students brings home his or her device and charger daily. Please see the following slides or view them on Class Dojo so you are familiar with the protocol on inclement weather days. Remember the schedule for those days will be 8:20-1:05 with teacher office hours until 4:10.

FROM MRS. SCHOLZE-TEACHER LIBRARIAN

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Book Trailer Tutorial Great Teacher Is Not In (K-2)	Book Trailer Tutorial About Tom Sawyer!	Not Observed singing "Carol of the Bells" with a partner's assist	Fun Friday! Get to know yourself with a fun Personality Test
Resource/Health/IEP/IEP Day Which you were on a health conference? If so, fill in while you wait!	Book Trailer Tutorial The Dewey Decimal System of George Gordon Sayer by Liz (Completed by 4th)	Hi! Hello! We Meet! In our class students in Mrs. Scholze's by Liz (Completed by 4th)	Teacher Tip for Student Dropouts: Student Name Video	Fun Friday! Try some cooking with Hills of Cook this week!
Mental Health/IEP/IEP Day If you are in a class with SIFE, fill in (Completed by 4th)	Book Trailer Tutorial A Very Simple Expression of Love by Liz (Completed by 5th)	Let's Practice Writing: Share the story to teach students who don't read (Completed by 4th)	Read Coloring Sheets: Read's and color the story Dinosaur (Completed by 4th)	Fun Friday! Get inspired with some holiday ideas with Creative
No School	No School	No School	No School	No School
No School	No School	No School	<h2>December-Read</h2> <p>A month of books (and short) links from the HCSS Teacher Librarian.</p>	

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...

- PRESCHOOLERS** build skills and develop good habits for showing up on time
- ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** read well by the end of third grade
- HIGH SCHOOLERS** stay on track for graduation
- COLLEGE STUDENTS** earn their degree
- WORKERS** succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

Attendance Works
www.attendanceworks.org

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR-MRS. KINYON JOHNSON



Please check out Class Dojo for the link to the December and January REACH calendar or email Mrs. KJ with any questions.

What if I need help with Internet Access?

Please let your child's teacher, the school secretary, or the building principal know ASAP if this is your child's concern.



