

Brookhaven News for



PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Brookhaven Families,

Brookhaven continues to provide a monthly newsletter for our families and community. It is our goal to keep you updated on news, activities, and events within the school. We believe that communication between school and home is so important for the success of our students. Many thanks to Michelle Ornduff, parent volunteer who publishes our newsletter and to the parents taking the time to read it is appreciated as well.

On another note, I am very excited to inform you that we will be able to present our Holiday Program this year virtually! Mr. Joshua Salisbury, our music teacher will record the performance on December 13th and you will be given a link to watch on December 15th.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Mrs. Burks

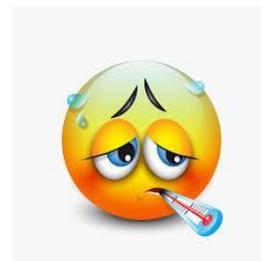
Happy Holidays to all of our Brookhaven Families!



NURSES NEWS

"I am Sick Now What?"

- Cover Nose when sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid Close contact with others
- Stay home from school or work until fever free for 24 hours!



Just for Fun:

Did You Hear the Joke About the Germ?



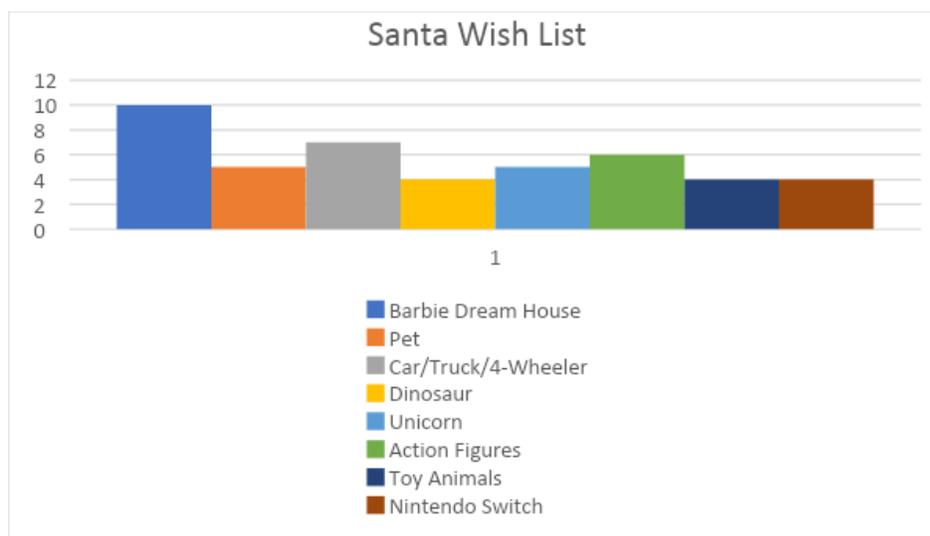
Answer: I'm not telling you, I don't want to spread it around!

Pre-K

There are so many fun ways to teach learning standards in pre-k. Below we have an example of a literacy and math activity. Students from each of the classes provided dictations of what toys they wished for, and we worked together to write a letter to Santa listing these things. Instead of just compiling a list, we created a bar graph of the most popular gift requests so we could include math concepts into the activity.

Dear Santa,

Here are our most popular toy requests from Brookhaven Elementary Pre-K students. We worked on using our words to talk about what we want, how to write/send a letter, counting and graphing, and so much more. We have been working hard and learning so much in school.



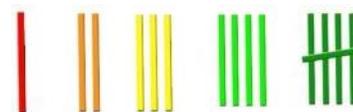
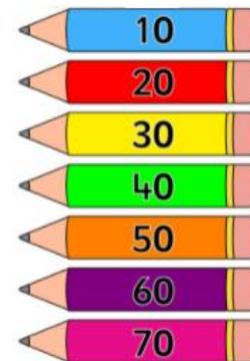
From,

Brookhaven Elementary Pre-K



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten students have been very busy! We have been learning how to write sentences by adding more details to our writing, making sure we are using finger spaces between our words, and using capital letters where they are needed! We had fun learning about the traditions of Thanksgiving and learning about what the first Thanksgiving was like. We disguised turkeys so that the farmer wouldn't recognize them and make them apart of Thanksgiving dinner! We have continued to practice our counting skills to 100 by ones, tens, and fives! We have been learning how to add numbers to five and we have been learning different ways to count by using tally marks! We have been busy learning how our letters and letters sounds, as well as learning how to blend sounds to make words during our center time! We are becoming readers and it is so much fun!



FIRST GRADE

Happy Holidays! First grade has been working hard on our writing skills. We've been focusing on writing our letters neatly with proper formation and direction and writing complete sentences with proper capitalization and punctuation. We researched different animals and wrote our first informative research papers. In science we are focusing on light and dark. We're learning about natural and man-made light, shadows, and how light interacts with objects that are transparent, translucent, and opaque. Please continue to read with your child each evening to support their reading skills and reading high frequency words as well as practice math fact fluency. Remember to dress for the weather as we will continue to go outside for recess, weather permitting, with temperatures as low as 30 degrees. Thank you for your continued support,
First Grade Team



SECOND GRADE

We are starting a new program called Reading Counts. Your child chooses a book that he or she would like to read. They read the book and then log onto the site Reading Counts on the Brookhaven Homepage. They Click on the k-2 links, and then click on resources. The Reading Counts link is on the left-hand side of the page. The student then types in the title of the book they have read or the author's name. They then take a comprehension test to see if they understood the book, if so they earn points. When your child earns 30 points there will be a class reward. We are excited about this program because, it builds comprehension, fluency and a love for reading. We would like the children to take their tests at school but encourage them to take books home. They will be able to take the test the following day at school. In order to become a good reader your child must read every day.



In order to become a good reader, your child must read every day. Let's get reading!



THIRD GRADE

December is here! How can that be? Time seems to be flying by so quickly this year. In third grade we are continuing to enjoy our reading series. For the month of December we will be working on plays and dramas. We are having fun with those for sure! Our Reading Counts goal is still at 30 points. Please ask your child how many points they have and continue to have them read each night to obtain the needed points. Our reward will be December 22. We will be playing board games together.



In math, continue to memorize multiplication facts. We are reviewing rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. We will also be reviewing adding and subtracting in the next couple of weeks too.

We have completed our Native American Google Slides project. The children did a great job learning about a tribe of their choice.



FOURTH GRADE

Happy Holidays! This month in math, we will be working on multi-step word problems and symmetry. For language arts, we will study Christmas around the world. Additionally, the students will write an informative compare/contrast essay. Students will receive information for a Social Studies cereal box biography report this month that will be due later in January. Please save a cereal box for your child to complete this project. For science, students will be engineering a sleigh out of various Christmas materials. Please remember to continue practicing math facts and reading with your child each evening! We hope that every family has a wonderful holiday break!



FIFTH GRADE



Wow! Time sure is flying by! It is hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us. We know it is a very busy time of year for families, but we ask that you please continue to help us keep your child on track by reminding them to manage their time at home. Please make sure they are keeping up with their assignments and tests.

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Mrs. Kelly's math classes have been exploring fractions. We have been working on adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators. We will soon be moving on to multiplying and dividing fractions.



Mrs. Slavey's social studies classes have finished the unit on the presidential election process. Next, students will examine the role geography played in the expansion of the United States and the important decisions U.S. leaders made to shape the new nation.



In science, students have discovered the role fungi plays in decomposing dead materials and in creating soil. They have created Mold Terrariums, where students planed and conducted investigations to discover the factors affecting decomposition. Students filled Ziploc bags with different types of foods and changed environmental conditions so that they could study how different variables affected mold growth. They then observed mold growth over a period of weeks.



In reading, students have continued to discuss each story's genre and vocabulary, and are continuing to work through the writing process using text evidence.

Please remind students to dress appropriately for the winter weather!

BROOKHAVEN PARENT GROUP (BPG)

The final numbers are in, and our Fun Run Fundraiser has earned a total of \$20,710.00! The Brookhaven Parent Group is so grateful and overjoyed at the amazing efforts of our students, families, teachers, staff, friends, and community. We have secured a Fun Run date for next school year, and the BPG is so excited to grow this fundraising opportunity as well as make it even more fun for our students! Thank you to everyone who submitted feedback on our Facebook page about potential field trip ideas!



Mrs. Boledovic's fourth grade class was treated to an ice cream party for receiving the highest amount of donations in the school!

The BPG was pleased to provide our teachers and staff with dinner during the Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 9th. We appreciate each of them spending their evening at school to speak with parents. Our teachers were delighted to not only communicate virtually but also to see many of our parents in person!

If you have not already signed up for Kroger Community Rewards or Amazon Smile Rewards, please consider doing so in order to continue supporting our Brookhaven Parent Group through your day-to-day and holiday shopping! Currently, we have 45 families signed up for our Kroger Community Rewards, and we would love to grow that number!

Kroger Community Rewards: <https://www.kroger.com/j/community/community-rewards>

Amazon Smile Rewards: <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>

Please mark your calendars for our next virtual BPG Monthly Meeting on Thursday, December 2nd. We love to hear from our families!



Important Dates December 2021

December 1

Ugly Holiday Sweater Day



December 2

BPG (Zoom) Meeting @6:30 pm

December 3

Red & **Green** Spirit Day



December 8

Holiday Helper Spirit Day

December 10

Red & **Black** Spirit Day

December 13

Holiday Program Recorded



December 15

Holiday Program (link on website)

Holiday Hat Spirit Day

December 17

Red & **Green** Spirit Day



December 22

Pajama Spirit Day

Two-hour Early Dismissal

December 23 – Jan. 3

Winter Break



January 4

Happy New Year! School Resumes!

January 7

Red & **Black** Spirit Day

Zoom Meeting



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DAY