

# Marshall Elementary School

## 2015/16 Marshall Messenger

Doing our **BEST** work  
Being our **BEST** selves



Thursday, December 17, 2015

### Weekly Calendar

#### 8:10 a.m. – Supervision Begins

- Students should not arrive prior to 8:10 a.m. unless attending the St. Mark's Program

#### 8:10 a.m. – Breakfast Begins

#### 8:25 a.m. – First Bell

#### 8:40 a.m. – Tardy Bell

#### 3:20 p.m. – Dismissal

- Note: students not picked up by 3:30 p.m. will be sent to the office to call for a ride

**AM Preschool: 8:35-11:05 a.m.**

**PM Preschool: 12:45-3:15 p.m.**

#### Monday 12/21/15

No Calendar Events

#### Tuesday 12/22/15

6:35 am – Marshall Choir on 92.9  
KAT-FM

#### December 23 – January 3

No School

#### Monday 1/4/16

1:40 pm – Community Groups

#### Tuesday 1/5/16

6:30 pm – Marshall PTO Mtg.

#### Wednesday 1/6/16

No Calendar Events

#### Thursday 1/7/16

Take Home Folders go home

#### Friday 1/8/16

1-hour late start (Teacher PD)

### Upcoming Events...

12/23-31 – No School (Winter Break)

1/15 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Eagle Watch

1/18 – No School (MLK Jr. Day)

### Principal's Corner

#### Winter Weather:

Students will be outside in the morning for line-up and for recess if the wind chill is **zero degrees** or above, so make sure they always wear the proper clothing for the weather.



#### Celebration Guidelines:

Due to our school and district wellness policy and possible allergies in the classrooms, we ask that you **DO NOT** send edible treats to school. Although it is not expected, you may choose to send something for a special occasion. If you do, we ask that it be nonedible as all edible treats will **NOT** be passed out and will return home.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and safe winter break. We look forward to seeing your children in 2016!

Mr. Maloney

### PE News...

We are keeping the students busy in these last few days before the holidays. We are currently finishing up our basketball free throw shooting contest. The school winners qualify for the county tournament in Peosta on January 9th. After the basketball unit we will do our speed stacking unit with our speed stacking cups. This will provide some practice for the students before the speed stacking event at the Grand River on January 16th. This happens at the Sports Show and is free of charge.

Make sure to keep your students active throughout the winter break.

Mr. Osweiler

### Vision Screenings...

We recently completed vision screenings for the majority of students in our school. If your child was screened and failed, a notice was sent home in book bags on Wednesday, December 15. A free mobile vision clinic will be coming to Marshall when we return from break. The clinic will do free eye exams and provide glasses (if needed) for those that did not pass the school screening.

Please complete the "Mobile Vision Services Consent and Release Form" and return to school before we leave for the holiday break.

**It's a Great Day to be a Marshall Eagle!**

## First Grade News...

In Lead 21, we are finishing Unit 3 in which we learned about the different communities we live in like cities, towns, and countries. We learned the difference between facts and opinions. A fact is something that can be proven. For example, "We all go to Marshall School." An opinion is what we think or believe. For example, "Marshall is the best school." We also focused on monitoring our comprehension by rereading when something does not make sense.

In math, we have focused on measuring objects with different sized units. We have used our footsteps, rulers, small and large paper clips, and pencils. We discovered that the smaller the unit we use, the more we need to measure the length; the larger the unit we use, the less we need to measure the length.

In Social Studies, we have learned there are different groups we can belong to. We can belong to school, family, and community groups. We also focused on the differences between needs and wants. Needs are things we have to have in order to survive and wants are things that are extra (things we don't need but like to have). Since we are in the holiday season, we have also explored the different holidays families may celebrate. We learned about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas. We discussed similarities and differences among these three holidays.



We wish your family a wonderful holiday season and a safe winter break!

Mrs. May and Mrs. Runde

## Reading Room News...

Choosing books that are appropriate for your child's reading level can be tricky. If he/she knows every word in a book without hesitation, the book is probably too easy. On the other hand, books that are too hard may make him/her want to give up, and he/she won't be able to focus on understanding the story. If a book is just right, your youngster will be able to read most of the words fairly easily, and it will have just a few tricky words to keep him/her challenged.

### Five Finger Rule!

- \* Choose a book and read the first page or two.
- \* Put one finger up for every word you don't know.
- \* If five of your fingers go up while reading, choose another book.
- \* If two or three fingers go up, you've found a "just right" book.
- \* If no fingers go up this book is probably too easy.

### **Happy Reading!**

Mrs. Felderman  
Mrs. Moldenhauer

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## Holiday Gift Ideas...

If you are looking for books for your beginning readers, predictable books are a great choice. Predictable books are ones that repeat the same phrase over and over. These books encourage fluency-and children love reading them. An example of a repeating phrase is: "Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see?" which appears on each page of Bill Martin Jr.'s book *Brown, Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*

Seeing the same words many times helps your child recognize them. As he/she learns the words, he/she will no longer have to sound them out each time.

Then he/she will be able to focus more on the meaning of the story. Even beginning readers can learn to read smoothly by memorizing repeating phrases. Here are several books to try with your youngsters:

### **Are You My Mother?**

by P.D. Eastman

### **Chicken Soup with Rice: A book of Months**

by Maurice Sendak

### **The Gingerbread Boy**

by Paul Galdone

### **Goodnight Moon**

by Margaret Wise Brown

### **If You Give a Mouse Cookie**

by Laura Numeroff

### **It Looked Like Spilt Milk**

by Charles Shaw



### **The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything**

by Linda Williams

### **The Napping House**

by Audrey Wood

### **Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?**

by Bill Martin Jr.

### **The Teeny Tiny Woman**

by Barbara Seuling

### **The Three Little Pigs**

by Patricia Seibert

### **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

by Eric Carle