

Lake Forest South Elementary

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Dear Lake Forest South Families,

As winter approaches, the weather turns colder, the amount of daylight decreases, and our students eagerly anticipate the events of the holiday season. The hustle and bustle of shopping, family gatherings, and community events make December one of the most awaited months in the calendar. Remember, the greatest and most lasting gift we can give our children is a love of learning. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Mr. Owens and Ms. Wright

**Seasons Greetings**

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, December 4th- Friday, December 8th

Holiday Shop

Tuesday, December 5th

Winter Concert- 6:45pm-LFHS

Thursday, December 7th

Interims Issued

Tuesday, December 12th

PTO Meeting- 6:00pm

Thursday, December 14th

1st Grade Field Trip-Loblolly Acres-9:00a-noon

Friday, December 15th

Family Fun Night-6:00pm

Tuesday, December 19th

Chorus Caroling Around Town- 9:30a-10:30a

Thursday, December 21st

PBS Event

Friday, December 22nd – Monday, January 1st

No School- Winter Break

Parent Teacher Organization

The Lake Forest South PTO would like to thank everyone that participated in our Penny War. Students were able to raise over \$1,880.00. **Congratulations to our grade level winners. First grade accumulated the most points, while second grade raised the largest amount of money.** Our next meeting will be December 12th at 6:00p.m. Any questions or concerns, the PTO can be contacted at lfsppto@gmail.com.



Please continue to collect the box tops as it greatly supports Lake Forest South.

Counselor's Corner

The month of November focused on the concept of gratitude. Gratitude is showing others that you have seen how they have helped you. Additionally, students learned that showing gratitude does not require money or the giving of a gift. Simply, using your manners or taking care of the things people give you or allow you to use is an excellent way to show appreciation and gratitude. All classes focused on taking a few minutes to show an adult in the building how they have made a difference in their lives here at South. Students were encouraged to reach out to prior teachers, custodians, support staff, and all other adults who have enriched their experience at school. Students were asked to pick an adult in the building and write them a letter to express their gratitude. Letters were placed in their mailboxes as an unexpected surprise which really brought smiles to many staff members faces.

The month of December, guidance lessons will be focused on the concept of generosity. Additionally, Child Abuse Delaware will be providing lessons to all students during related arts during the week of December 11th-15th. The presenter, Carly Twilley of Child Abuse DE, will be providing age-appropriate information in regards to abuse of all natures. Within the next week, you will be receiving more detailed information regarding the presentation. If after you have received the information you have additional questions, please feel free to call me at ext. 116 or email me at spball@lf.k12.de.us.

Additional notes and requests—Just a reminder that it is important to write your child's name on anything they bring to school. As someone in breakfast duty, I have noticed as the weather has gotten colder, more students are wearing hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, etc. Oftentimes they are being left behind in the cafeteria and never claimed. When a student leaves an unmarked item (hat, gloves, bookbag, lunch box, etc.) in the cafeteria—it often sits in the lost and found for the rest of the year. Thanks so much!

Kindergarten News

Our first marking period has come to an end and the month of November has flown by. Christmas will soon be upon us! The Kindergarteners have been continuing to work hard on the sight words they learned the first marking period and the new ones being introduced weekly. Please remember to practice at home every night with your child. Many of our students have now mastered their letters & sounds and were awarded for their hard work during our 1st marking period awards. We hope to give out several more of those awards in the 2nd marking period. All of our students should be able to recognize and write their numbers to 20 by now. We will

begin our geometry & measurement unit the first week of December. Continue to practice writing those numbers to 20 and counting to 100. The students count each day we have been in school and we are over 50 days in now! Less than 50 days to go until our big 100th Day celebration! Thank you to all of those parents who came out for parent conferences. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

The Kindergarten Team

First Grade News

In Reading, first graders have been continuing to work on phonics and comprehension skills. This month we are really working on our retelling skills. When you are reading at home, ask your student the following questions:

- ✓ What happened at the beginning of the story?
- ✓ What happened in the middle of the story?
- ✓ What was the problem?
- ✓ How was the problem solved?
- ✓ What happened at the end of the story?

Please continue to help your child study their sight words each night. Sight words are so important in helping children become strong readers. The next Sight Word Challenge will be happening before Winter Break!

Students have been doing a wonderful job on the Math Fact Challenge. Please keep practicing the flash cards and be on the lookout for more flashcards that will be sent home as the year progresses.

We are very excited about our field trip on Thursday, December 14th. Please make sure that if you signed up to pack a lunch from home that you do so on that day. Please dress appropriately for the weather that day, as the majority of our trip will be spent outside.

Second Grade News

The holidays are already here...it's that time of year when minds begin to wonder. Everyone is getting busy and your second grader is going to need a little extra support this time of year to stay on track for success. Please remember to take the time to check those homework folders, practice those spelling words and ask about their day!

In reading, we are continuing of 2nd unit of the year... Non-Fiction Text Features and how to use them. Words like TABLE OF CONTENTS, INDEX, GLOSSARY, BOLD PRINT WORDS, will become common place and we learn about many different kinds of animals and places. Non-fiction text is written by authors to inform, and we will certainly be getting lots of information in December.

In math, we have just begun our double digit addition regrouping unit. In the upcoming month, will begin to learn how to subtract double digit numbers with regrouping. This will be a completely new topic for many of our second graders. Get ready to hear the chant "MORE ON TOP DON'T STOP...MORE ON THE FLOOR, GO NEXT DOOR!" Our goal as second grade teachers is to teach your child many different strategies to help them use their brains to answer math problems. This should be an exciting math adventure.

In science, we said good-bye to the many insect friends that we met during our insect unit. We will be exploring technology next...bridge technology in particular. We will become engineers as we design different types of bridges! This is a hands-on unit that many of your children will thoroughly enjoy. It not only challenges their brains but their stamina as well!

Second grade Social Studies classes will have students looking at the different ways the world celebrates the holidays. Different strokes for different folks across the world! What better way to get along with other people than to learn about their cultures and traditions. We will also be looking at maps and globes and learning the oceans, continents, landforms and climates of the world. We will certainly be busy!

December is a fascinating month, but it usually is very cold. Please make sure your child has at least a winter coat to keep them warm. A hat and some gloves will surely help too! If you need help obtaining a winter coat for your child, please send a note to your teacher. Winter coat assistance is available! All the second grade teachers at Lake Forest South Elementary hope you and your family have a happy holiday season however you choose to celebrate! Thank you all for your support!

Third Grade News

Our 3rd graders are working through the unit on Informational Text, learning about how text features and text structure help make it easier to understand a text, and how an author's point of view can be identified using details from the text. In Math we're using our new multiplication strategies to learn all about Area. Many of our students have worked, on their own, to memorize times tables and we have some healthy competitions going on in some classes to keep track of who has been able to move on to the bigger numbers. We had a great field trip to Killen's Pond to learn more about water in the environment, and Social Studies is all about maps and globes. The Winter Concert is always a popular event at the high school in December, and before we know it we'll be celebrating the start of Winter Break with our PJs and Movie PBS event!

From the Reading Specialist



December is a very busy month for everyone. There will be lots of traveling and time away from school. Educational apps are an easy way to keep students learning while away from school. Below are a list of apps that can be used based on the skills your child needs.

Phonics:



abc Pocket Phonics



ABCMouse.com



Articulation Station

Spelling:



Rocket Speller



Spelling Bee

Comprehension:





November

Kindergarten

- ❖ Aeryanna Bowman
- ❖ Colton Parson
- ❖ Danny Messick
- ❖ Braelyn Hopkins
- ❖ Daryian Green
- ❖ Ta'Laya Evans
- ❖ Luke Gustafson
- ❖ Nevaeh Moore
- ❖ Ta'lynn Oglesby
- ❖ Jialhial Taylor

First Grade

- ❖ Carl Mullins
- ❖ Taniyah Robbins
- ❖ Rory Copple
- ❖ Silas Collins
- ❖ Brandon Bailey
- ❖ Paige McKenzie
- ❖ Da'niel Kpou
- ❖ Bailey McMullen
- ❖ Dylan Walls
- ❖ Londyn Boone
- ❖ Delaney Antonik

Second Grade

- ❖ Temperance Thornley
- ❖ Melody Dennis
- ❖ Katherine Grose
- ❖ Connor Maloney-Merlo
- ❖ Nolan Dunn
- ❖ Abby Robinson
- ❖ Aydin Speleos
- ❖ Arion Tinley
- ❖ Carmela Pierson
- ❖ Flynn Mucha
- ❖ Damion Soriano
- ❖ Allie Rittacco

Third Grade

- ❖ Trey Wright
- ❖ Brooklyn Smith
- ❖ Samuel Norwood
- ❖ Ava Miller
- ❖ Savannah Messick
- ❖ Austin Dean
- ❖ Juliette Carman
- ❖ Josephine Hughes
- ❖ Liam Duffy
- ❖ Aubrey Lopez
- ❖ Vanessa Lopez