



Waterman Newsletter

DECEMBER 2017

Notes from the Principal

- I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Happy Holidays!
- Congratulations to the Students of the Month!
- Thank you to the Bee Committee and all who attended Bee A Scientist in November! This was a great community event!
- Last month, Waterman students successfully completed CPS bus training.
- Thank you to Miss Shannon for organizing the fun events of Spirit Week!
- Please join us at the next PTW meeting on Monday, December 11 at 6:30. Mrs. Roxanne Gustafson, CPS Director of Education Programs, will be a guest speaker on the topic of report cards.
- I am looking forward to Gingerbread House Decorating Night, the Holiday Shop, and the Winter Concert! Thank you to the PTW for organizing the gingerbread event and Mrs. Holly Costa for organizing and running the Holiday Shop! The Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 19. Thanks to Mrs. Barbieri for organizing this event! For grades K,1,2 the concert is from 9:00-9:30 and for grades 3,4,5 it

is from 10:00-10:30. Parents are welcome to attend! Parents please come at 8:45 for the K,1,2 show and 9:45 for the show for grades 3,4,5.

- Thanks to Mrs. Brooks, our school librarian, for her effort in organizing the Hour of Code activities in support of Computer Science Week, December 4-8!
- Remember good attendance and punctuality count and have a positive impact on your child's performance in school!

Waterman's Academic Focus: Math Flashcards

- Families can work together with flashcards:
 - **Kindergarten:** Number recognition and counting
 - **Grades 1 & 2:** Adding & Subtracting
 - **Grades 3 & 4:** Multiplication
 - **Grades 5:** Division
- What Games Can We Play With Flashcards:
 - **Math War-** split the deck and flip one at a time higher number wins the set
 - **Math Memory-** flip upside down and try to match two answers
 - **Go Fish-** deal out 5 cards each and ask for a number
 - **Parking Lot-** write answers with lines (like a parking lot) on a piece of paper, and use a hot wheels car to park on the right answer (see picture)
 - **Flashlight-** hold up two cards and use a flashlight to point at the right answer



Support Staff

- **PLEASE DO NOT DROP CHILDREN OFF BEFORE 8:10. THERE IS SUPERVISION ON THE BLACKTOP AT 8:10AM.**
- Please submit doctors notes for excused tardies and absences.

Kindergarten

- Both classes have begun parent conferences. If you have not signed up for one yet, please contact your child's teacher.
- Congratulations to our students of the month - Kyle in Room 1 and Wilson in Room 5.
- Children have begun Eureka Module 2: Two and Three Dimensional Shapes
- Remaining letters of the alphabet will be introduced
- Continue practicing letter identification, letter sounds, and sight words at home

Grade One

- Congratulations to our Students of the Month: Aidan from Room 2 and Chassius from Room 3.
- We are continuing to work on Unit 2 in Wonders which focuses on Our Community. We will complete this unit before our winter break. Students will be taking the Unit 2 Assessment the week of December 18th.
- In Social Studies we are working on a mini unit: Then and Now. In this mini unit we will compare life now with life long ago. We will be discussing the First Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving today. We will also be examining transportation, clothing, and communication of today and long ago.

- In Math we have completed the Eureka Module 1 Assessment and have begun Module 2 titled Introduction to Place Value Through Addition and Subtraction Within 20. The focus of the module will be on place value.
- In Science, we have finished learning about patterns in the sky. We will continue to learn about seasons throughout the year. We will begin to learn about light and sound rays.
- Students should be reviewing reading vocabulary words, Foundation letter writing, and addition facts to 20.

Grade Two

- Congratulations to our Students of the Month! Zoe Gong in room 12 and Vaughn in room 4.
- We have begun Unit 2 in the Wonders Reading Program. The focus of the unit is: How animals play a part in the world around us?
- In writing, the children will focus on Informative/Explanatory writing. They will continue to work through the various stages of the writing process.
- In math, we are continuing to develop place value strategies to build fluency in two-digit addition and subtraction within 100.
- In social studies, we are studying how to be a good citizen in society.
- In science, we are learning about animals and their habitats.

Grade Three

- Congratulations to Jake in room 10 and Jack in room 11. They are students of the month!
- Our next unit in Social Studies will be looking at how history has affected our life today.

- Students are continuing to write 3 paragraph essays using different genres.
- Continue to practice multiplication tables nightly. We are beginning Module 3 in Eureka which includes properties of multiplication and division.

Grade Four

- Congratulations to the Students of the Month: Aiden in Room 7 and in B1
- Both classes are working in Unit 2 for Eureka, and Module 3 for Eureka Math.
- We working hard at our math facts in multiplication. Keep practicing nightly. Both classes will be focusing on division this month.
- In room 7, students are going to be working on a Northeast State Slideshow and will be presenting the week of the 19th. Also, study those states and capitals for an assessment Dec. 20th.

Grade Five

- In math, fifth graders are finishing our focus on multiplication and division with whole numbers and decimals.
- Students has finished their study of properties of matter for science.
- In social studies, grade five has studied Native American cultures and will be moving to early European exploration in the Americas.
- Grade 5 classes have finished the first unit of Wonders and are beginning Unit 2: Taking the Next Step.
- Congratulations to the students of the month: Aviel in Room 8 and William in Room B-2!

PTW

- Thank you to all of the families who have been so supportive of our school. We are grateful for your involvement and we hope to see you throughout the year!
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Kids Stuff fundraiser!
- Gingerbread Night is scheduled for Tuesday December 12th. PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ON THIS DATE, IT MAY SNOW ON TUESDAY (this note is from Principal DePalma)
- The Holiday Giving Shop will be December 12-15th. Students will be able to shop during the school day. Friday will be a make-up day.
- Thank you for the great attendance at the PTW meetings thus far! Here are the PTW meeting dates for the rest of the year: December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11. All meetings are at Waterman at 6:30pm. (this note from Principal DePalma)