

VEAZIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009

KINDERGARTEN (*Mrs. Smart*) Kindergarten is looking very festive! We have glittery hand/foot reindeer on one wall with beautiful night trees on the other wall. The hall has some really cool elves that look like your children. They have some writing to go with them letting us know how much work goes into helping Santa. In addition to the holiday activities, some of which you will see later, we have been continuing to do journals, read during book box time and do all of our regular activities.

(*Mrs. Humphrey*) The Holidays are in the air in Kindergarten! This is a very exciting time of year. We have been very busy with LOTS of reading and writing! We had a great time with first grade on Tuesday making lots of holiday surprises! Next week Mrs. Chandler's third grade is going to help us write reindeer fact books and make reindeer treats! Have a wonderful weekend!

GRADE 1 (*Mrs. Kimball*) We are learning about traditions in grade one. We are taking turns presenting our holiday tradition to the class. It has been a lot of fun seeing what our peers do during this holiday season! We will also "travel" to France, Australia, Italy, England and Mexico to learn about their traditions.

GRADE 2 (*Mrs. Costlow*) Grade 2 has just completed their first Social Studies Unit, Depending on Others. We are learning German holiday traditions. Children read about, made, and ate gingerbread men as well as performed Reader's Theater versions for kindergarten and first grade students. Thank you to all of the parents who have generously donated food, crafts and their time this month. We are looking forward to our field trip to Piper Mountain Tree Farm on Thursday, December 17 at 11:15-2:15. Parent chaperones are welcome. Happy December birthday to Sarah Dalton on the 18th.

GRADE 3 (*Mrs. Sanborn*) Third graders have been busy with holiday projects. We made glittery tree mobiles and wiggly-eyed reindeer. In math, we've used straws, pattern blocks, tape measures, newspaper and cans to help us learn about geometry and measuring. We have been reading about San Antonio, Texas. Students have been reading about rocks and minerals and observing the properties of different samples.

(*Mrs. Chandler*) Third grade is studying rocks and minerals! We have made posters describing the three major types of rocks! Check them out next week! In social studies we are learning about the city of San Antonio. It's a very beautiful city this time of year! Please remember that winter is upon us and we need the appropriate clothes to go outside! Extra clothes are a great idea! Students have plenty of room in their lockers to store these items. It is going to be a long winter so it is best if we are prepared! Happy Weekend!

GRADE 4 (*Mrs. Estes*) The kids had a great week! They are really excited about the states we are creating. Each child is creating their own, which is really utilizing the map skills they've learned. The kids will have a science test on Ch. 3 Lessons 1 & 2 on Monday. Have a great weekend!

GRADE 5 (*Mrs. Hileman*) Our class has been reading [A Christmas Carol](#) in class. We are looking forward to attending the play next week at Penobscot Theater. In class we have been reading and writing poetry. What an imaginative and creative group!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL -The annual middle school auction will be held on Dec. 21. Our auctions reward positive behavior throughout the year. We would greatly appreciate donations of new or slightly used novelty items for this. Of course, baked goods or purchased items such as candy and doughnuts are always extremely popular as well! Nonperishable items may be sent to school at any time. Food donations may be brought to school on the morning of the 21st. Thank you in advance for your help! -*The middle school staff*

LIBRARY (*Mrs. Harrison*) Happy Holidays! We love learning how people around the world celebrate the holiday season. Arlene Erlbach's Merry Christmas Everywhere! and Christmas Around the World by Emily Kelley are two of the many interesting sources I share with the students during the month of December. Each year I continue to add to our growing collection of wonderful books on Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, as well. Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story by Angela Shelf Medearis has been a favorite and a new addition, Hanukkah at Valley Forge by Stephen Krensky will be shared with grade five. I look forward to reading to fourth graders The Scallop Christmas by first time author Maine Jane Freeberg. The story, set in a small coastal Maine town, is based on a true story told to the author by a friend who lived most of this story during the Depression (appropriate reading for our current difficult economic times.) Several classes have LOVED another new addition to our holiday collection, The Gingerbread Pirates by Kristin Kladstrup. So many wonderful holiday stories, never enough time to share them all! Happy Reading!

PICTURES & VIDEOS ON THE INTERNET In order to provide a safe school environment and to respect the privacy of others we ask that all pictures and videos taken at school or at school sponsored events be limited to private use only. Please do not place pictures or videos on the Internet. Thank you for your cooperation.

HEALTH NOTES - (*Shelley Gilman RN*) This is the time of year that head lice is more prevalent in schools. Just a reminder to ALL parents/guardians that anyone can get head lice. Please check your child's hair regularly for lice (live) and nits (eggs). Please remind students not to share hats, brushes, combs or hair accessories. Your help is appreciated. Thank you.

HOLIDAY VACATION - The last student day this month is Tuesday, December 22. The first student day after vacation will be Monday, January 4. Have a wonderful holiday break.

FYI - Any person with a disability who requires auxiliary aids or services in order to fully participate in an activity at the Veazie Community School is requested to contact the office of the principal at 947-6573 (TDB Relay #1-955-3323) at least 72 hours in advance of that activity.