



Raccoon Rattler

January 2012

This month's newsletter goes out to families with renewed energy and commitment to make 2012 an amazing year of academic, social, and emotional learning for all students at Franklin! We have much to be thankful for and have been given the gift of at least one more year with the amazing staff and Franklin community. Thank you to all the letters, emails, conversations, and comments you provided to the school board and the district regarding closing Franklin next year. **You made the difference!**

We return to our primary focus - providing each and every child at Franklin with the educational experience to shape them into productive, conscientious citizens as they grow.

We have many people to thank this month as we enter a new year. Thank you to our amazing PTO parents and volunteers who worked to create a simply amazing holiday store at Franklin this

year. Students were delighted to choose inexpensive gifts for their parents, friends, and family members. Parents spent hours shopping, setting up, tearing down, and wrapping gifts for everyone. Thank you!

Thank you also to our incredibly talented Franklin staff members who performed at our sing along assembly. We had singing, dancing, and amazing instrumentals to accompany a fun way to send students and staff off for a much deserved holiday break.

As we settle in to 2012, we are near the beginning of our second trimester of grading and approaching the middle of the school year. Students will take some mid-year tests and begin working toward second trimester goals. Check out the grade level goals for math fluency on page two as well as a simplified version of our end of the year writing goals for each grade.



Our student council also decided last month to begin some new projects. On Mondays during lunch, students in grades 3-6 may choose to help keep Franklin looking great. They wash windows, sweep out foyer areas, weed our flower beds, pick up trash, or help with other projects needing attention around our school! What a great project! Our students also decided that we needed to alternate some of our recess games so student council designed a schedule that rotates various games in our covered play shed and on our upper field. They are doing a great job helping solve problems around Franklin! Thank you!

Warmly,

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Principal

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Important Dates:

- **January 11:** *PTO Meeting at 2:45 in the Franklin Library*
- **January 13:** *7:40 -8:20 Grandparent Visit and Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration*
- **January 16:** *No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance*
- **January 26:** *Spirit Day - Pajama Day!*
- **January 27:** *No School - Teacher Workday!*

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PTO NEWS: Our next PTO meeting is next Wednesday, January 11th at 2:45 in the Franklin Library. PTO will calendar their events for the rest of the year and would love your input. We will also look at some of the survey data collected at parent conference time. If you can attend, we would value your contribution! Our PTO provides wonderful opportunities for our students!

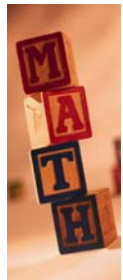
Our student council has done a great job problem solving and coming up with good ideas to improve Franklin. They decided that our January Spirit Day would be Pajama Day. Students may wear pajamas to school on Thurs-

day, January 26th. Pajamas must be appropriate to wear in public and students must have appropriate shoes for PE and recess. Spirit Days are a fun way to build our school spirit and celebrate having fun together. Students

who do not wish to participate in the spirit day theme are invited to wear a Franklin shirt or dress in Franklin colors (red and black).



Math Fluency Goals for Second Trimester



Kindergarten: Reads numbers in random order to 31 and counts backwards from 10 to 1

First Grade: Adds sums to 8 (16 in 90 seconds) and subtracts differences to 5 (16 in 2 minutes)

Second Grade: Adds sums to 15 (20 in 90 seconds) and subtracts differences to 10 (15 in 90 seconds)

Third Grade: Adds sums to 18 (20 in 2 minutes) and subtracts differences to 18 (15 in 2 minutes)

Fourth Grade: Multiplication factors through 8 (38 in 2 minutes)

Fifth Grade: Multiplication factors through 10 (20 in 60 seconds)

Sixth Grade: Division facts through 12 (20 in 60 seconds)

Students who achieve their math goals get their name read over the announcements on Monday mornings, receive a certificate, and get their name on a white raccoon. The raccoons are posted on a bulletin board near the office. First trimester raccoons are still on a bulletin board. Come look for your child's name!

Writing Expectations by Grade Level

Kindergarten		Third Grade continued	
Uses beginning, middle, and ending sounds to write independently Locates and copies sight words Writes simple sentences independently Writes 1-3 sentences about a topic	Forms letters correctly Uses capital and lower case letters correctly Uses . ! ? correctly Has spaces between words Left to right directionality	Voice (personality shows through) Word Choice (uses interesting words)	Conventions (capitals, end marks, punctuation, basic spelling)
First Grade		Fourth Grade	
Can write about themselves (several sentences) Can write 1-2 sentences about a topic Knows what a sentence is Beginning to add detail	Spells high frequency words correctly Uses phonetic spelling Uses capitals and lower case letters, but not always correctly Puts spaces between words Can read their own writing	Ideas and details are clearly presented and well organized The organization indicates a clear beginning, middle, and ending. Word choice is engaging and descriptive allowing the reader to sense the person behind the words. Sentences vary in length and structure.	Shows a strong command of grammar, spelling and punctuation. Indicates paragraphs consistently Uses transitions
Second Grade		Fifth Grade	
3-4 sentences about a topic Sentences of varied length Some descriptive language Sense words Better vocabulary More details	Complete sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with a punctuation mark Sentences of varied length Consonant Vowel Consonant (CVC), Consonant Vowel Consonant with a silent E (CVCE), and sight words need to be spelled correctly	No two sentences or paragraphs start the same way Show, don't tell (uses descriptive language) Basic organization with a beginning, middle, and end	Complete sentences with capitals and ending punctuation Develop a paragraph Topic sentence Supporting details and examples Concluding sentence
Third Grade		Sixth Grade	
Use the HM writing rubric from additional resources for grade 3 Rubric scored in four areas for COS Focus and Ideas (stays on topic) Organization (beginning, middle, and end makes sense)	Use the HM writing rubric from additional resources for grade 3 Rubric scored in two areas for conventions Sentence fluency (varied lengths)	Maintains consistent focus on a topic and has ample supporting details (elaboration) Logical organizational pattern Provides transitions, connecting words Uses language effectively (word choice) Sentence fluency (varied lengths, writing flows)	Proper capitalization Proper punctuation Proper paragraphs Proper standard English (grammar) Spelling is clean and clear (doesn't interfere with meaning)

Attendance: As we begin the new year, please work to make attendance a priority for your family. We can't teach you if we can't reach you! State law requires us to call if a student is absent and we have not heard from the family. The primary reason is to ensure the safety of our students and the second is to ensure students have every opportunity to learn. Please call if your child is sick or will be missing school for any reason. It is best if you can try to make appointments outside of the school day and take vacations during school breaks.

Grandparent Visit and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance: Friday, January 13th, all grandparents who can attend are invited to Franklin from 7:40 a.m.

until 8:20 a.m. Grandparents may bring their grandchild/ren to the library for a morning treat, then follow their grandchild to class for the first 15 minutes or so of class where we will be remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a presentation over the intercom. We would love to see you if you can attend!



Fantastic Five and Birthdays

Fantastic Five

December 2, 2011

Harley Leonard-Buchmann, Kamille Claussen, Michaela Elliott, James Buchanon, Kiersten Anderson, Molly Ciaciuh, Anna Gentry, Savanah Wise, Gavin Satterfield, Sam Murray, Destiny Diltz, Kayden McVaugh, Ella Hetzel, Yau Fu, Kailani Rodriguez, Cadence Callahan, Melody Temple, David Hawthorne, Stephen Hawthorne, Zoe Carver, Alivia Smith, and Alexis King

Fantastic Five

December 16, 2011

Emma Krepps, Kellen Garcelon, Cameron Temple, Blake Meredith, Sierra Raynes, Nathan Hoover, Adriana Belardi, Austin Iotte, Madison Deese, Jesse Driese, Myles Bowechop, Jaxon Bourm, Ava Brenkman

December Birthdays

Amelie Atwater, Shawn Austin, Elijah Washburn, Brooke Knight, Rafael Moreno, Jaden Henry, Carlos Moreno, Gabrielle Partch, Henry Irwin, Jocelyn Reifentahl, Angelo Ramos, Zachary Harrell, Carissa Ramos, Kenzi Woods, Evan Cobb, Marley Cochran, Shinia Kildall, Dalton Ross, Jessica Neitzel, Abraham Nichols, Austin Satterfield, Derek Hinsdale, Hannah Anderson, Meiqi Liang, Lauren Rankin, Sarah Brady, Emma Krepps, James Coleman, Brianna Yacklin, Mariah Fortman, Josh Gavin, Lucas Gavin, Zachary Gavin, Baylee Rux, Justin Frantz, Kale Mehew, Shaun Elias, and Cholena Morrison.



January Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 School Resumes Early Release: New Science Kit Assessment	4	5 Student Council @ 9:30-10:00	6 Fantastic Five Announced	
8 DIBELS testing this week – Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills	9 Site Team @ 2:40	10 Early Release: Vertical Teams Check in with CSIP Goals	11 Hot Chocolate and Writing at Lunch PTA @ 2:45 pm	12	13 Grandparent visit 7:40-8:30 MLK Jr. Remembrance	14
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School	17 Early Release: HM Writing samples to discuss new curriculum	18 Earthquake/ Fire Drill	19	20 RTI Meetings - Review DIBELS Data	21
22	23 FILT (Franklin Instructional Leadership Team) Meeting at 2:40	24 Early Release: Flexible Day	25 Hot Chocolate and Writing at Lunch time	26 Spirit Day – Pajama Day	27 Teacher Workday – No school for students	28
29	30	31 Early Release: Staff Meeting				

Prize Winners from the Holiday Shop!

