

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023

Cottonwood School



Upcoming Events

12/11 - Costumes are due!

12/12- Dress Rehearsal at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center **Pick up at Center at 3:15.**

12/13 - Drop off for Dress Rehearsal at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center at **8:15**

12/14 - Winter Program at 5:30 at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center

12/15 - Baking Cookies 1:00-3:00

12/18- Ice Skating PE at Fairgrounds 1:00-2:00 Then head to Public Library. **Pick at Library at 3:00.**

12/18 - Email receipt are due for Bridger ski trips grades 1-5

12/20-1/2 - Winter Break
See you back at school on 1/3!

1/8- Ski day at Bridger for 1st-5th
No School for K

Winter Program

The students are diligently practicing to be ready to perform "A Charlie Brown Christmas" play and our music program. They are putting in a lot of time and dedication, and will be helping to produce the props and the sets. We are so proud of them and we assure you will be too.

There are **two dress rehearsals** scheduled:

Tuesday, December 12th at 12:30 and Wednesday, December 13th at 8:15. These will be held at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center (145 Mill St. Gallatin Gateway). Please **pick up at 3:15 on 12/12 and drop off at center at 8:15 on 12/13.**

The Winter Program will be held on **December 14th** at 5:30 at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center. Please note that the time has changed to 5:30.

Please **arrive at 5:15** so children can get dressed! The program will begin right away with the play. We will continue with the music program with a chance to change. We look forward to seeing you and all your family in the audience!

Costumes

We are looking for costumes (see list that went home on Monday, 11/27). Please let other families know if you have a certain costume or parts of it. Please read the descriptions it does not have to look exactly like the pictures. All costumes need to be here at school on **Monday, 12/11.** Please make sure your child has **shoes** that goes with the costume.

PE Ski Trips (1st-5th)

This year registration will be online again. You will receive an email with the steps soon. Please email the sale receipt back to us by 12/18. For more info on the days of skiing, see the upcoming January newsletter!

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Classroom News



The short month of December will be busy. We will be working on perfecting the play and practicing the music program every day, as well as making props and scenes on some afternoons. This is a very exciting and exhausting time of year. Please help your child to be successful by making sure they get plenty of sleep. Also remind your child to wash their hands frequently, we need all of our actors to be healthy.

Lower Elementary

In math first graders will be exploring more abstract regrouping subtraction and simple multiplication with the materials. Elapsed time will be one the focus of second grade studies amongst word problems and checker board. Kindergarten will continue the measurements of time with half hour and will be exploring numbers with the one hundred chain. Please keep **practice addition and subtraction facts within 20 (2nd) within 10 (1st)** at home too! Please **read** a lot **during the break**.

In language we will be talking about antonyms and continuing on adjectives, conjunctions, and on blends (in K). Second grade will finish apostrophes and learn more rules of singular and plural forms of words. In writing we will be composing letters to Santa and learning the format of it. K will explore word families, sentences, and heart words.

In Social Studies K will be learning about carnivores / herbivores. Second grade will write more reports about United States' animals and landmarks. We will all learn and review land and water forms.

We will also be talking about December/January holiday celebrations around the world.

We will finish our Great lessons series with exploring different number system and writing numbers from past and present cultures.

Upper Elementary

In Upper Elementary students are excited for winter and looking forward to our Winter Program. In **math**, 3rd graders will be solving multi step word problems and looking at scaled graphs. 4th graders will be working on solving division problems without material and then they will be starting with area and perimeter. 5th graders will be working on multiplying and dividing decimals and fractions. In **ELA**, 3rd graders will be looking at themes of different texts as well as comparing and contrasting these texts. In grammar they will be looking at linking verbs. 4th graders will be looking at how the sequence of events affects a story and looking at graphic features. In grammar they will be looking at adjectives and prepositional phrases. 5th graders will be looking at facts and opinions in different texts as well as drawing conclusions by using text evidence. In grammar they will be continuing their advanced study of verbs. We will be doing fewer spelling and writing lessons during December to allow for enough time for play practice. All students will be sharing their creative writing pieces. **December reading logs will be coming home for students to record books they read at home, these need to be signed and brought back to school when we come back from winter break.** Students will be wrapping up all their work they have done with geography. 3rd graders will finish North/South America and 5th graders Asia/Europe continent activities. 4th graders will be finishing up the Southeast region to complete their knowledge of all 50 state's locations, capitals, and abbreviations.