

SOLWAY TIGER'S TOP NEWS



SOLWAY'S PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

There is NO SCHOOL on January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

January 25th is Friday Night Live 6:00-8:00.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Hope everyone had a great winter break. Our new year has started with Solway students eager to learn. We are gearing up for mid-year testing. The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) will be given again in January to review student progress so classroom and small group interventions can be adjusted as needed.

It has been an unusual winter with temperatures changing between warm and cold. Please keep in mind that students are outside for up to a half an hour before school and at recess. It continues to be cold when they are outside for these extended periods. They need warm coats, hats, gloves, snowpants, and boots. Please be sure that students are dressed appropriately.

Have a great January.
Tami

MRS. WRIGHT'S & MS. KELLER'S KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten January Newsletter:

Hello Kindergarten parents and guardians! We hope you had a happy holiday break and have started off 2019 on a positive note.

After such a long break from school, we are coming back with a lot of reminders, practicing, and modeling of how to be kindergarteners once again. We are also taking some time to review what we have learned already this year.



This month we are looking forward to learning about winter and snow and doing some fun crafts to go along with those themes. We are also welcoming our Peacemaker Resources representative, Stacy back into our classrooms for five more weeks of social-emotional lessons. These lessons are so helpful to use when we have problems to solve, need to take a break, or need help understanding how we are feeling. We feel very fortunate for the opportunity to have Peacemakers in our school. Some things to continue working on at home are: sight words, letter names and sounds, number recognition, and segmenting phonemes (ex: 'Cat' would be broken up into three sounds, C-A-T). We are also delving into addition and subtraction, so telling story problems with household items is a great way to reinforce that learning.

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Please be sure to continue to send your kiddos with adequate winter gear every day!

Thank you for all of your care and support for your child's education. Together, we are better!

Sincerely,

Emily Keller and Carisa Wright
Kindergarten Teachers ☺



MRS. SHERWOOD'S & MRS. JOHNSON'S FIRST GRADE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We wish you and your family a happy, healthy new year.

TIPS FOR PARENTS . . . How to help your child succeed.

- Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for each day.
- Teach your child to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.
- Read with your child every night.
- Ask your child about their school day.
- Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with questions or concerns.

Our first graders continue to add and subtract and soon will be adding and subtracting tens.

First grade will be taking their Winter - MAP/NWEA Reading test on January 14th, and their Math test on January 18th.

Please continue encouraging your child to study their spelling/bonus words during the week.

Reminder: Library for first grader's is on Thursday's. Please remind your child to bring back their library books so they can check out new books for the following week.

With the January winds upon us, please remind your child to wear their winter coat, snow pants, cap, mittens, and boots.

Reminder: Please remind your child to bring their tennis shoes for P.E.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by or call us at school at 218-467-3232.

Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Sherwood



MRS. BERG'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season! It's very nice to be back in the swing of

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things here at school. The kids have really been working hard on their stuff!

In math, the 2- graders will be learning how to add and subtract larger numbers. Each child is working on learning the math facts. This includes addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Doing flashcards or verbally quizzing them on the facts will really help them. If they automatically know the answers, it will be much easier for your child to figure out more difficult equations.

Another bright spot in our room is Accelerated Reader. The kids in this class have read and passed the test on 2,445 books so far this year and are averaging 90.3%! The only way to become a better reader is to practice. Our library day is Thursday, so please be sure your child has their library book that day. The children may also check out books any time they need to. Along with the regular reading lesson, we're also doing guided reading groups and AR. You can help your child by making sure you also read with them EVERY day.



The kids are also learning about different types of writing. We've been working on writing to persuade and will be working on writing to inform. We also spend time reading different genres everyday and learning what genre a story belongs to.

Thank you so much for all the work you do at home with you kids! This class is just awesome at learning new things, being kind to each other, and fun to be around!

Mrs. Berg

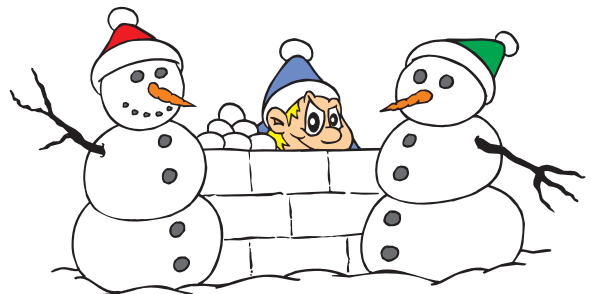
MR. BLUMHAGEN'S 2ND & 3RD GRADE

we are excited for her to continue to share her knowledge and energy this winter and spring.

Happy New Year, Solway families,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday break, and got to spend some extra time with your awesome kids!

This month in Language Arts 3rd graders will be having some fun with different types phrases that people use. We will learn about idioms and metaphors, and what they really mean. In 2nd grade we are talking more about what makes a word plural and how that can change the spelling. In reading we continue to work very hard to meet our personal reading goals for the quarter. It is our hope that everyone can get to the "top of the mountain" by the end of the quarter so that we can all celebrate together.



In math we continue to work on our math facts everyday both in class as well as some extended computer time so that each student is consistently challenged at wherever they are at. This month we will move forward with what we have learned and turn some of our attention to learning our place values in the thousands, measuring volume and length, and learning how to use charts and graphs. 2nd graders have begun to also learn to how measure with their rulers and are starting to learn some fun geometry shapes and vocabulary.

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In science as a whole group we have learned a lot about animals and their behaviors, and will soon turn our attention to what it takes to be an engineer. We have some fun activities planned that should get everyone thinking!

One other quick reminder for families, as the weather continues to be exceedingly cold, please send appropriate clothing to school with your child for outside recess and separate shoes for gym.

Mr. Blumhagen



MR. SLOUGH'S THIRD GRADE

Welcome back and a very happy 2019!!

January is always a wonderful month of the year as we look forward to new and exciting things.

We are excited to celebrate five birthdays this month. Our math journey in the next few months continues to focus on multiplication facts, fractions and different types of story problems. This class continues to become young meteorologists as we learn each day about our Minnesota weather. In the coming weeks we will be studying a Science unit about Engineering. In Reading we will be spending time working on paragraph writing, poetry and comprehension of our fiction and non-fiction stories. As the weather continues to be

unpredictable, please make sure your child is properly equipped for outside recess.

Thank you!

Mr. Slough



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It's 2019! Welcome back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break! It sure is nice to hear the sound of children in school once again. With the start of a new year comes a chance to start fresh. If reading has taken a back seat to all of the holiday festivities, now is the time to re-establish a regular pattern of daily reading with your child. If you like, try some of these tips to increase reading at home.

Set aside a regular time to read to your child(ren) every day. Studies show that regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and the decoding of words. Whether your children are preschoolers or preteens, it will increase their desire to read independently.

Surround your children with reading material. Children with a large array of reading materials in their homes score higher on standardized tests. Tempt your kids to read by having a large supply of appealing books and magazines at their reading level. Put the reading materials in cars,

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bathrooms, bedrooms, family rooms, and even by the TV.

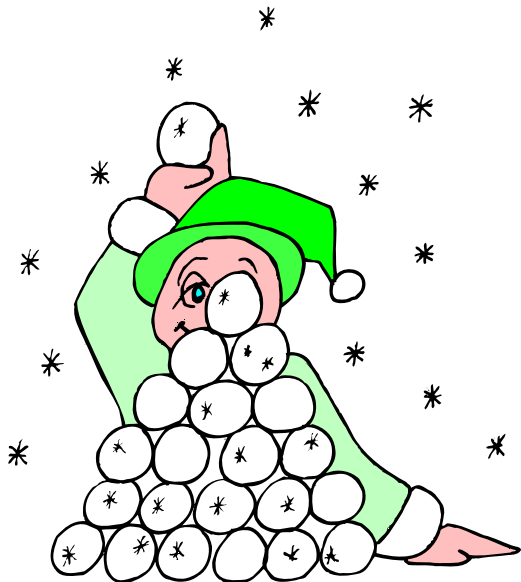
Have a family reading time. Establish a daily 15 to 30 minutes when everyone in the family reads together silently. Seeing you read will inspire your children to read. Just 15 minutes of daily practice is sufficient to increase their reading fluency.

Encourage a wide variety of reading activities. Make reading an integral part of your children's lives. Have them read menus, roadside signs, game directions, weather reports, movie time listings, and other practical everyday information. Also, make sure they always have something to read in their spare time when they could be waiting for appointments or riding in the car.

Next week starts the beginning of universal screening. Three times a year (Fall, Winter, and Spring) we do reading and math assessments. We're looking forward to seeing the progress your child has made since the beginning of the school year!

Have a wonderful month!

Jennie Johnson and Bonnie Wentzel



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great winter break and you were able to get out and enjoy some winter activities.

Your children continue to stay active in Physical Education class. The students have been working hard, making some very good progress and burning up lots of energy!!

We will be working on cooperative games, a variety of station activities, and jump rope activities in the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a wonderful month of January.

Rich Morehouse
Physical Education Teacher



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- Internet Explorer® 6.02 or later
- Firefox® 1.5 or later
- Safari™ 2.0.3 or later

LIBRARY/TECH NEWS

Dear Solway Families:

Happy New Year! We wish you a wonderful 2019.



The Scholastic Wild West Book Fair:
“Saddle Up and Read!”

Thank you for making the bookfair such a success! We earned around \$1500 as a library fundraiser.

Renaissance Home Connect:

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child is using a computer software program called Renaissance Place at school. This program has a special feature called Renaissance Home Connect. Renaissance Home Connect is a fun, easy-to-use, easy-to-understand web-based interface that allows your student, you, and the teacher to share in the educational experience by viewing progress in certain Renaissance Place programs while outside of school. Students can practice Math Facts in a Flash at home and view a history of the AR books they have read here, too.

You can view Renaissance Home Connect from any computer with an Internet connection using these browsers:

Students will need to enter their User Name & Password. Call the school if they don't have it memorized and we will give you the info.

To log in to Renaissance Home Connect Website:

<http://reader.bemidji.k12.mn.us/RenaissanceServer/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

In Renaissance Home Connect you can also: •

Click **Email Setup** to sign up to receive emails showing your student's quiz or test results •

Click **Help** to get answers to your questions about Renaissance Home Connect

Thank you for your interest.

Mackin Via is our ebooks website available for your reading pleasure! To get to it log into the Solway website at: <http://solway.bemidji.k12.mn.us> Now go to Student and click on the Mackin Via icon.

School: SOLWAY ELEMENTARY, BEMIDJI, MN

User ID: solway

Password: ebooks

Enjoy reading our 38 ebooks from any internet connected computer.

Thanks for helping your Tiger have fun checking out books and returning them at our Solway Media Center! Your help is needed and appreciated... It's important that your child is able to check out books since we have daily silent and Accelerated Reading times. Thanks for taking the time to read to/with your child and help with book care. We're listing **class checkout days** for your convenience:

Students must bring all books back to renew or return on the following days:

Tuesdays:

Mr. Blumhagen

Mr. Slough

Ms. Keller

Thursdays:

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Sherwood

Mrs. Berg

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Mrs. Wright

Remember: Students are welcome to check out books during library hours any day of the week!

Millionaire Club Party:

Students that read over a million words in the Accelerated Reading program by the end of May will be invited to join the Millionaire Club. They will pick a hardcover book of their choice and receive a certificate at the End of Year Award Ceremony. Thank you Solway PTO for sponsoring this award.



We are excited to share our online library catalog called Destiny. You can access the catalog from any web-based computer.

Log in to Solway's website at:
<http://solway.bemidji.k12.mn.us>

Click on the left side of the website under "Browse Library".

February is I Love to Read Month... It's hard to believe it's almost here! Watch the weekly news for more fun activities we will be holding at Solway School.

Thanks for continuing to help your students read at home. This will help them improve and strengthen those reading skills!

Remember: We succeed When Our Tigers Read!

Mrs. Simons, Media Specialist & Mrs. Bolte, Media Assistant

We collect used laser and ink jet cartridges as a recycling fundraiser for our school library. The collection box is located in the library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE LUNCH STAFF

Thank you for keeping tabs on your child's lunch account. We appreciate it.

Due to the fact, we do not have money on hand; parent/visitors must bring the correct change if you are going to eat lunch. An adult lunch is \$3.50.

**NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

If you are dropping students off in the morning, please drop them off at the doors by the gym.

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Beach Day

January 25th

Details in Tuesday Packet!

Friday Night Live

January 25th

Details in Tuesday Packet!

NEXT PTO MEETING

Thursday, January 10

6:00

Solway Library

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Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for Friday Night Live. If you are available to help, please call the office at 467-3232.

