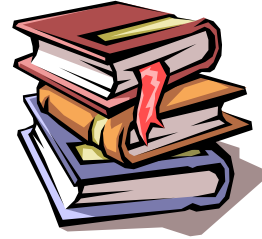


Ross University Preparatory School and Daycare

Newsletter



February 6, 2008

Principal's Message

In this semester we have worked diligently on both of our themes in January. Within character education the theme has been respect. Within the curriculum the focus has been on literacy. Throughout the month of January we looked at the many ways that we show respect for self, others, and family. Within the Ross Community here, there are many examples of how we all work together to accomplish learning with respect. At the end of each month, there was a brief assembly whereby each class contributed a story, a rhyme, or song with the rest of the classes.

This month is "Have a Heart" theme whereby story, poetry, and music will be used to remind us of the value of friendship and love. We look forward to our assembly where we will share our songs and stories on Feb. 28th. We hope you will join us then.

M.Grogan B.A.M.Ed

Daycare

In the morning the children and staff have a singing and greeting session which is working well and it gives them great stimulation for the day. So it is important for parents to bring the children on time so they can be part of these activities.

Grade Pre-K, Kindergarten Class

We continue to work on the letters of the alphabet and we are now able to recognize 5 more new letters. We are also able to count backwards from 10-1. We are also working

on the long vowel sounds and the 2 vowel rule. We listen enthusiastically to stories so reading time at home with the library books is greatly appreciated.

Grade 1, 2, 3 Class

In our room, we enjoyed learning more in the area of literacy, especially word problems in our mathematics class. We continue to read daily to improve our fluency and comprehension using our library books and our texts. We also welcomed 2 new students into our class.

Grade 5, 6, 7, 8 Class

ART:

This past month in art, the students learned about incorporating textures into their artwork. Each student constructed an owl by ripping papers to look like the owl's soft feathers. They then used markers to add the finishing touches to the eyes and beak. Come in the school and check out the students' work on display! Also, we have been busily preparing for the holidays. Each student helped make decorations for our school Thanksgiving lunch. Their hard work really made the celebration quite festive! Special thanks to Ms. Frederick and Ms. Cools-Lartigue's classes for bringing some of their own student-made classroom decorations to help decorate the deck.

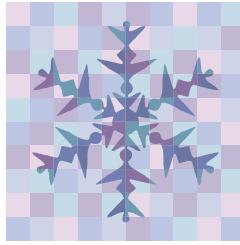
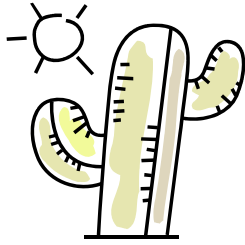


MATH & SOCIAL STUDIES, Mrs. Hale

In math, the 4th and 5th grades have been focusing on metric measurement, place value with decimals, geometry, and division, while the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades have all been working on topics in algebra. Congratulations to the 5th graders for their good scores on their recent test on geometry concepts!

In social studies, the 4th and 5th graders have been focusing on the Civil War. The fifth graders took an in-depth look at the establishment of slavery in the American colonies and the day-to-day lives of enslaved people in the 1700s. We are now beginning our study of the American Revolution. The 6th-8th graders have been studying the history and culture of Ancient Rome, including the growth of the Roman Empire, the Pax Romana, and the decline that followed. To enhance their study, the different grade levels completed an independent research project touching on many aspects of life in the Roman Empire. By Mrs. G. Hale

Congratulations to the 6-8th graders for achieving a score of 80% or better on their Weather and Climate chapter test!!!



Phone Numbers

- Day School phone number: 255-6434
- Daycare Phone Number: 255-6242
- Principal's Phone number: 255-6363

Upcoming Dates:

Year Dates

- December 7, 2007 10:30 (Friday) – Winter Play 10:30 am upper deck
December 6, 2007 (Thursday) – Staff Meeting 4:00 pm
December 14, 2007 (Friday) – End of RUSM's semester
January 10, 2008 (Thursday) – Staff meeting 4:00
January 24, 2008 (Thursday) – Parent Council meeting 5:00-6:00 in the Day School
January 25, 2008 (Friday) – End of term 2
January 28, 2008 (Monday) – Term 3 begins
January 30, 2008 (Wednesday) – Report cards go home
February 7, 2008 (Thursday) – Staff meeting
February 21, 2008 (Thursday) – Parent Council Meeting 5:00-6:00 in the Day School
February 28, 2008 Thursday – Have a Heart Assembly 11:15 am
March 6, 2008 (Thursday) – Staff Meeting 4:00
March 20, 2008 – (Thursday) – Parent Council Meeting 5:00-6:00 in the Day School
April 3, 2008 (Thursday) – Staff Meeting 4:00
April 4, 2008 (Friday) – End of term 3
April 7, 2008 (Wednesday) – Report cards go home
May 8, 2008 (Thursday) – Staff Meeting 4:00
May 15, 2007 (Thursday) – Parent Council Meeting 5:00-6:00 in the Day School
May 29, 2008 (Thursday) – Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews 12:00-4:00
June 5, 2007 (Thursday) – Staff Meeting 4:00
June 19, 2008 (Thursday) – Parent Council Meeting 5:00-6:00 in the Day School
June 26, 2007 (Thursday) – Term 4 ends and report cards go home
June 26, 2008 (Thursday) – Last Day of academic calendar year
June 27, 2008 (Friday) – First day of Summer Program