

STUKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

November/December 2022

Letter from the Principal

Dates to Remember

- Nov 1st - Picture Retake day
- Nov 3rd - PTO Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30
- Nov 11th, - NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day
- Nov 21 -25th, NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 1st - PTO Meeting, 5:30- 6:30
- Dec 15th - Coco & Caroling 6:00 - 7:00
- Dec 16th - Jan 2nd, NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

Dear Stukey Families,

As we jump into the months of November and December, we have so many wonderful things to share with you! Thank you so much for your involvement and participation in Parent Teacher Conferences in October. As the quarter comes to an end, we have seen many improvements and growth in our scholars. It is also a time to reflect on the gaps and improvement that we need to make goals around. Hopefully, this information was shared with you at conferences.

As we enter into the months where we may experience inclement weather, here are a few reminders about systems in the event of a one hour delay start day:

- The student day will begin one hours late, with the first bell ringing at 9:00 and the tardy bell ringing at 9:05
- Breakfast will be served for students at 9:00
- Outside morning duty will begin at 9:00

We are so happy to see our PTO group grow a little more this year. We encourage you to join us at our monthly meetings. We always have grade level representation at each meeting and we share celebrations and successes going on here at Stukey. The next meeting is on November 3rd from 5:30-6:30. Our Choir will perform right after our meeting at 6:30.

Stukey School Hours

M, T, TH, F
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday
8:00 am - 1:45 pm

Thank you for all the home support in ensuring your scholars are **reading every night** and **completing their reading logs**. We hope that this commitment will help our scholars advance in their reading skills and help decrease the number of reading plans here at Stukey. If you are ever in need of books, please let us know.

We have changed our Watch DOGS volunteer program name to Beekeepers here at Stukey. With this change, all parents and guardians are welcome to spend the day or a chunk of time with us. Please reach out to Scott Pell at pel027554@adams12.org or Patty Kozma koz026584@adams12.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you for sending us your amazing children! Please check out all of our dates for events in the upcoming months. We want you to feel confident about sending your child to Stukey, and encourage you to volunteer or give us a call or email any time. Please feel free to email me with any questions, concerns, celebrations or compliments at deborah.m.voelker@adams12.org or call 720-972-5423. We look forward to partnering with you to provide the best school experience for your child!

Warm Regards,
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Soft Start Students may not be on the school grounds before 8:00 a.m. At 8:05 a.m. the tardy bell rings and classes begin. **All students who are not in the classroom by 8:05 a.m. are considered tardy.**

Early Release Reminder Each Wednesday, the school day will end at 1:45. If you pick up your child from school, it is important that you are on time. Staff will be involved in training and there will be no supervision for children whose parents have not come for them.

Treat/Snack Health Policy

Treats/snacks in the classroom for classroom celebrations must align with our district health policy: Some examples of healthy snacks are:

- *granola bars
- *goldfish
- *fruit kabobs
- *veggie sticks
- *pretzels

Messages for Students

Due to the fact that it is extremely distracting to teachers and students, we will not be able to interrupt class time to give messages to students unless it is an emergency. Please make arrangements with your child before school.

Please remember how important it is for students to be in school regularly and on time. It is important that our students learn good habits that will serve them well in the future.



"Every Scholar, Every Day"

Classroom Corner

Kindergarten:

Now that we are into our school year with routines and systems in place, our learning is taking off! At conferences, we loved sharing all of the learning and growth taking place in kindergarten! Students are working on learning letter names, letter sounds, and high frequency words. We are also working on using our learning strategies as we read and we love sharing the books that we are bringing home in our reading book bags. Families are doing a great job of supporting our learning through our monthly projects, reading each night, and returning Friday folders. From Informational writing to new math strategies, kindergarten is full of fun, learning, and continued growth!

1st Grade:

October has flown by and we are now in full swing with school. Your scholars are doing great with our first grade rituals and routines. During our November and December months we will be studying how to learn about fictional characters. We will also be learning about why people decide to get involved with their communities. In writing, we will be finishing up our procedural reports and diving into the genre of opinion writing. In math we have been working on addition and subtraction number sentences and stories and we will be getting into measurement very soon. Our guided reading rotations are going well, and the reading log routine is showing results.

2nd Grade:

We are having a great time in Second Grade! We will be taking our first field trip in early November to the History Colorado Museum. Here we will learn more about our state and what it looked like in the past. We are finishing up our Weather and season Science unit. In writing we are working on our very own opinions! Math is very exciting right now! We are using our addition and subtraction strategies to work with larger numbers. Thanks families for all of the support you have shown us this year!

3rd Grade:

November

In Reading, we will be working on a nonfiction unit, Unit 3: "Government and Citizenship". In Social Studies, we will be learning about regions of the world. In Writing, we will write a compare and contrast essay after reading two nonfictional texts. In Math, we will finish Unit 3: "Operations" and begin Unit 4: "Measurement". Our scholarly habit for the month of November is Caring.

December

In Reading, we will be working on a fiction unit, Unit 4: "Perspectives in Literature". In Science, we will start our second unit about the properties of matter. In Writing, we will be writing an opinion piece. In Math, we will finish Unit 4: "Measurement" and begin Unit 5: "Fractions and Multiplication Strategies". Our scholarly habit for the month of December continues to be caring.

4th grade:

To finish our semester, 4th graders will be learning Native American history in Social Studies and beginning earth sciences in Science. In math, we will be continuing fractions and beginning multi-digit multiplication. In writing, students will be working on a compare and contrast essay and beginning an opinion essay. In reading, students will be reading nonfiction texts about the government.

5th Grade:

Math: We will be continuing to learn about fractions by adding and subtracting mixed numbers and how to use fractions to represent real world situations.

Reading: In Unit 3 & 4 we will be learning about how laws continue to evolve and how other perspectives can help us evaluate the world around us.

Social Studies: We will study European explorers and native peoples in the New World and how that impacted the early colony settlements.

Science: Patterns in our Solar System - we will be learning about objects in our solar system and the patterns they make.

Writing: Our scholars will be finishing up writing our informative and explanatory texts and we will start opinion writing.