December 2023

Paw Print Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary



ROCK STAR WINNERS!



A Note From the Principal

Coronado Family,

It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for four months! In November we got to do some exciting things at Coronado. We had our PTO student raffle, our staff Chili Cook Off, and our annual Big/Little Day! These events bring our staff and students closer and are looked forward to by all! During the month of December, our music programs and many other things provide inspiration and delight.

We are excited for the upcoming months and making Coronado the best place we can!

Tyler Burnett Principal, Coronado Elementary

NURSE NOTES

A few reminders to keep your family healthy this holiday season, as we enter flu season, Covid-19 is not our only concern:

The most important way to avoid illness is good handwashing! Hands should be washed after using the restroom, before preparing or eating food, and before and after touching your face.

A flu shot provides protection from many strains of the flu and is recommended by the CDC. The Covid-19 vaccine is now available for children as young as 6 months of age. Contact your child's physician for more information.

Prevent contact with those who are ill, and if you or your child are ill, stay home to prevent spreading illness.

I hope you all have a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year!

Nurse Jessica

ART

We've finally reached the month the students have all been waiting for! In October, they used the coil method to create their clay creations. Now that they have been dried and fired in the kiln, the students will be painting and putting the finishing touches on their masterpieces.

Bags will be designed with a gingerbread house theme, to package their works of art before being sent home. We hope you have enjoyed the art projects your children have brought home this semester. They love being creative as they experiment with a variety of art mediums and methods.





Science/Social Studies

For the short month of December, we are learning about some interesting topics with fun, hands-on learning in Science, Critical Thinking and Social Studies.

Science:

Kindergarten – Weather -Sunlight warms the earth, How could you walk barefoot across hot pavement without burning your feet? How could you warm up a frozen playground?

First Grade – Earth and Space Systems -Could a statue's shadow move? How can the sun help you if you are lost? What do shadows do when you aren't looking? When can you see the full moon? Why do the stars come out at night? Patterns in the sky. Four seasons and day length.

Second Grade – Earth Systems -Why is there sand at the beach? Where do flash floods happen? What's strong enough to make a canyon? How can you stop a landslide? Timescale of earth's events. Maps of earth's surface.

Third Grade – Earth Systems/Weather & Climate -Where do clouds come from? How can we predict when it is going to storm? Where's the best place to build a snow fort?

Fourth Grade – Earth Systems/Energy & Fossils -Will a mountain last forever? What did your town look like 100 million years ago? How could you survive a landslide?

Fifth Grade – Water and Land on Earth, How much water is in the world? When you turn on the faucet, where does the water go? How can you save a town from a hurricane? Water quality and distribution.

Critical Thinking/Social Studies:

Kindergarten & First Grade:

They are viewing short videos allowing them to use their critical thinking skills. They talk about how the characters are feeling and how they would deal with different situations that arise.

Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth:

- Learning how to connect the dots between ideas or concepts
- Solving problems
- Thinking creatively
- Applying knowledge in new ways

Students will view a photograph [Social Studies or Science related] and think about and answer the following questions:

- What is going on in this picture?
- What do you see that makes you say that?
- What more can you find?

Based on personal reflection and understanding, these skills assist students in determining how to understand the world around them. The students are also having fun with critical thinking puzzles and games as well as logic puzzles.

Library

Congratulations to Miss Lara's third grade class!!! Adi W. put her PTO raffle tickets into the drawing. Her winning ticket got her and her classmates a new book of their choice, a book mark and a Blow Pop to enjoy.



Since the beginning of the school year to the week right before Thanksgiving break, our Coronado Readers and Future Leaders have checked out a total of 8,428 books.

As we prepare to end the second quarter and spend some time on winter break, please know that any over due books will be turned into the office and fines will be added to Skyward accounts. If you find the book over break please bring it back to school and if there is no damage to the book, the fines for the book will be removed from the account. Thank you!

Library Media Speci

Coronado Elementary Cheryl V

Click here to view the Music Newsletter

Physical Education

Coronado Families,

December is here! Please make sure your student is dressed for the weather and has tennis shoes for PE days. Students should be drinking plenty of water and get lots of outdoor exercise.

In PE, we are going to be doing scooter hockey (K-2) and as well as floor hockey (3-5), as well as basketball.

December is a great month for family and togetherness. Plan fun outings and do it as a family, winter is coming and the long cold weeks will limit our time outside.

Thanks,

Max Iselin Coronado PE

Counselor Notes

Attention fourth and fifth grade parents/guardians;

Demonstrating kindness is a life-long skill that not only helps others to feel good, but it promotes a genuine feeling of happiness to those who initiate the kind acts. Beginning in January 2024, Coronado is starting a "**Kindness Crew**" which will be open to any fourth or fifth grader who want to attend. The goal of the Kindness Crew is to create a positive, caring environment within our school and promote random acts of kindness. During our time together, I will be presenting a brief lesson on kindness and then we will focus on completing a specific kindness project for the school.

The Kindness Crew will meet after school, once a month, from 3:30 - 4:15 in the library. The dates scheduled are on Tuesdays: January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2 and May 7. Transportation home will be the responsibility of the parents. Students will be dismissed out the front door.

Please be looking for a permission slip to come home with your student in December. Students may not attend the after school "Kindness Crew" without a permission slip.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Shirley Luce, Coronado School Counselor 785-309-4156 <u>shirley.luce@usd305.com</u> We want to showcase all the amazing things our Coronado students are doing outside of the school. Please submit a Photo or small drawing of your student doing something they love. Share a short blurb about what they are doing! Photos will be shared on a bulletin board in the Main Entrance!

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Graders

Scan the QR Code or go to this site: https://formfacade.com/sm/P1WpK1hk

December 2023 & January 2024

December Calendar

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1 - Rock Rally 1:30 p.m.

6 - PTO 6:00 p.m.

7 - First Grade Concert 6:00 p.m. Second Grade Concert 6:45 p.m. December 20 - January 3 Winter Recess



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