

Summit School

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5th / 6th grade Trail Blazers

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 * Attention Parents! *
 * *If you blessed us by teaching a craft at the Colonial Camp Out, it would be greatly appreciated if you* *
 * *could return the survey/comments form to your child's base camp teacher.* *
 * *Can you volunteer in our classrooms (beginning next Thursday from about 1:15-2:40) to help direct* *
 * *group projects in preparation for the "Give Me Liberty" Celebration. See your child's base-camp teacher.* *

In the News . . .

- *December 6 and December 13— early release at 12:30 for collaboration day
- December 15—Give Me Liberty Celebration (songs, skits, and fun) from 1:00-2:40
- December 20-January 2— Winter break
- January 3—Return to school—early release at 12:30 for collaboration day
- *Early release for collaboration day is scheduled for the first two Wednesdays of the month...please see calendar sent home in September for specific days throughout the year. If you need another copy of the calendar, please stop by the office.

What have we been up to???

Literacy/Language/Writing – We continue to learn to revise our colonial memoir, focusing on the writing traits of organization and ideas.

Reading - We have been focusing on using “Fix-up” Strategies, such as Say Blank, Rereading and Monitoring our pace to ensure we are comprehending our texts.
 **Thank you for your support in completing the Reading Response Logs each week.

Expedition (social studies) – We are now involved in a research project about the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution. We are discovering the story of their creation, revision and implementation.

5th grade Math – We are focusing on Shapes and Designs, learning about the attributes of different geometrical shapes.
 **Thank you for helping your child to remember to practice their multiplication facts for five minutes per night.

6th grade Math – We are focusing on Data About Us, which is a study of statistical landmarks.

Word Study/Spelling – students continue to discover and master words that are challenging to them individually by choosing and writing five new words each week. They are to choose words that they have misspelled in their writing or words that they know are personally difficult for them. They write and are assessed on the words until they are mastered via our spelling checks at the end of the week.

Community Time

Mr. Watts is teaching the basic rules for several types of team sports.

Mr. Lempka is teaching beginning guitar to all those budding musicians.

Ms. Bos is enlightening children about different exercises and the contents of familiar food.

Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. McDonald are creating place mats and rugs out of strips of cloth.

We are enjoying our new community time!

Spring Auction

Do you know someone who owns a business and might be willing to donate a product or service to our annual school fundraiser? This is the only fundraiser we conduct at Summit. It allows the students the opportunity to enjoy field trips, such as the overnight trip to Camp Cross on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Each classroom will offer a theme basket and we would greatly appreciate any input, ideas, or donations you are able to provide. More information will be coming.....

Thank you for your help RECYCLING

Thanks to many students who have been bringing newspapers to school. This is a simple way to earn money for the student body. The government students have decided to spend some of the money raised to hire an author for our March 2nd "Read Across America" day. If you would like your child to be familiar with the author before he attends our school, I would encourage you to look for books in the libraries and bookstores by Kenn Nesbitt. He writes children's poetry and is very entertaining. I have a few of his books in class and will introduce some of his poems and songs to the students throughout the year. It can be very exciting for kids to meet an author if they are familiar with his work. In the past, Kenn has made a special effort to sign books for the Summit students.

Other items your child can bring in are aluminum cans and magazines.