



Trail Blazer News



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Expedition

We have concluded our study of the water cycle and are beginning our last investigation dealing with water ecology. Students will be doing a great deal of reading and writing over the next few weeks related to water ecology and the Spokane River.

As part of our study on the ecology of water, we will be heading to the Water Treatment Plant near Liberty Lake. This should be a fun and enlightening experience for the kids. Permission slips for this trip were sent home at the end of last week.

Dates to Remember November

11/27 ~ 11/28 ~ Thanksgiving Break!

December

12/2 ~ Trail Blazers to Sewage Treatment Plant

12/2 ~ Scoliosis Testing for 5th Graders

12/3 ~ Student ½ Day ~ Staff Collaboration

12/10 ~ Student ½ Day ~ Staff Collaboration

12/19 ~ Winter Break Begins After School!

Reminders

*Volunteers Needed for Rock Climbing at the YMCA ~ Please contact your child's base camp teacher.

*5th Grade Parents ~ Don't forget to mail in your "Ski Free" form.



Spelling/Vocabulary

Due to conferences and a short week, we will resume with new vocabulary and spelling words next week. Look for your students new words on Monday!

Holiday Chorus

Singers Needed! It's not too late for your child to be part of the Summit Holiday Chorus that meets 8:10am – 8:50am through December 17th

Trail Blazers to the YMCA!

Starting the week of December 15th, each Trail Blazer Base Camp will be going to the YMCA in the afternoon one day a week. During this time students will be swimming as well as having fun learning skills on the climbing wall.

Students Need

Swimsuit
Towel
Bag/Back Pack

Optional

Brush
Hair Dryer
Goggles

Mr. Watts

December 16th
January 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
February 3rd

Mr. Williams

December 18th
January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
February 5th

Mrs. Freeman

December 18th
January 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
February 6th

Mrs. Smith

December 15th
January 5th, 12th, 20th & 26th
February 2nd

Literacy

Writing ~ We are wrapping up our current focus of writing with the intent to persuade and will be focusing our writing specifically towards our study of water ecology.

Reading ~ Please continue to encourage your student to read an average of 20 minutes each night and to fill out their reading logs. These are due every Monday morning.

Math

6th Grade – The sixth grade students are continuing to work with area and perimeter of polygons. We are also working hard at giving explanations that support an answer. Some students are working on independent projects. Please continue to support your child at home with the concepts they are learning.

5th Grade – We are working through a study on percentages, decimals, and fractions. If your child needs extra help, Mr. Williams and Mrs. Freeman are available most days before and after school.