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December 2023

Christmas Break is December 22-January 7. Students return to school January 8th.



Reed Ranch
School
2nd Annual
Cookie Walk

Friday December 8th 4:00pm- 6:00pm
Hosted at the Reed Ranch School

Purchase a container size to suit your needs and then fill it with delicious, homemade, Christmas Cookies cost is dependant on size of container either \$10.00 or \$15.00 (Cash only)

All proceeds raised will be donated to the school library

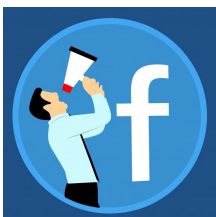
Presented by Reed Ranch Parent Association Council

Christmas Concert
December 14, 7pm start.
Everyone welcome!

“Star Bucks” The
Musical



Parent Council Christmas Raffle Tickets **must** be returned to the school today. Due to the charity licence we require all tickets to be returned and accounted for.



Like and follow our new [Facebook page](#) to see what's happening at our School.



Daily Schedule

8:24 classes begin
10:15-10:30 morning recess
12:00-12:15 lunch recess
12:15-12:30 lunch time
2:00-2:15 afternoon recess
3:30 dismissal



Hot Dog Day

Thursday, Dec. 7 & 21

Order deadline is Dec. 4 & 18

Order online [here](#)

Or through student quick pay on our website. Please **DO NOT** e-transfer Parent Council this money as it is a School fundraiser.

Sell for \$1 each. Hot dog days are usually the 1st and 3rd Thursday or every month. Please check the calendar on our website www.reedranch.ca



Pizza Day

Dec. 14

Please have your order in by Thursday, Dec. 7
Order form can be found on our website under parents.



Playground Proposal

[Please read more here about this exciting project.](#)

Parent Council

Looking forward to the Christmas Concert on December 14th.

We are selling Raffle tickets again this year for some great prizes. Thank you for catching those who were interested.

They will be also be available for purchase right before the concert.



Students have been very busy practicing for the upcoming Christmas Concert. It has been such a treat to catch little snippets of the classes practicing songs and rehearsing lines for the play! We look forward to having everyone here for the big event on December 14th!

Along with the Christmas Concert, there are several special activities coming up for students to enjoy as we enter the holiday season, including:

- Christmas Craft Day - students will rotate through 6 stations in total. Reed Ranch Staff are excited to share their craft with students!
- PJ Day - On the last day of school, students will enjoy a movie - along with popcorn and hot chocolate.

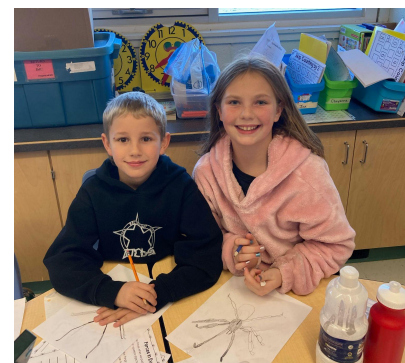
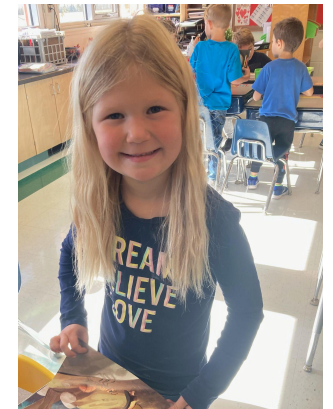
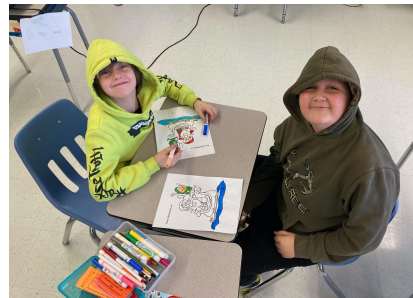
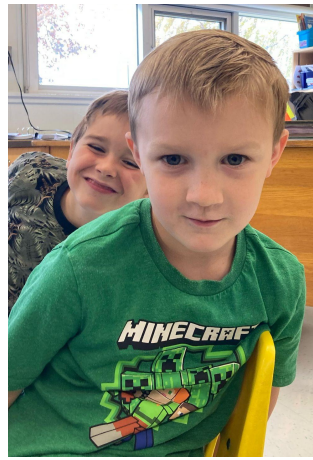
I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday break. Safe travels to those who are venturing out over the break to see family and friends. See you in 2024!

Warm Regards,

Erin Machell



Theme Days...



Ms. Tetzlaff's Kindergarten Class



Season Greetings to my Kindergarten Families! December is here and what a busy time we are going to have! This month we will be learning all about Winter, Christmas and Family Christmas traditions. It was wonderful to connect with some of my kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2 families during parent/teacher conferences. I appreciate your time and support in 'celebrating' your child's progress thus far this year.

Kindergarten:

*Language Art: We will continue practicing how to print our names using upper and lowercase letters. We will continue learning about our letters of the alphabet and the sounds associated with them and continue to work hard in our printing books practicing the printing strategies learned thus far.

** Please continue to help your child practice the letters and sounds of the alphabet

*In Social Studies: Our unit will be about how we are special and unique in our own way. We will also be sharing and learning about Family Christmas traditions.

*In Math: We will continue to work on recognizing and printing numbers 1-5.

*Our Christmas concert is quickly approaching....our amazing kindergarten students will need some **slippers** for a song we will be performing. If you could please send a pair of slippers with them to school that would be great! If you don't have any at home for them to wear...please let me know.

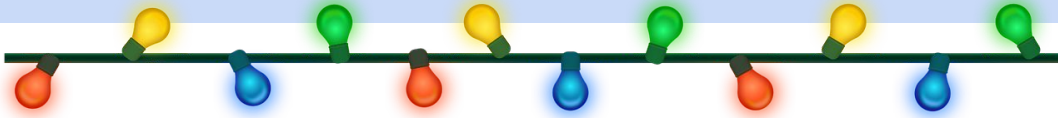
Little reminder: Please ensure your child has warm clothing for the colder weather (Mittens, hats, snow pants and boots). An extra pair of mittens and socks for your child to keep in their bin can come in handy. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 403-556-2429 or ktetzlaff@cesd73.ca.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday with family and friends!

Ms.Tetzlaff



Ms. Machell & Ms. Tetzlaff's Grade 1 & 2



Language Arts:

Students will continue working on connecting sounds to letters and letter combinations and build their confidence at sounding out words (decoding) which is one of the foundational skills needed to strengthen their ability to read words.

One of the most important reading strategies we use is having students “stretch out” all the sounds in words and then go back and “snap” them altogether to form the word. For example:

- Student sees the word *sat* (CVC pattern) or more complicated words such as *flat* (CCVC).
- We ask students to point under each letter and say the sound as they move across the word (*/sssssaaaaat/*). They then return to the beginning of the word and snap it all together to say */sat/*, as they rapidly move their finger across the word.

As we mentioned at Parent Teacher Interviews, we will be sending the reading passages and little books home when we are finished with them at school. You can support your child at home by listening to them read the book a few times and modeling/encouraging them to use the “stretch and snap” strategy to sound out words they are unsure of. Then ask them to read the whole sentence, to help develop reading fluency.

As students develop as readers and move on to more complex text passages, they will still use this strategy with words they do not know, but the focus really moves more to fluency - encouraging expression in the voice, noticing punctuation.

Math:

Students will continue to work on number recognition and skip counting skills according to each grade. Our goal is to be able to count by 2s, 5s, 10s forward and backward to 50 at any given starting point. Our Grade 2 students will keep working on continuing within 100 forward and backward by 1, starting at any number. In the next few weeks and into the new year we will continue to develop our understanding of numbers to 100 and will be focusing on adding and subtracting basic addition/subtraction skills suitable for each grade.

Social Studies:

We will continue working on the unit “Belonging in the World and Groups we belong to as well learning about different Family traditions.”

Little reminder: Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing to keep warm when they go outside (snow pants, gloves, hats, etc.) You may also want to send some extra socks and pants just in case the ones they are wearing get wet.

We wish you all the very best this holiday season!

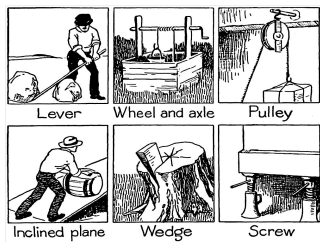
Ms. Tetzlaff and Ms. Machell



Language Arts: We are finishing our novel study, and will be working on oral language, word study and Christmas writing activities.

Math: We are working on patterns in math. We will be looking at calendar patterns, tables and charts, and increasing and decreasing patterns.

Social Studies: We are looking at the discovery of fossils in Alberta, and how they contribute to our tourism and history!



Science: We are beginning our exploration of energy. We will be learning about Newton's laws, gravity, and how simple machines can help to make work easier.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Enjoy the break and the time with friends and family!



Mr Seidel's Grade 5 and 6 Class



Language Learning.

- Poetry project.
- Xmas creative writing assignments.
- Practice Christmas play.
- Cursive Writing - M and N

Math. Grade 5 – Multiplication unit test first week in December.

- Division.

Grade 6 – Multiplication unit test first week in December.

- Division.

Science.



Electricity and Magnetism as well as mechanisms that use electricity.



Social Studies.

- Canadian identify - Chapters 10 and 11.

Options. Finish spirit animal assignments.

Practice Christmas play.

Art .

Christmas decoration projects.

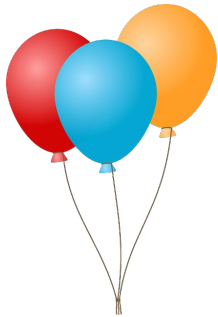
Christmas picture projects.

Christmas tree ornaments.





Happy Birthday



Ella in Grade 5 on Dec. 5
Marcus in Grade 1 on Dec. 12
Eric in Grade 6 on Dec. 12
Charlie in Grade 3 on Dec. 16
Nicholas in ECS on Dec. 18
Hayley in Grade 6 on Dec. 19
Miles in ECS on Dec. 19
and
Karen in ECS on Dec. 24



**THANK
YOU**

We'd like to take this time to thank all of our volunteers we have had help us out since the beginning of the school year. We truly appreciate you and all the work you do to help make our school a special place. Merry Christmas to you and your family and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



We are currently looking for School bus drivers in all areas. If you are interested in becoming a school bus driver please apply online at www.cesd73.ca under Careers/ Casual Support Staff, by email at transportation@cesd73.ca or by calling our office at 403-227-7072

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Non School Day	2
3	4 Hot Dog orders due	5	6	7 Hot Dog Day Pizza orders due Raffle Tickets to be returned Round Up published Santa/Elf Hat	8 Non School Day	9
10	11	12	13	14 Pizza Day Ugly Xmas Sweater Christmas Concert 7pm	15 Non School Day	16
17	18 Hot Dog orders due	19	20	21 Hot Dog Day PJ Day 	22 Non School Day	23
24	25  Christmas Christmas Break	26 Christmas Break	27 Christmas Break	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30
31	1 Christmas Break	2 Christmas Break	3 Christmas Break	4 Christmas Break	5 Christmas Break	6