

Mark Denman Elementary

December 2017

Theme:

Focus on collaborating about student learning for substantial results.



Mission:

Mark Denman will provide a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where all individuals will be actively engaged in personal and academic growth.

Special Events:

- ◆ Early Dismissal - Dec. 6
- ◆ Board Meeting - Dec. 13
- ◆ Girls Leadership - Dec. 14
- ◆ Hot Chocolate with Santa - Dec. 14
- ◆ Dec. Birthdays - Dec. 15
- ◆ 3rd - 4th Concert - Dec. 18
- ◆ K - 2nd Concert - Dec. 19
- ◆ Movie Day - Dec. 19
- ◆ Winter Break Begins - Dec. 20
- ◆ No School - Dec. 20 - Jan. 3
- ◆ Welcome Back - Jan. 3
- ◆ Report Cards - Jan. 5
- ◆ ACCESS Testing - Jan. 8 - Feb. 16
- ◆ Benchmark Tests - Jan. 8 - 26
- ◆ Early Dismissal - Jan. 10

Hello, Mark Denman Families!

December is here! This semester is flying by so quickly. Before you know it, winter break will be here. But first, we are very excited for the many activities we have planned for the entire month!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Holiday Programs. Monday, December 18, starting at 5:00 p.m. will be our 3rd and 4th grade concert. Tuesday, December 19, starting at 5:00 p.m. will be our kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade concert. Both concerts will be in our MDE gym. We look forward to seeing everyone this year!

Who is ready for some Hot Chocolate and pictures with Santa? Our annual Hot Chocolate with Santa will be Thursday, December 14, from 4:00 - 6:00. All families will be asked to complete our 5Essential State Survey and then enjoy Hot Chocolate, a cookie and a picture with Santa! This celebration is always such fun!

Our school-wide PBIS movie celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 19. This is for ALL students and is always a great time! Students will enjoy a movie of choice, treats, and a day in their pajamas! This is also our last day of school for December. We will have regular dismissal at 2:30 p.m.

Again, Tuesday, December 19 is our last day of school for students. We will return from break on Wednesday, January 3 and report cards will come home with students on Friday, January 5.

We wish everyone a safe, warm, relaxing family filled winter break!

Mrs. Pabst, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Day

Fourth Grade Girls Leadership Group

Seventeen girls from 4th grade gathered in the Library for their first Girls Leadership meeting on November 16. The Girls Leadership lesson focused on accepting their authentic self. The girls read information about accepting the good and bad parts of themselves and created a collage reflecting each of them through their eyes. We look forward to our next Girls Leadership meeting on December 14!



Here's the Grade-Level Scoop!

Hello, Kindergarten Families!



Kindergarten is looking forward to a fun filled December! We have lots to do before Winter Break! We kicked off the holiday season with a fieldtrip to the Festival of Trees! It was a BLAST!

Please continue to work on recognizing letters and numbers out of order. Practice writing Cc and Hh. These are the letters we will be working on this month. Our sight words are play and little for the month of December. Remember report cards are just around the corner. Along with reading simple words, we are working on our math skills. Can your child count to 50 and recognize shapes? Do they recognize numbers 0 - 10 out of order? If not, please continue to practice these skills at home. These are very important for your child's success in Kindergarten and beyond!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Welcome Winter, From Second Grade!

Hello from second grade! The Holidays are vastly approaching! This month students will continue learning to add and subtract 2 digit numbers with regrouping and working with money. We have been writing narratives and will begin learning how to write opinion paragraphs. Students will have a behavior reward on the 15th along with the birthday celebration. Students who have 80% or higher for their Class Dojo or good behavior in class will participate in activities.

As always, each 2nd grade student will have homework Monday through Thursday on spelling and/or math skills they are learning in class. Continue to read with students as it encourages them to be readers! Please be sure to check your child's book bag each night for homework and other notes and announcements from the teacher.

Happy Holidays, Families!

Second Grade Teachers



Hello, from 1st Grade!



Hello from First Grade! Our first semester of school seems to be flying by! It's wonderful to see so much growth at this age. Please make sure you continue reading with your child. Practice is the only thing that helps with fluency. Make sure your child is practicing their sight words and spelling words as well! First Grade classrooms are also learning our addition math facts. We can not stress enough how important practice is!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Have a wonderful December!

Have a great holiday and a Happy New Year!

First Grade Teachers



Greetings from Third Grade!

The year has passed so quickly. It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the second quarter!

Just a few reminders:

- Please continue to practice multiplication and division facts. Every third grader is expected to know facts by the end of the year.
- Read an AR book daily
- Dress warmly! Cold weather is here. Please make sure your child has a winter coat, hat, and gloves.
- Please send Kleenex's for your child's classroom if you have not already done so. We are running out of tissues for students and need your help!
- Check agendas and folders every night for assignments and notes from your child's teacher.

As always, third grade teachers appreciate the help and support our parents give towards their students. If you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact us. Happy Holidays and see you in 2018!

Happy Holidays!

Third Grade Teachers



In the News...



Hello Fourth Grade Families!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!!!! Even though we are in the midst of the holiday season, we are still working daily to help your child learn all he/she can! That is why it is so important that your child be at school each and every day! Your child's attendance is directly related to his/her success in school, so please make sure your student is at school and **on time** every single day. We would greatly appreciate your assistance with this.

Students should be reading their Accelerated Reader books every night at home. Students should be reading 30 minutes each night. Students also need to work on their multiplication/division facts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. We want for your child to be successful and we need you to partner with us to ensure this success! We would appreciate your continued support and assistance as we progress throughout this school year!

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Hello, From the Land of Music!

As 2017 draws to a close, our students are quickly preparing for the winter concert. We hope to see you all there on December 18 (3rd and 4th) and December 19th (K-2) at 5 pm both nights. BACK HOME, IN OUR GYM!!! As our students explore the world of performance, we are also preparing them to be great audience members. With a new year starts new adventures for our students. They will be exploring all of the instrument families of the modern western orchestra and a few non-western instruments. We are excited and energized for our coming exploration.



Gym Report:

We just started a volleyball unit and we will learn the basic skills of volleyball. We would like to remind everyone again that students **MUST** wear tennis shoes during P.E. class. We had many students coming to the gym without tennis shoes during the month of November. We know it is cold outside and many students want to wear boots. This is fine, just bring tennis shoes to school and change before P.E. class.

Also, because it is cold, everybody is going to spend more time inside. We suggest keeping your children moving and exercising inside too. They can do a simple routine on the floor while watching their favorite show. It is fun and healthy. We know they would love it if you joined them during the work out. You all can do push-ups, squats, sit-ups, and stretch. According to your level, you can do from 10 to 20 reps each and stretch and the end. If you repeat that set three times it will be a fun and very beneficial way to spend time with your children. If you are not sure what those exercises are, don't worry, your children will know. They are simple and do not require any equipment.

We wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jana McKenna, Steve Dale, and Mihai Murineanu





From Birth to Three



VERMILION COUNTY HOME VISITING

Did you know that there are free home visiting services throughout Vermilion County?

The H.O.M.E. Hands On Meaningful Experiences Program provides home visiting services that offer family-focused services to expectant parents and families with children up to age 3 who reside in District 118. Brandye Kizer and Debbie Plush, Parent Educators, offer information about what a child should be doing at each developmental stage, help families to locate needed resources, provide fun family events, education, support, and free books! In addition to personal home visits and group connections, our Family Store helps supply baby items and household products for H.O.M.E. participants. If you are interested in home visiting services, or even learning more about them, please call (217) 483-BABY (2229).



Upcoming Events in December!

December 5: Reading with Rudolph

Where: Mark Denman Elementary

Time: 10am - 11am

December 12: Lets Stay Healthy (All families)

Where: Danville Public Library

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

December 18: Holiday Party (Birth-3 families)

Where: Mark Denman Elementary

Time: 12:30 - 2:00pm

Resource for All Families:

State of Illinois Early Intervention...

Provides free evaluations and in-home therapy (if found eligible and sliding scale fee for services) for families who have a child ages birth-3 and are concerned with their child's language, social, physical or cognitive development. No Doctor referral needed.

Where: CFC #16

Champaign, IL 61820

Contact info to refer: Toll Free: 800-877-1152

Local: 217-693-7958

Fax: 217-693-7967

Website: <http://www.cicfc.org>



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