



NEW SARPY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mudbug Monthly

Dear Mudbug Families,

It's hard to believe it's December already. The end of 2023 is drawing near and that means our school year is almost half way over. At New Sarpy Elementary School, we have been working hard and staying kind, repeatedly. I'm always on the lookout for students and adults modeling these life long, important attributes and trust me, it is not hard to find on this campus! I am so proud of our students and faculty for living our motto. This year we have been teaching a way to "stay kind" by using Muddy's Manners.

This year's Muddy's Manners focus is on the following:

- When responding to any adult, you must answer by saying "Yes ma'am" or "No ma'am" and "Yes, sir" or "No, sir."
- Always say "please" when requesting something.
- Always say "thank you" when you are given something.
- Always be responsible for trash, even if it is not your trash.

I hope you are noticing at home! I know this will have a ripple effect for years to come!

NSE is excited to announce that we will be hosting Merry Mingle with Muddy! This is fun-filled family night and all families are invited. We will have a performance by all 1st grade students along with other entertainment and much more! There will be games, food, selfies, and cheer to share with all. We hope you can join us for this community building event. We know how excited our students get when their families get to come to school! We look forward to kicking off the holiday season on this night and hope to see you all!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Matherne



PK is So Sweet

PK is in Theme 4 "Compare and Contrast." We are learning about living/non-living things, real and make-believe, and the characteristics of Fairy Tales. We will generate rhyming words and learn about opposites. In Math, we will compare and contrast shapes and the size of objects. We want to wish all of our Mudbug families a Happy Holiday Season!

Terrific Times in Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a great November! We enjoyed our grade level Thanksgiving Feast down our hallway, helped United Way by enjoying a very competitive Penny War, and ran in a Fun Run to raise money for our school! Thank you for all of your support as we couldn't have had these activities without your help! In December, we will start focusing on those skills that need strengthening such as writing, reading, and letter sounds. We will continue learning our letter sounds and practice putting them together to read words. In Math, we will continue comparing lengths and move into comparing numbers. We hope you and your family have happy and safe holidays!

Fabulous 1st Graders

Our First Graders are thankful for the donations our school received during the month of November. The students enjoyed the Penny Wars fundraiser for The United Way organization, as well as the Boosterthon Fun Run! The students exchanged their silver coins with other classrooms, in order to raise the most money with pennies. The monies donated for the Fun Run will purchase equipment and other needs and/or wants for the students at our school. Meanwhile, the learning continued in our classrooms. In English Language Arts, the students began their new Unit 3 reader, Fables. The unit focuses on the following sounds - /oo/ as in soon, /oo/ as in look, /oi/, /aw/, and /ou/. These sounds will be written in words throughout the text. The newly introduced sounds will appear in dark bold letters throughout the reader to support students with applying the sounds when reading. In Math, our First Graders are working with friendly number 10. With this strategy, students make a ten to add numbers up to 20. Ask your little learner to share more information about this skill during their homework time at home.

Sensational 2nd Graders

Second grade students are having a blast applying all of their newly learned, and previously learned concepts. In Math, students are adding to their knowledge about place value as well as applying adding and subtraction strategies. In English Language Arts, students are listening to stories about "The War of 1812" and learning how to write persuasive pieces. Students are reading "The Job Hunt" in English Language Arts, and in each story, they are applying their code knowledge. Mudbugs are going to explore New York City through their reader, too!



Library News



Our Bookfair will be held December 4—December 11.

Please continue reading books and filling out tickets for our Reader of the Month contest. For November and December, we will combine the reader of the month contest.

You may print extra tickets on the NSE library web page, or students may grab extra tickets from the library.

I hope you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! Remember, books make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers :)



READ



THE COUNSELOR CORNER NEWS



December is National Universal Human Rights month. Universal human rights mean that every human has the right to be treated equally and with justice. The “Hot Topic” word, respect, means to be considerate towards something or someone. By showing respect towards others we are valuing their human rights.

There are certain ways that we can show respect while here at school.

- Listening to all teachers and staff.
- Helping peers, who are having trouble, are hurt, or feeling sad.
- Sharing with others.
- Being a good sport in PE, on the playground, and during any competitions by using kind actions and words.
- Following the rules of the school. (Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe)

By doing these five simple tasks each and every day, the school, as a group, can become more respectful towards others. You can also show respect at home and in public places by doing the same five things.

If you are a respectful student, it will benefit you throughout your life and will help you have positive attitudes about school.

I want to wish all of our New Sarpy Parents and Students a Happy Holiday Season.

Your Counselor,

Mrs. Johnson

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Nurse News

FIRE PREVENTION FOR KIDS



December is an important month to review fire safety and prevention. It is a common time of the year when heaters, stoves, candles and holiday decorations are running more frequently. Kids are curious about fire. Teaching your children about fire hazards, as well as practicing a fire escape plan with your family, can help prevent accidents and injuries.

Working smoke alarms reduce the chances of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent. Consider installing a smoke alarm that has a 10-year battery. Test batteries every six months.

Teach kids never to play with matches, lighters or fireworks. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and always blow them out when you leave the room or before you go to sleep. Teach older kids not to use candles in their bedrooms, unless supervised by an adult.

Use common sense in the kitchen. Limit distractions when cooking and don't leave a hot oven or stovetop unattended. Move household items, such as wooden spoons and dish towels, away from fire sources. Have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of emergency, and make sure you know how it works. You might be surprised that most people don't know how to use one.

Children should know how to respond to the sound of a smoke alarm. Teach them to get low and get out when they hear it. A child who is coached properly ahead of time will have a better chance to be safe. Practice feeling the door, doorknob and cracks around the door with the back of your hand to see if they are too hot. Help your children practice this step.

Together, have your family plan and practice a home fire escape plan with two ways out of your house in case of a fire. It is important to have an alternate exit in case one is blocked by fire.

If you cannot safely escape your home or apartment, keep smoke out of the room by covering vents and cracks around the door and call 911 or your fire department as quickly as possible. Then signal for help at the window with a light-colored cloth or a flashlight.

To prevent possible fires, avoid plugging several appliance cords into the same electrical socket. If using gasoline-powered devices, store gasoline in a locked location where children cannot access it. Keep only small quantities in an approved container that has child safety features.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions, concerns or discussions.

Your School Nurse, Jamie Byrd, RN, BSN Jbyrd1@stcharles.k12.la.us

Have a safe and blessed Christmas break.

LITERACY LEARNING

**Each student will received a practice packet to keep thier literacy skills sharp during the 2 week holiday break.
Please take a few minutes most days during the break to support your child's literacy success!**



November Students of the Month



Fun Run



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 1st & 2nd Grade Artsperi- ence Holiday or Spirit Shirt Day	2
3 Norco CHRISTMAS Parade	4 Playgroup	5 Volunteer Day	6 Merry Mingle with Muddy 5:00 to 6:30 	7	8 Holiday or Spirit Shirt Day	9
10	11 Playgroup	12	13	14	15 Holiday or Spirit Shirt Day	16
17 	18 Playgroup	19	20	21 In-Class Holiday Celebrations Early Dismissal 12:45 Pajama Day!	22	23 
24 <div>31</div>	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Holidays December 22st-January 5th						