

Centre School - January 2024 - Newsletter
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GENERAL INFORMATION

As this calendar year comes to an end, and we head off into our holiday vacation, it's hard to believe that we are completing our 4th full month of school already! This would not have happened without the help of you! Thank you very much! Looking ahead to the new year, our return to school date is Tuesday, January 2nd. Planning ahead, please note that January's school calendar reveals a Monday school Holiday (1/15) so please plan accordingly.

The students have had fun over the first four months with many opportunities to enjoy books. During this winter break, I would love for you to see how well your child is reading! You can help by making sure that each student reads, or is read to, on a daily basis, for at least 15 minutes. Research shows that developing a daily reading habit early helps to produce successful lifelong learners.

On behalf of the entire Centre School staff, the Superintendent's Office, and the Hampton School Board, I send best wishes to you for a healthy and happy holiday season. I look forward to greeting the students and families in the New Year when we return to school on January 2nd!

HEALTH / SAFETY

The safety, health, and security of our students and staff are prime concerns at Centre School. We face additional safety concerns when snow and ice limit visibility and mobility on our walkways and in the parking lot. We urge everyone to ensure the safety of Hampton's youngest students by observing the speed limit in front of the school by **crossing at the crosswalks** and by **parking only in designated parking spaces**. Please note that the apartment complex east of the school is private property and parking is limited to residents/guests only. Parking in the school parking lot is very limited and we encourage parents to park on Towle Ave. or in the Town Hall parking lot when dropping off or picking up students. Students who ride the bus need to be reminded that while the bus is in motion, students are to remain seated.

Cold weather recess requires hats, mittens, snow clothing, and boots to ensure that students are warm and safe. Some winter illnesses are contagious and require that students stay home until they recover. Certain illnesses and diseases need to be reported to the public health department. Please check with the school nurse if you have questions about your child's health. It is very important that we have current phone numbers so that we can reach you in case of an emergency. Please be sure to notify the school office if a change occurs. Please also call the school office by 8:30 AM to let us know if your child will be absent so that we don't have to call you or your emergency contact numbers to verify a student's reason for absence from school.

MATH NEWS

5...4...3...2...1 Happy New Year! The big countdown will soon be on as we welcome in 2024. Why not spend some time in January working on your child's counting skills? Count forwards, count backwards, count by 5's, 10's and 2's.

Challenge them to do all this when beginning with numbers other than 1. Counting is easy to squeeze into any day as you can do it anywhere and at any time. You can just count orally, you can count objects or they can practice writing numbers, as well. Have fun counting with your child this January!

LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS

Happy New Year! January is an excellent time to take a closer look at your home library. Kids love to choose the books they will read. They will gravitate towards books that are engaging and reflect what they're interested in. K-2 students have many interests, so you might find it challenging to keep up with your child's changing interests! January is a great time to refresh your home book collection. Click [here](#) to read about refreshing your home library. Don't have a home library? No problem! Click [here](#) for ways to start a home library.

Information & Ideas:

[How to Get a Library Card](#)

[Lane Library Children's Catalog](#)

[Jan Brett Activities](#)

COUNSELOR NEWS

Happy New Year! The start of a new year is a great time to reflect and set new goals with your child.

To help your child set a goal, begin by talking with them and making a list of things that they are doing well. Discuss what steps they took to be successful, how did it make them feel along the way and once they succeeded? Once you have identified some successes, begin reflecting on some things that they would like to learn or to improve on. This is a great way to brainstorm a new goal.

Goals should be life skills and/or an interest. Goals must be realistic and attainable. For example, some goals could be counting to 100, scoring a goal in soccer, cleaning their room once a week, tying their shoes, reading a specific book or learning to swing.

You should then set a timeline and reflect upon the goals as your child works towards success. Once a goal is met, celebrate!

The link below has many great activities to help get you started!

<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/5-fun-goal-setting-activities-children>

Have fun!

Samantha Connell

School Counselor

IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION

Please refer to the following list of dates and upcoming events. This newsletter is published at the end of each month. It is also published on the school's website.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 2 - School resumes after Holiday Vacation
- Jan. 9 - Hampton School Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- Jan. 10, 17, 24 – Gr. 2 Lego Club 3:00-3:50 PM
- Jan. 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day - No School
- Jan. 16 – PTA Mtg. 5:00 PM
- Jan. 31 – Early Release (noon dismissal)

