

Davis School Caper Paper

Davis Elementary School

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Davis School Mission

It is our goal at Davis School that all students, regardless of differences, develop and progress intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically through learning as a partnership between school, home and community.

Coming Events

- December 10 PTA Craft fair from 10 – 12
- December 16 Mrs. Goachee's PreK classes – Wreath making day 8:30 – 9:30 am & 1:00 – 2:00 pm.
- December 21 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- December 22 School Wide PJ & Movie Day
- Dec 23–Jan 2 **No School** - Christmas Vacation
- January 16 **No School** – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Reading is the foundation of success in school...and in life.



Merry Christmas

The ability to read and write is necessary to master other subjects and to communicate what is learned. Even more important, children who enjoy reading will continue to learn and grow throughout their lives. Reading is one of the most inexpensive and readily available forms of education and entertainment.

Parents have an important role to play in helping their children become better readers. You know your child better than anyone else, so you can help him/her choose books that meet his own special interests. You can offer encouragement and support.

Research shows **reading aloud** to your child is probably the most important thing you can do to encourage your child's reading success. Helping children learn to love reading will pay off better than nearly anything else parents can do to help their children do well in school!

News from the Grades

PREKINDERGARTEN

Tis The Season!

Mrs. Goachee's Third Annual Christmas Wreath Workshop:

Mrs. Goachee's Pre-k class will be welcoming Mr. Bonesteel of Bonesteel's Gardening Center to make Christmas wreaths with her PreK children and their families on Friday, December 16. Mr. Bonesteel will give a brief history of wreaths and teach each family how to assemble them using several types of materials including: Cedar, Douglas Pine, Balsam, Fir, and was a huge success and we are looking forward to another successful event! Merry Christmas!



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

YOUNG FIVES



The children in the Young Fives class found many different things when they looked inside their stockings.

Alexus found a toy airplane, a helicopter and a car.

Ashley found a toy dog, a candy cane and a baby doll.

Christopher found a toy truck, race cars, a hammer, a tape measure and screws.

Cody found SpongeBob glasses, a red Sweet Ride Car and a little calendar.

Cole found a toy kitty, a new toothbrush and a little dragon that makes sounds and shoots fire.

Connor found a candy cane, blocks and a SpongeBob game.

Elijah found a race car, a little sandbox and peppermint candy.

Gracelyn found a Lalaloopsy Doll, a Scooby Doo movie and a small toy Smurf.

Isaac found a Spider-Man car, a truck and a monkey puppet.

Kyle found a little dirt bike, a skeleton mask and a race car.

Laura found a Barbie doll, a candy cane and a Barbie phone.

Logan found a little race car that zooms all around, a button that turns into a monster truck and a mouse for his daddy's computer.

Mackenzie found a book, a toy telephone and crayons.

Samuel found an Incredibles movie, an Imaginext Dinosaur and a Star Wars toy robot.

Savannah found makeup, a ball and a baby doll.

Shawn found a helicopter, a remote control car and batteries.

Trent found cotton candy, gum and one big red apple.

KINDERGARTEN

In Mrs. Wescott's Kindergarten class, the students share what they are thankful for.

I am Thankful for. . .

Madison Gaurin – my dog

Thomas Nesbitt – bowling with Papa

Brady Bashaw – my mom bringing me to the bowling alley

Piper Lessor – my mom and dad

Meah Buntz - singers

Owen Humiston - food

Clairelynn Owen – helping people

Rian Jarvis – the feast

Makhilee LaGrave – my mom and dad

Genevieve Robideau – my brother, my sister, my mom, my dad and my cat

Dylan Keating - toys

Makenzie Henderson – playing with my dog, Harley

Kaleb Stillman – my brother, my sister, my mom and my dad

Alexsis Follett – my baby brother

Jahna-Rae Debyah – my grandma

Morgan Bombard – my mom and dad

Carson West – my cat

Lily Saumier – my brother

Elijah LaBrake – my family

Ashlynn Dear – my teacher

GRADE ONE

Mrs. Bordeaux, Mrs. Croteau, Mrs. Dabiew, Mrs. Finnegan, Mrs. LaBare, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Perez & Mrs. Tillinghast students have been working hard over the first few months of school. First graders have many skills to learn and develop in reading and math. Many thanks for helping at home by reading to and with your child. Parental support is a key factor in making a difference in your child's school success.



As we head into the winter months, the students will be learning about various holiday traditions celebrated around the world. This is a wonderful way to learn about the diverse customs that are observed and how they relate to traditions celebrated in the United States. We will share many stories from the author Jan Brett, who depicts unique holiday customs in her writing. Throughout this joyous season, it is always so heartwarming to see the kindness that the students have for each other and their families.



Please remember as the chilly weather approaches the students will need to have a winter coat, ski pants, boots, hat, and mittens for outdoor play. The children enjoy going outside for some fresh air and fitness. Thank you for sending these winter items in.

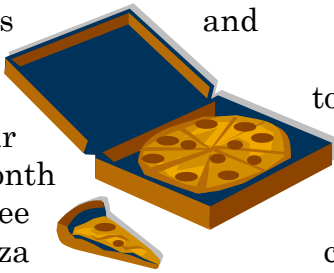
To all of our 1st Grade Families ~ **Happy Holidays and all the Best in 2012!!** From the 1st Grade teachers.

GRADE TWO

With the cold month of November nearly finished, the students in Mrs. McGovern's Class are settling in for the long winter ahead. The Harcourt Reading and Language Arts Program and the Saxon Phonics Program are going very well. We are settling into a routine and learning a lot of words. In Writing, we are writing paragraphs and learning about main idea and details. We are also learning how to retell stories and how to check for understanding when reading a story.

Thank you for the help with the Saxon Math homework. Checking it over at home and putting your initials at the top of the sheet is very helpful. Making corrections at home also helps our morning go very smoothly.

A reminder of the Book-It! Program that runs each month through March. Reading a few minutes each night will help develop good habits and fluency. Students are encouraged to return the calendar at the end of the month to receive a free personal pan pizza certificate from Pizza Hut. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile and motivating program.



It was great to meet with so many parents at report card conference time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call anytime.

Have a fantastic holiday season!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The classes were introduced to different types of locomotor skills. We also completed stations to reinforce our throwing and catching.



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Each station strengthened the children's throwing through repetition and constant reminding of stepping with the correct foot and having their eyes on the target. With our catching we encourage the children to catch using their hands and keeping their eyes on the ball.

Some classes did a fitness/nature walk which incorporated a lesson in why the leaves change color, why geese fly south and different types of trees. Some of the students practiced their soccer skills. They worked on passing, shooting, trapping, dribbling and throwing.

Our next unit will be a health and fitness unit. Students will learn about different aspects of nutrition and the food pyramid. The students will perform exercise stations to strengthen their hearts, lungs, and muscles.

We would like to encourage all students to wear warm coats, hats during recess.



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MUSIC NEWS



by Mrs. West

With December and January comes winter weather and some great holiday tunes. We will be singing about the snow and ice while working on all our singing, dancing, and instrument playing skills. Songs with which we are familiar, like some Christmas carols make great opportunities for spicing things up with all the extras like dances and instruments. We have a great dance we love to add to Jingle Bells and instruments really help illustrate the words to Up on the Housetop.

Some of our second graders are going to use this time to study the composer Piotr Ilyitch Tchaikovsky and his famous ballet, The Nutcracker. We will learn the story that is told through the dancing and add dances of our own to some of the music. The Nutcracker is a great holiday classic which we love to learn about.

Kindergarten keeps moving along with letters. Our music alphabet is filling in quickly while we sing some great songs and learn all about lots of different instruments. Be sure to ask your child what instrument begins with their letter of the week.

Following vacation, our first grade and second grade students will be getting down to serious music making and practice that our annual concert requires. We will be learning new songs and adding all the extras which make our concerts so enjoyable.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Davis School concerts. They are coming up very soon. Once again, the Kindergarten concert will be held on March 29th. The First Grade students will be performing on February 15th followed by the 2nd grade students on the evening of February 16th.

Enjoy the holidays!!!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By Andree Tower

Welcome to the World of Kimochis

The school year is off to a great start! This year, a new character education program is being introduced which emphasizes the importance of social-emotional learning. This new program uses ***Kimochis***... Toys with feelings inside. ***Kimochi*** means "feelings" in Japanese. This new curriculum is based on research that tells us that a strong social-emotional learning foundation is essential to academic and life success. Throughout the school year, I will be visiting classrooms using ***Kimochis*** characters. These child friendly toys teach real-life skills, such as communication, self-management, decision-making, problem-solving, resilience and responsibility. These are the skills that help us all become successful in life and in school. When children learn to communicate their feelings effectively, they build confidence, self-esteem, and strong relationships. Each ***Kimochis*** character has a special pocket where students can store their "***Kimochis***"- or feelings. Adding ***Kimochis*** and the accompanying feelings lessons to the school day will give students a focused, safe time to learn to identify and express feelings, work through conflicts and build the foundations for social and emotional intelligence.

For more information about this new program or any other school counseling questions/concerns, please contact Mrs. Andree Tower @ 483-7802.

Happy Holidays!



ART NEWS

By Mrs. McCauley

Kindergarten:

The kindergarten students have been very busy learning about farms and barnyards. We have made a cow collage and a big red barn with hens and roosters. Our next project will be all about sheep. We will be using cotton batting to make the woolly texture of the sheep. Lastly, we will be making a pig in the mud. With each lesson we will be using different art supplies and reading different barnyard stories. The kids really enjoyed reading “Click, Clack, Moo” and Gigggle, Gigggle, Quack” by Doreen Cronin.



Sheep

By Brittlyn Lewis

Young 5:

The young 5 students have recently finished making a Horse, stencil painting, for letter “H” and a Pig Collage for letter “P”. Our next letter is “A”. We will be making an ant hill filled with ants! With each lesson, we review the letter and its’ sound, and then follow the project with a story that relates to the letter of the week.

Grade 1:

Our First Graders Have just finished making Seascapes and Cityscapes. Our Seascapes were done in the Impressionistic style, using paint. The cityscapes were a great way to practice our cutting, folding and gluing skills. We also did some coloring in the sky areas using construction paper crayons. We are now learning the science of color mixing. We have been talking about

Primary and secondary colors and how to create them using paint. The kids learned about “ROY G. BIV” to remember the order of the rainbow and painted a rainbow of their

own. We will also be starting our workbooks soon to learn about color theory.



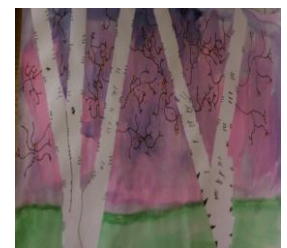
By Alaska Lilloock

Grade 2:

The second grade students are working on a birch tree painting, in which they used a technique called “making tape resist.” They did such a beautiful job with this project. It took three art days to complete, and each day we completed a different part of the project. In our next lesson, we will be learning about the stained glass art work of Louis Comfort Tiffany. We will be making our own faux-stained glass pieces using a variety of art materials. This is a messy, quick and very fun activity! ☺



By Emma Perez



By Dawson Miletich

☆Thank you Davis boys and girls for doing such a great job! I’m proud of you all!

PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Physical Therapy Department
Says...

*Live Smart: Get up and get
moving...Accept the PT Department
challenge!!!!*

Are you living smart? Tell us how you are feeling about the challenge so far. Is there anything we can help you with? We would love feedback from you so drop us a line and let us know how you are doing with the challenge.

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THIRD CHALLENGE:

Crunches

1. Lie down on the floor on your back with your knees bent, placing your hands behind your head or across your chest.
2. Tighten your stomach muscles by pulling your belly button in towards your spine, flattening your lower back against the floor.
3. Slowly contract your abdominals, bringing your shoulder blades about one or two inches off the floor.
4. Exhale as you come up, keeping your neck straight and your chin up.
5. At the top of the movement perform a 3-5 second hold, breathing continuously throughout.
6. Slowly lower the shoulder blades back down, not relaxing all the way.
7. Repeat for 10 to 20 repetitions utilizing proper form for each rep.

8. To add variation, bring your knees in at the same time you lift your upper body off the floor (full body crunch).
9. To make it more difficult you can perform your crunches while balancing on an exercise ball, combining the strengthening component with a balance component.

Tips:

1. To keep your neck in proper alignment, place your fist under your chin to keep your head from moving.
2. Keep your back flat against the floor throughout the entire movement.
3. If your back arches, prop your feet on a step or platform to make it easier.

At this point your routine should consist of:

Push-Ups: 10-20 repetitions, 2 sets

Back Extensions: 10-20 repetitions, 2 sets

Crunches: 10-20 repetitions, 2 sets

Fair well and good luck my friends! We look forward to sharing our fourth challenge with you in the month of February. Keep up the good work! Don't forget to show us your "Live Smart" sign in the hallways (i.e., Arms sweep up to the sky, cross arms at wrists, and we will shoot you a sign in return).



Accept The PT Challenge!

DAVIS VIPS



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to your family from the Davis School Family

Please stop by and see our Davis VIP Bulletin Board in the lobby. Read about each student to find out what makes him/her special. Following are our recent VIP's:

Week of 10/31 – 11/04 are: *Evan White, Brady Hopkinson;*

Week of 11/07 – 11/10 are: *Michaela Blow, Alyx St. Hilaire, Dominic St. Hilaire, Natalia Valentino;*

Week of 11/14 – 11/18 are: *Victoria Crossman, Ricardo Davis, Jason Hastings, Luella Lawrence, Morghan Mulverhill, Elizabeth Niles, Emma Perez, Dominic St. Hilaire, Hannah Spicer.*

Week of 11/28 – 12/2 are: *Shyreasha Cayea, Morgan Keith, Bryce Palmer, Jeremy Lamitie, Vail St. Hilaire, Brookie Danussi, Collin MacDonald, Brian Cahn, Adrianna Earle, Keagan Preston, Eli Race, Khrystea Spinner*



December Birthdays

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Ayden Abare
Mitchell Ashlaw
Rachel Baker
Alexander Barney
Alyssa Barney
Alyssa Benware
Autumn Boardway
Miriam Brooks
Alyssa Brown
Angelina Buckson
Cassandra Comstock
Mary Cota
William Crossman
Lucille Curtin
Jordon Dear
Braedan Fish
Blake Gale
Trenton Garcia
Logan Hoseler
Logan Hull
David Jewtraw
Aleksa Keeler
Brandon King
Carter King

Hunter LaBarr
Alexander LaBrake
Austin LaBrake
Ethan LaVare
Kylie Lord
Jayson Marlow
Carley McElwain
MaKenna Monette
Cooper Monette
Ethel Murzin
Brian Nolette
James Palmer, Jr
Marisol Perez
Tyler Recore
Brady Riley
Lacie Robideau
Paige Savoir
Brady Sherwin
Jacob Smith
Hayden Sousie
Bryn Traynor
Kennedy Way
Madison Whipple
Zackery Winters