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Sageville Elementary

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Calendar Of Events

Monday-December 14
3:30 Tennis

Tuesday-December 15
6:30 PreK Holiday Celebration

Wednesday-December 16
3:30 Tennis (Play date parents are welcome)

Thursday-December 17
1:00 Gr. 2 Johnson Author Share

Friday-December 18
9:45 Late Arrival for Professional Learning



Friday's Professional Learning

We have students joining us on Friday's professional learning session to show us their math thinking. This will help us fine tune our math instruction. Thank you to the parents to let the students participate.

From the Desk of Miss Mac

Greetings Sageville families,

Can you believe this weather? The grumpy polar bear on the newsletter can't believe it either! It seems weird to have such mild weather, but's it's welcome!

Tomorrow's professional learning has a new twist, students in Grades 2 & 3 are joining the Sageville teachers. These students who are regularly in Y-Care are going to do math problems as we observe. This observation will help assist in knowing more about how children learn!

Coming soon....PreK-5 at-home reading calendar in January! We discussed the importance of reading at home at our November site council meeting. We also discussed Chapter 62, a new law in Iowa which requires students to be proficient in reading at the end of third grade. We are also planning to host a "free" library for students to keep books at home. Stay tuned for more details.

Parents, you can update your child's Power School account at any time. Please keep phone numbers, address and emergency contacts up to date. If you've forgotten your username or password, just call the office for assistance.

When reporting your child's absence, please call the school office. We love that you keep your child's teacher informed but they are very busy people and sometimes forget to tell us. Thank you!

Classes will be held until Tuesday, December 22nd. Winter break will begin on December 23rd through January 3rd. Classes resume on Monday, January 4th.



Tomorrow is the last scrip order for the year! Think about the stress-free way that Scrip can be used for gifts for the holidays. Last week our Scrip order was over \$10,000.00! Thank you to Andi Bihl and our scrip volunteers who make this possible!



L to R: Levi Kramer, Kaitlyn Elskamp and Jayden Bremer are Sageville's top three spellers!



Thank you to Mrs. Walsh, our Gifted & Talented teacher for organizing our Spelling Bee and to all of the students who participated: Josh Erner, Cole Licht, Loryn Link, Myles Fondell, Kolten Zweibohmer, Madison Frazier, Jayden Bremer, Levi Kramer and Kaitlyn Elskamp. We're sending our top three; Kaitlyn Elskamp, Levi Kramer and Jayden Bremer to the sectionals on January 21st at Clarke University.



Mrs. Kaiser's Counselor Corner

During the week of December 7th - 11th I have been in grades 3 thru 5 covering communication skills. In third grade we reviewed the story *Snake, Snail and Smiley Self* and introduced the terminology aggressive, passive and assertive. In fourth grade we reviewed the characteristics of an aggressive, passive or assertive person. The students took an assertive quiz to see what skills they already utilize and which ones they could learn to incorporate in their lives. In fifth grade we watched a short video and the students had to determine which characters were displaying aggressive, passive or assertive

skills. Students were then put into small groups where they were given a short skit that they had to role play and the class had to guess if they were being aggressive, passive or assertive during their skits. Next week I will be working in small groups.

Tips for Parents: Click on the link to read the article 10 tips for Teaching Assertive Skills: <http://practicalkatie.com/2012/01/13/10-tips-for-teaching-assertiveness-skills/>

Congratulations to the following students and their families for selling the most PTC discount cards:

- Josh & Nathan Erner-50 Cards \$100 Scrip
- Cooper & Conner Schreiber-50 Cards \$100 Scrip
- Dylan Smith-35 Cards \$50 Scrip

Thank you to all of our families who assisted with this fundraiser. It's been a very easy way to raise funds for school and the \$10.00 card reaps many rewards throughout the year in dis-