



# Trail Blazer News

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## In the News...

Thank you for your support and participation in the culminating event of our Ancient Greece Expedition.

Summit School's contributions to the **Starlight Starbright foundation's** toy and drive totaled 1,593 pounds of donated food. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Be sure to read about the **upcoming events** on the other side of this page.

## Spelling / Vocabulary

**Spelling** –Check with your child to see what personal spelling words they are focusing upon.

**Vocabulary**- Remember to complete your vocabulary homework.

Due to the short week, we will not have spelling and vocabulary tests this week, but will start up again next week.

## Summit School Annual Auction:

We only have one fund-raiser per year, which provide funds for our field work and over-night events.

If you are interested in helping your child's base camp teacher organize their class project, please contact us! The deadline for our projects is the end of January.



## Math

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - The 6th grade students will continue their investigation of area and perimeter. This week they will develop techniques for estimating areas and perimeters of non-geometric figures, and they will learn how the perimeter of rectangles can vary considerably even when the area is held constant.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - We will continue to learn about the qualities of Shapes and Designs in our world. Ask your child to notice how different shapes in our world are used frequently depending upon their attributes.



## Reading

We will focus on how to determine the important ideas within the texts we are reading, while utilizing fix-up strategies to help us comprehend.

Ask your child to talk with you about connections they make while reading. Thank you for completing the reading logs.

Please turn this page over . . . and thank you for reading our news!

---Checking your child's planner on a nightly basis will help build strong study skills.



We will begin our **YMCA Swimming and Rock Climbing** activity the end of January. Please be prepared with a swimsuit (one piece suits for girls), a towel, and plastic bag. Goggles are optional. Let us know if you are able to volunteer.



### Writing

As we continue to practice using the writing process, we will focus on the trait of Organization. Some attributes of a well-organized paper are that it grabs the reader's attention, uses clear patterns that are logical, has smooth and subtle transitions, with an ending that wraps everything up and makes sense to the reader.

Remember to access **Homework House** on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays (no homework house on early release collaboration Wednesdays) from 2:40-3:45 pm.



### Important Dates

January 2-Early release at 12:30 for teacher collaboration

January 9-Early release at 12:30 for teacher collaboration

Monday, January 21- Martin Luther King Holiday-No school

Monday, January 28-YMCA Swimming and Rock Climbing start this week...see your base camp teacher for your class' day of the week. This activity will happen one day per week for each class and continue for seven weeks.

End of January/Beg of February – Our annual **down-hill ski trip** to Mt. Spokane. More information will follow as the date draws near. Have you sent in your 5<sup>th</sup> graders **ski free passport** yet?