



Una escuela bilingüe con énfasis en STEM
A Dual Language STEM School

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Principal's Page

Dear Families,

Choice enrollment time begins January 8th! If you have a 6th grader, this is the time when you need to choose a new school for next year and go through the enrollment process. This is also the choice enrollment time for our Dual Language program. We will be accepting Kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 school year at this time and parents must fill out a form in our office if they are requesting a Dual Language opportunity for their child.

We have attached a flier if you know of any parents who might be interested in our amazing school. We always have a wait list so be sure to get in on the first round.

Happy holidays to you all!

Leigh

Accountability Committee

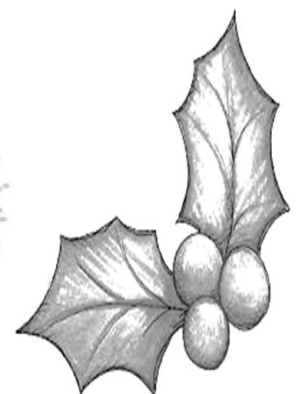
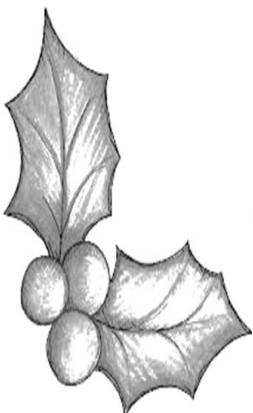
Please join us for our Accountability Committee meeting, which will be on December 14th at 3:00 pm in Leigh's office. All parents are invited to be a part of this important committee. Please join us!

December 2017

12 . . Las Posadas 5:30-7:30PM

15 . . Student Assessment Day

21-1/5/2018 . . . Winter Break





Hello Families! The school year continues to go by very quickly as we enjoy learning and growing with your child.

This month we especially enjoyed our walking field trip. Students observed all the different materials (wood, fabric, metal, paper and plastic) in our neighborhood. We encourage you to help your child notice these different materials and their distinct properties around home as well.

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break (November 20-24). Once we return we will be scheduling students for our important Flex Testing Day on Friday, December 15.

Please be sure to **keep your student's report card** for your records when you sign and return the envelope.

And just a reminder to help your child ensure his/her iPad is charged and brought to school every day along with its cover.

As always, thank you so much for supporting your child's education!

Kindergarten Team

Ms. Melissa, Ms. Marcela and Ms. Stephanie



1ST GRADE

Halloween was so much fun! Thank you for your help with the costumes and class parties!

In reading we are working with each of your children in small reading groups. You can check the books we are reading in class on Showbie.

In writing we are continuing to write our personal narratives. Encourage your students to write at home.

In Math we are continuing to add and subtract numbers and solve word problems. Please practice those math facts to 10 during break.

We had so much fun making our Traditions book for our Holidays unit. You can purchase one now for \$19.00 and you can always purchase one later after they are published.

Please remind your children that they need to behave well for not only us but our guest teachers too.

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

Your Friends,

Ms. Hollie, Ms. Rosa and Ms. Stephanie



Greetings 2nd Grade Families,

How are we developing our hearts in 2nd grade? We are so impressed by the focus and motivation for learning the students have shown! They are Peace makers and they are Peace Promise experts. The values you all instill in them from home really shine here at school. We appreciate all of the work you put into creating beautiful caring humans.

How are we developing our brains in 2nd grade? I

n math, we have been working on counting in various ways. Counting forward and backwards by ones, 2s, 5s and 10s, 100s and 1000s orally, but also with sets of objects. This is such an important part of math as students are practicing fluency with numbers and seeing patterns. This skill is also the foundation for multiplication.

In literacy, we are so lucky to have been a part of a drama project from Rosey Waters Imagination Makers Drama Company. In this project, students were able to weave in a story and comprehension strategies through drama. This deepens student learning as students are actually “feeling” their learning. We will continue to weave in drama throughout other subject areas this school year.

We thank all of our parent volunteers for their dedication
and helping hands!

Sincerely,

Hollie Marisa Kathy





Hello families,

Thank you very much for your support in our Big City field trip! We thoroughly enjoyed our walking tour of Denver, seeing the past, present, and future of an urban area firsthand. Please look for permission slips for our next field trip to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on December 20th. We will become gem miners!

In Writing, we are studying Narrative Stories. After reading many mentor texts we will use our imagination to write a short story about the life of our main character. Our next unit is Writing about Research, where we will be using our prior knowledge of “how to” writing to craft explanatory paragraphs about processes or topics of interest. Reading brings us to Fiction texts and a study of how characters develop over the course of a story. We will be focusing on fables, myths, and folktales from diverse cultures. Later in the unit, we will return to Nonfiction. This learning requires us to use Nonfiction text features to dig into what the author is trying to teach us through their writing.

Math is all about Measurement, Time, and Graphs! We are using all of the hard work we have done with multiplication and division to help us understand the aforementioned concepts. Please continue to memorize facts at home (multiplication and addition). In Science, we are studying the Recipe of Earth’s materials. We will explore different types of rock cycles and what ends up with these rocks in the real world.

Thank you for all of your support!

Happy Holidays,
The Third Grade Team
Ms. Laura, Ms. Julie, and Miss Vale





4TH GRADE

4th Grade News!

What a great November we've had! We had two exciting field trips to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds and to the movies to watch "WONDER"! It was very exciting to compare the movie to the book!

As we move into a much deserved Thanksgiving break, we would like to let you know what your wonderful 4th graders are up to at school and what to expect when they come back on November 27th.

In **reading** we are working on identifying the main idea and details. We will be testing students with the DRA (English) & EDL (Spanish) on their progress in reading so far this year on Flex Day (December 15th).

In **writing** we are finishing up our unit on informational writing. We have been focusing on using mentor texts to help guide our writing, with a focus on grammar, conventions and the structure of multi-paragraph essays. We will be moving into a new unit on informational research writing.

In **math** we are working on division with whole numbers. Please make sure your child is practicing their multiplication facts every night! It is a whole lot easier to divide when you know your multiplication facts!

The fourth graders have also been working hard participating in 4th Grade Life! Each student gets paid weekly \$325 (minimum wage of \$9.30/hr x 7 hours/5 days a week). They also have bills to pay like rent, utilities, WiFi, as well as possible fees for not having their iPad, missing work and making poor choices. This is a great way to get the students to be thinking about math on a daily basis throughout the day as well as teaches the 4th graders to make better choices and see the consequences of their choices (opportunity cost)!

In **science** we are working on a unit around energy.

Please remember to visit our classroom websites frequently for up-to-date information about what's going on during the week, field trips and important updates. You can access our websites through the school website.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER

Monday, December 4th: Teachers out for Long Term Planning

Thursday, December 14th: Field Trip to Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Friday, December 15th: Flex Day (Please keep a lookout for sign-up sheets soon)

Thursday, December 21st: First day of Winter Break!

Sincerely,
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Grade 5

Welcome to fall, please remember that students need to dress appropriately for the weather.

Thank you to all of the families who came and supported the 5th grade program. We know the concept was a little bit "outside of the box".

In math we have been working on multiplying and dividing fractions.

In Writing we are finishing our unit in expository writing.

In reading we are finishing up with nonfiction text features.

Finally with the program behind us, we will enter our unit on the American Revolution.

Ameritowne is on Jan. 8th and the students will need a lunch unless they want one from the cafeteria. We are also looking for volunteers to be in a shop that day, please let your classroom teacher know if you can make it. We will do a drawing if there are a lot parents to choose from. Thank you in advance!

Have a wonderful break and stay warm!

Looking ahead to December and the winter celebration, we will be watching a movie that ties to the literacy block. Teachers will provide the snacks. If your student has any allergies please send an alternative snack for your student.

Thank you! All the best,

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It's all about 6th Grade

Hello 6th grade families!

In December, the students begin a unit on pre-algebra called Expressions and Equations. In this unit, students develop an understanding of variables in mathematical expressions. They write and use expressions and formulas to solve problems. This unit is particularly important for preparing the students for middle school. Algebra is the main focus of all 7th grade math classes, so please encourage your child to work hard in math class, as always.

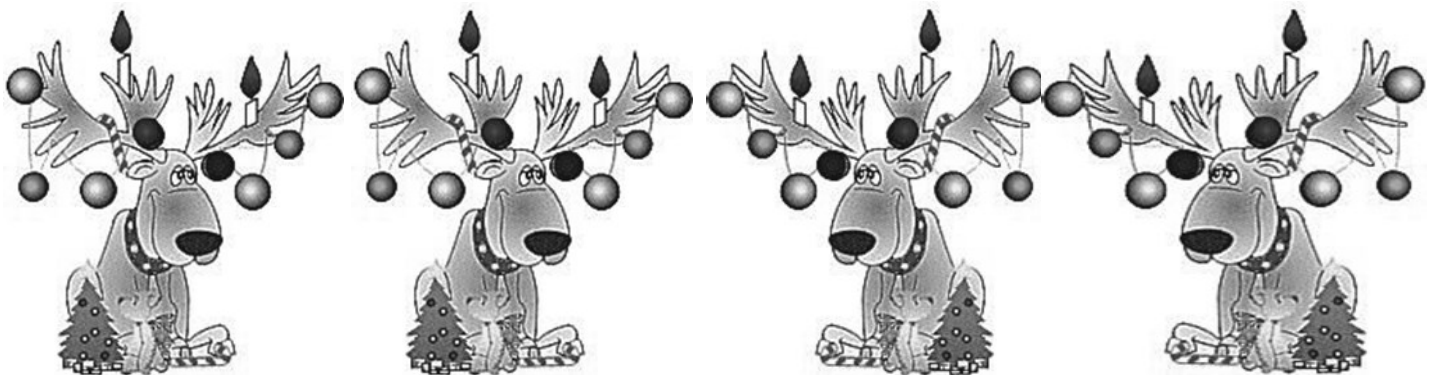
In science, they will study volcanos and plate tectonics.

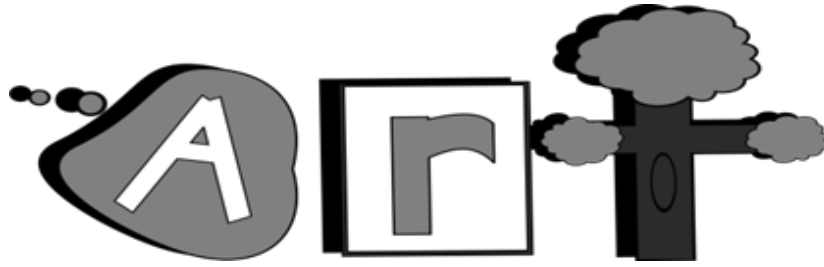
For their literacy units during this month, the students will be conducting research projects. They are learning to paraphrase the information of others and organize information they gather from many sources into their own original work.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!
The 6th grade teachers

Sincerely,

The sixth grade team





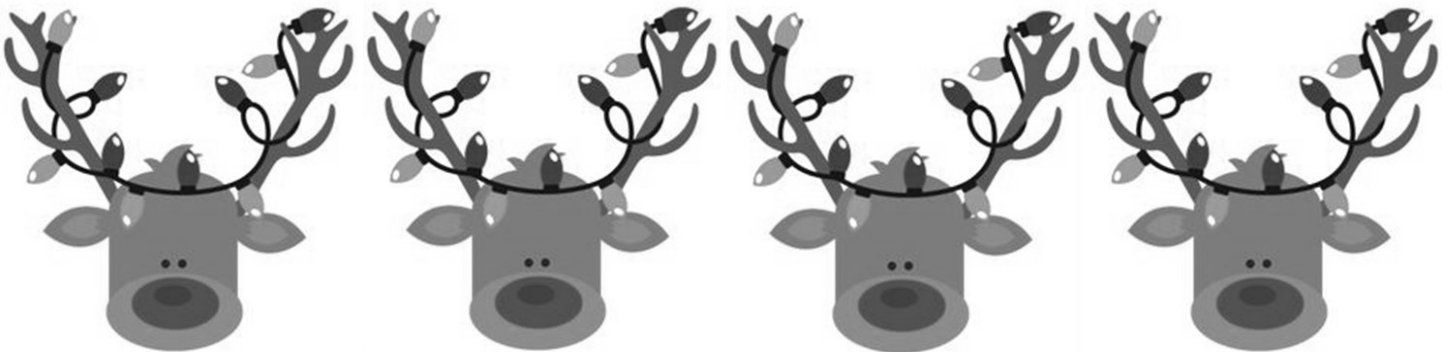
Hello, Foster Families!

Your students have been working hard in the art room; I will have at least one project by each student uploaded onto our online art gallery at www.artsonia.com before Thanksgiving break!

Please remember that the artwork remains "hidden" to the public until you give permission for it to be shown. This means that, even though I will have uploaded art by every first through sixth grade student, you will only be able to see your child's artwork online if you've created your parent account and entered the parent code issued by Artsonia. (Your child's artwork will of course still come home for you to keep as we finish projects and I've hung them up in the hallways!)

If you would like access to a laptop, help with setting up a parent account, or need your parent code, I'm available after school every day from 3:40 - 4:00pm in the art room! I'm also happy to look up your Artsonia parent code and send it by email, just let me know how I can help!

Your art teacher,
Ms. Sarah



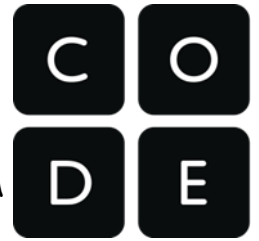
From the Library

Carla Coverdell, Digital Teacher Librarian



Please assist your students in returning library books on time. If lost or damaged, library staff can assist families in working out a payment plan so that students can continue to borrow books from the library. Overdue notices are sent out periodically to help families monitor books checked out.

Hour of Code is a world-wide effort to expose students to computer science. Foster will be participating the week of December 4-10. All students will have an opportunity to experience coding (computer programming) during the week. In addition to what's happening during the school day, kids may access a multitude of online resources such as those found at hourofcode.org. A few iPad apps that support coding are Daisy the Dinosaur, LightBot and Hopscotch. The purpose of the Hour of Code is both to expose students to computer science as well as encourage kids to consider this area as a vocation.



Having issues with internet connectivity at home? Please contact your child's teacher for help documents to assist you in connecting at home with our filter in place. It is important to remember that no filter will completely screen out all inappropriate content. Practicing safe and appropriate use of digital resources must be supported by families and schools.



Comcast offers affordable internet options to its customers. If interested, information may be found at <https://www.internetessentials.com/apply>. An online application is required. If you don't have internet access, feel free to come to our school library to apply.



Jefferson County Public Library has numerous digital resources for its patrons, including students. Digital books, databases, games, and information about library programs are all found on their website at <https://jeffcolibrary.org>. Some resources require a library card which you can apply for at your local library; we can also help kids apply for a library card in our school library...just request information from Ms. Carla or Ms. Pauline.



Music Notes

Every homeroom class is developing a community atmosphere in the music room environment. Being a close knit and welcoming family is crucial to our ensemble successes.

All classes are continuing to refine their ensemble skills, instrumental and vocal techniques. Students are reading and performing with music notation. They are also incorporating technology into their everyday learning with music creation and notation software as well as district pushed apps to aid in the implementation of the Jeffco music curriculum.

Feel free to stop by and chat with any questions or wonderings you may have about the music program at Foster!

Allison Bequette

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Fit Bits: News from the Foster P.E. Deartment!

The end of first trimester is approaching and students have been busy in the gym continuing their study of fitness concepts including fitness assessment (only used for goal setting, not grading), goal setting and understanding the importance of an active lifestyle.

Students will continue their health focus as we enter our nutrition units in second trimester.

Check out the myplate.org website for a preview of the nutrition information we will be covering during class.

Finally, I am still looking for more pictures of Foster students, families and staff doing active things on their free time for the "Roadrunners in Action!" bulletin board. You can drop a hard copy in my box in the lounge or feel free to email them to me at schumace@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Stay healthy, stay happy!
Ms. Sammy Chumacero

