



January 2021 THE PRIMARY SOURCE

(for all the Primary News)

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A Note from the Principal...

We are looking forward to an exciting New Year that will bring many new challenges to each of our lives. This past year has truly been a challenge for our students, their families and the wonderful teachers who live their lives to help our children. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to set a goal to take a few minutes each day to read with your children (child). Research shows that a child that has been read to on a regular basis achieves much higher, not only in reading, but also in all academic areas. We have great students that have a desire to do their very best, but they still need encouragement from their teachers, parents, and other important people in their lives. Success is a result of setting goals, working hard, and never giving up. I know each of our students can experience successes throughout this next year when we all work together.

Parents I ask that if your student is a drop off student in the mornings that you do not drop them off before 7:30 as there is no one here at the school to watch over them. Your students safety is very important to us and we will do all we can to make sure they are safe here at school but the JDPS staff does not report to work until 7:30 each morning. Your help on this matter is greatly appreciated.

I give a special thanks to my staff for all the hours they put in to making school a place where our children want to come and learn. I also want to thank the great parents of this community for all the hours donated as volunteers to help our youngsters learn. It takes a team effort to succeed in educating our children and we are all doing a pretty good job but we must keep working to improve each day and not become complacent. It is because of this team effort that JDPS maintains its solid ratings with the State. Wishing each and every one a Great and Rewarding 2021.

Tracy Allred
Principal JDP

January Events

Mon. – 4th
Fri. – 8th & 15th **First Day back to school
School on these two Fridays**
(Early release at 1:00. From then on, Friday will only be for those who are asked to attend.)
Mon. – 18th **Martin L. King Day - NO SCHOOL**

February Events

Mon. 8th – Thurs. 11th **Love of Reading**
Tues. 9th – Thurs. 11th **2nd Grade Field Trip to Safford Library**
Fri. 12th – Mon. 19th **President's Day Weekend-NO SCHOOL**
Wed. 24th **100th day**

March Events

Mon. 15th – 19th **Spring Break - NO SCHOOL**

MUSIC... I am pleased to be in the music room once again with your student at the beginning of this New Year. We will continue to sing, move and make music utilizing the many wonderful instruments we have in the classroom. Wearing masks makes it a little difficult to hear the children while singing but they are singing! I would like to offer you a link to a recording of Arizona's state song, "I Love You Arizona," for your student to listen to. We will be learning it for Love of Reading Week in February and the more they listen to the music, the faster they learn the song and the more they love it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVuma73fZYs&t=36s>

Valene Bryce

We still have some jackets in our lost and found. Please check the office for any lost jackets or sweatshirts, **we will be donating them to the local Thrift store in a few weeks.** Please write your child's name in his/her jacket. Also, please call the office with pick up and bus changes by 12:00. Thank you! ☺





KINDERGARTEN...

What a fabulous December we had!! Our school Festival of Trees and visit from Santa was the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit! We hope you enjoyed the Holiday Celebrations and winter break! We have started doing DIBELS testing and are excited to see how the students are progressing in their reading skills. We will continue to explore and learn as we get ready for First Grade. We will really start adding more High Frequency Words (belt words) this quarter. Please review their words daily so they can keep up. It's so exciting to see the children read and enjoy the wonder of books. Please be sure to have your child do their home reading and also read to your child. They need to hear you read so they will know how to make books fun. It will make such a difference in your child's progress. As we review our math skills we will focus on the numbers 11-20 and start adding!!!. Please make sure to read all the directions when you are helping them do their homework. Please continue to work with your child on counting to 100, learning their address, phone number and how to tie shoes. We encourage you to talk to your child about what they have learned each day in school. Go over their papers and have them explain what they have learned. 2021 is going to be a great year! We appreciate all that you parents do to help make our Kindergarten classrooms a success!

Mrs. Griffin, Ms. Stone, Mrs. Mleynek, Mrs. Hatch, Ms. Claridge, and Mrs. Vining

FIRST GRADE...

We are ready for the New Year! We are excited to see so much growth in our first graders. We are working hard in the classroom learning new sounds to help us become better readers. As we jump into the third quarter, please continue reading every day with your child and signing their reading logs. We cannot stress enough just how important that is. Please continue practicing all of our sight words too. Our momentum is going to pick up, pushing us through until May. Remember that there will be school on Friday, Jan. 8th and Friday, Jan. 15th, but they will be early release days (1:00). Also, there is no school on Monday, January 18th in celebration of MLK Day. Thank you for all your help and support. Let us make 2021 an amazing year!



Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Rubalcava, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hansen, Ms. Roderick, Mrs. Palmer, and Mrs. Barney



SECOND GRADE.... Welcome 2021! We hope that everyone had a good Christmas and got plenty of rest. We're looking forward to new experiences and a great year. The students will continue working on 2 digit addition and subtraction, and reading stories like Luke Goes to Bat, Sign Maker's Assistant, and Penguin Chick. Martin Luther King Day will be celebrated on January 18, so no school that day. We will be starting to search for information for our writing assignment, which is a research paper. Please begin to help your child find information about their topic of choice for the paper. Your child's teacher will send home more specific info. It takes a long time for the students to do this assignment, so we want to get an early start gathering the information. Please help your children begin getting ready for third grade, by encouraging them to complete and turn in all their work, doing homework, and reading 20 minutes or more each night. Remind the students to come with warm clothing with their names written in them. Thank you for everything you do for your child and for the school.

Ms. Moore, Ms. Fox, Mrs. Bryce, Mrs. Stacy, Mrs. Scoggin, and Mrs. Cooper



 JANUARY 2021 THATCHER UNIFIED SCHOOL LUNCH MENU				
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Parsnips. FRESH PICKS.				1
4 Corn Dog FF Pears Milk	5 Dunkers Green Beans Peaches Milk	6 Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice Mix Fruit Milk	7 Roaster Chicken Corn Roll Apple Sauce	8 Pizza FF Pears Milk
11 Chicken Nuggets Corn Biscuit Fruit	12 Chicken Sandwich Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk	13 Walking Taco Rice Side Salad Peaches	14 Corn dog Diced Potatoes Apple Milk	15 Cheese burger Pork N Beans Warm Cinnamon Peaches Milk
18 MLK DAY NO SCHOOL	19 Spaghetti Green Beans Dinner Roll Apple sauce Milk	20 Chicken Fried Rice Carrots / Peas Fruit Cocktail Milk	21 Sloppy Joe Tater Tots Apple Sauce Milk	22
25 Mac + Cheese Broccoli Dinner Fruit	26 Meatball Hoagie Green Beans Frozen Peach Milk	27 Chicken Taco Rice Salsa Cup of fruit Milk	28 Roasted Chicken Mashed Potato Gravy Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit Milk	29
NUTRITION BAR Included with your meal and offered daily. Choose from a variety of fresh fruits or vegetables. For questions and comments, please email the Food Service Director at: faye.ortiz@avivands.com or call 929-228-3562				
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