



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —  
**COYOTE CLASSIFIED**



NOVEMBER 2021

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

**Thank you for attending our Family Reading Night. I think it is safe to say that fun was had by all. I know the teachers always put a great deal of thought into the activities in hopes your children will enjoy the event.**

**School pictures are being worked on by the photo studio and should be available shortly. Please sign up with your email by following the website at [www.RossiPhotoStudios.com/southwest](http://www.RossiPhotoStudios.com/southwest). Information will also be updated on the school's Facebook page when photos are ready for viewing. The photographers took multiple photos of each student and this takes a little bit of time to go through thousands and thousands of photos.**

**We hope to see everyone during parent teacher conferences on November 9th and 10th. I hope everyone returned their conference form to their child's teacher.**

**To help build the school community if you could send a family photograph to school to post on our bulletin board that would be much appreciated.**

**Thank you for your contribution to our education:**

United Church of Tilton

McDonalds

Toyota of Danville

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

11/9 Early Dismissal (K-4) 1:15pm  
11/9 Regular Dismissal for Pre-K  
11/9 Parent Teacher Conferences  
2:30pm-6:15pm

11/10 Early Dismissal (K-4)  
1:15pm  
11/10 No School for Pre-K  
11/10 Parent Teacher Conferences  
2:30pm-6:00pm

11/11-11/12 No School Staff/  
Students

11/17 BOE Meeting  
6:30 PM @ Fields

11/19 Birthday Celebrations

11/24-11/26 Thanksgiving Break

12/8 Progress Reports

12/15 BOE Meeting  
6:30 PM @ Fields

12/16 Craft Night 5:00pm-6:30pm

12/17 Early Dismissal (K-4) 1:15pm

12/20-12/31 Winter Break

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!**

| <b>Congratulations to our October AR Winners!</b> | <b>AVID Spotlight Students</b>                                    |
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| <b>1st Grade:</b> Easton Ryan                     | <b>Kindergarten:</b> Devon Blake, Empress Verdijo, Kael Bradfield |
| <b>2nd Grade:</b> Lilyana Boyle, Marley Wilkus    | <b>1st Grade:</b> Bentley Carlton, Addy Bower, Easton Ryan        |
| <b>3rd Grade:</b> Kylar Sandlin, Pello Lester     | <b>2nd Grade:</b> Arian Earles, Eriniyah Kelly                    |
| <b>4th Grade:</b> Dylan Austin, Mila King         | <b>3rd Grade:</b> Kendra Thompson, Jenna Tyszczenko               |
|   | <b>4th Grade:</b> Hadley Borst, Zilah Adams                       |

### **News from the library!**

Starting second week of September classes are coming to the library to check out books. AR is also up and running. Staff and students are very excited about the fact that we could see some normalcy now. Please read to your child every evening. It is very important.

During the week of parent teacher conferences in November, we will be running a book fair after almost two years. Please stop by to check out the book fair.

TODAY'S READERS ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS.

Happy reading!

### **~~~~~Pre-K~~~~~**

**The preschool classrooms are starting to learn the routines and understand what it means to be part of a classroom. As the season is changing, many of the classrooms have decided to observe and learn about trees and how they are affected by the seasons. Other classrooms have decided to follow different children interests such as pizza, balls, and cookies. The classrooms will spend several weeks learning about a particular study while embedding basic academic skills such as learning letters, counting objects, and writing into the topic of study. In addition, much of the learning takes place while the child is playing or exploring materials, so they are engaged and interested in the learning activities that are presented to them. We enroll children as young as 3 years old into the preschool program and still have a few openings. Even if you think your child may not be ready, it may be helpful to get them screened to see what activities you can be working on at home as well as get them on the waiting list for a future spot in our program. Please call 444-3525 to sign up for a screening time and please feel free to pass this on to anyone in Vermilion County who might be interested.**

## **KINDERGARTEN**

DEAR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES,

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO CONFERENCES. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE FIRST QUARTER SKILLS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN MASTERED. ALSO, THE BACK OF THE FOLDER IS A GOOD RESOURCE TO USE. JUST A REMINDER, CHECK YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER EACH NIGHT. AS WINTER APPROACHES, MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD CAN PUT ON THEIR OWN COAT AND ZIP THEM. THEY DO OUTSIDE FOR RECESS AFTER LUNCH.

## **First Grade**

**It's already November! Time is flying this year! This month we will be working on math fact fluency, part-part-whole boxes, our doubles facts, and problem solving. In reading, we will study characters, setting, and plot. We will also improve our sight word recognition and decoding skills so we can become fantastic readers! Please keep listening to your student read at home each night. In writing, we will be working on composing two complete detail sentences this month. Happy Thanksgiving!**

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## **SECOND GRADE**

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT FALL BREAK AND WAS ABLE TO REST AND RELAX. IN BENCHMARK WE WILL BEGIN UNIT 3: PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN THEIR HABITATS. WE WILL DISCUSS WHAT LIVING THINGS NEED TO SURVIVE. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SPELLING WORDS AND HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS EACH NIGHT. ALSO, MAKE SURE TO READ AT HOME EACH EVENING TO PRACTICE FLUENCY AND COMPREHENSION. IN MATH WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON FACT FLUENCY. WE WILL BE WORKING ON ADDING WITHIN 100 USING STRATEGIES. THIS COULD BE A NEW CONCEPT FOR SOME SO PLEASE PRACTICE AT HOME AS WELL FOR EXTRA SUPPORT. ALSO, PRACTICE MATH FLASH CARDS FOR FACT FLUENCY.

PLEASE TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT FOCUSING ATTENTION AND IGNORING DISTRACTIONS FOR A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT CONFERENCES!

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## **Third Grade**

It's already November! In Math, we will continue learning strategies for multiplication and division. Please help your students practice their math facts at home. In Reading, we will be learning about animal adaptations. This is always a fun unit and students love it! Be sure to check students' agendas this month, as we have a lot going on. We are excited to see all of you at parent teacher conferences. Happy Fall!

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## **Fourth Grade**

**Hello families! Please be checking your student's agendas and backpacks for information on parent teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on November 9th and 10th (those will be early dismissal days too!). We look forward to seeing you there! In reading we are finishing up Unit 2 which is all about how we reveal ourselves to others and characters actions and reactions in fictional stories. After that we will start reading about characters different points of view. In math we are working on multiplication (a 2- or 3-digit number by a 1-digit number) and will soon be working on multiplying a 4-digit number by 1-digit number. There will be no school November 24-26 for Thanksgiving. Happy Fall!**

## Note from the Nurse...

If your child has any special health needs or problems, this should be communicated to me. This information is kept confidential, and it can be very important to a successful experience in school. Examples of such needs are:

1. Food Allergy
2. Bee sting allergy
3. Allergy to any other substance
4. Difficulty with vision, hearing or speech
5. Need for medication during the school day

Need for special aids such as crutches, walkers or wheelchairs, either on a temporary or permanent basis.

If your student has any of the following symptoms, please keep your child at home and call the school right away for further instructions: Sore throat, Moderate to Severe Headache, cough, fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.

## Data Driven

The holidays are quickly approaching, but those long breaks from school can still be filled with fun and learning. Scholastic Parent offers the following 5 ideas for keeping your student involved in math over holiday breaks!

**Create Surveys:** Children can create holiday surveys to collect data from family members at dinners and parties. Questions can range from holiday traditions to favorite gifts! Once kids have collected the data, they can create graphs (bar graph, pictograph, line plot) either on paper or online to display the results.

**Travel:** Many families travel over the holidays. Invite your children to become a part of the travel plans by using MapQuest or other resources to map out the best route to grandma's. They can estimate the time it would take and develop a schedule for the family according to holiday activities.

**Holiday Toys:** Children can research top holiday gifts from the years their parents or other relatives were kids. For example, find out the number one toy from 1975, how much it cost, and find the difference or price increase over the decades. This is a great way to incorporate many different curricula into one activity. Kids can make a report or poster to show their findings!

**Weather:** Everyone loves a White Christmas! How many times in the past 10, 20, or 50 years has it snowed on Christmas morning? Children can collect weather data on temperature, precipitation, and/or snowfall levels over the years.

**Math Facts:** We definitely want to keep children's math facts fluent even over holiday breaks. So play mental math-counting games in the car, math war at restaurants, or have a math family game night so the efficiency and accuracy doesn't slow down.

Try a few of these out and post a picture to our Facebook page so that we can share what we are doing at home!

## AVID

This month we are focusing on the "I" in WICOR. "I" stands for inquiry. Inquiry within the classroom fosters an environment where students investigate, analyze, and discuss information to create a greater understanding of content. Some of the activities students may do in their classroom to deepen their understanding of inquiry include: Costa's level of questioning, Socratic seminar, and philosophical chairs. At home you can assist us with teaching WICOR by talking about the importance of inquiry.

**Always prepared, Very respectful, Intentionally safe, Determined and responsible**