

Soldotna Montessori News

November 16, 2023



Upcoming Events

11/17	School Assembly (9:00) Dixon's Class Hosts
11/17	School Spirit Day (Twin Day)
11/19	APC Meeting (5:30)
11/22	Stone Soup (Primary)
11/22	Kinder Thanksgiving Parade
11/23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
12/1	50 Cent Friday
12/4-6	Holiday Shop (1:00-3:00)
12/5	APC Meeting (5:30)
12/7	SMCS Winter Concert @ SOHI (6:30)
12/8	Early Release Day (2:00)
12/8	Craft Night (2:15-4:30)
12/15	Caroling, PJ's, & Pancakes Day
12/18-1/2	Winter Break (No School)
1/3	3rd Quarter Begins
1/10	Band & Choir Concert (6:00)

PTO Craft Night

December 8, from 2:15-4:30.
Please look for the flyer in today's folder.



SMCS Spirit of Kindness
INFORMATION
And Forms

Information & forms are in today's folder and located at the school website.

Spirit of Kindness @ SMCS

Our school is continuing the Spirit of Kindness program (now in its 7th year) to provide assistance for SMCS families in need this holiday season. However, we are expanding our effort to include Thanksgiving, this year.

If you wish to request assistance this holiday season through our Spirit of Kindness program, please complete our Spirit of Kindness form(s) located in today's Thursday folder.

If you are a family who wishes to help out this year, we posted our shopping list for Thanksgiving on November 13th at the school website. If you are interested in helping out for gifts at Christmas, we ask that you contact the school no earlier than Wednesday, November 22, for fulfilling requests.

This program is well-received and a positive event for our school family, as well as a fine opportunity for us to care for each other.

Thanksgiving Events @ SMCS

Next week we have a few traditional events that will be occurring. Our Lower El. classes will be reading Stone Soup as well as preparing a meal to share on the 22nd. They will be inviting their buddy class to participate in a stone soup meal with them, which was a slight change that took place last year.

Our kindergarteners will be learning a bit about the holiday tradition of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and will recreate their own balloon parade on our playground @ 2:45 on the 22nd. This will be our Kindergarten's 3rd year of holding a parade, complete with a visit from St. Nick. SMCS families are invited to join in this tradition of a short balloon parade and singing of "Over the River and Through the Woods."

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Reading Connections At Home



We are encouraging families to partner with the school in support of their child’s reading attainment and growth. We love it when what we are working on at school is also something that is encouraged at home, whether that is in science, history, math, you name it. It is fun when a student exclaims that they are extending their learning outside of the classroom. A key element that families can begin to build understanding on is the Science of Reading. Each month we will provide families with a reading activity that they can use to support their student in reading, using a Science of Reading focus. We hope that the ideas we supply are helpful or useful to you and your child.



5 COMPONENTS OF THE SCIENCE OF READING

PHONICS PRACTICE PRIMARY

HOUSEHOLD MESSAGE BOARD

Use a chalkboard, pinboard, or a large piece of paper as a family message board. This is as an exciting way to involve children in reading with a purpose. Leave written notes to your child on the message board.

PHONICS INVOLVES MATCHING THE SOUNDS OF SPOKEN ENGLISH WITH INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OR GROUPS OF LETTERS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SOUND K CAN BE SPELLED AS C, K, CK OR CH.

READING COMPREHENSION INTERMEDIATE

READ A MOVIE

Choose a children’s movie or show. Mute the volume and turn on the English subtitles. Read the subtitles dramatically. Ask your child to read the subtitles aloud with you. Pause the screen as needed to read the lines fully.

Activity Supplied By Amplify mClass – Home Connection

Phonemic awareness: the knowledge that written and spoken words are made up of phonemes, or smaller parts; phonemic awareness provides a foundation for being able to read and spell

Phonics: also known as the alphabetic principle, an understanding of the relationship between written letters and the sounds they are associated with in the spoken language

Vocabulary: the ability to recognize and understand a wide range of words; explicit and systematic vocabulary instruction

Reading fluency: the ability to read quickly and with ease; fluency also includes the ability to interpret emotions in the text and use the voice accordingly to represent them, or to use the voice to emphasize words.

Comprehension: the ability to understand a text

More Family Reading Resources

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Principal Evaluation



The APC is looking for parent and community feedback to assist them with the principal evaluation. The month of November has been set aside to collect this feedback from parents, students, family members and the community at large. An online survey has been created, and a link to the survey is available on our school website, Facebook page, and has been sent via email through PowerSchool Messenger. Please help the APC with this evaluation process by providing your feedback. The online survey will be available from November 1st to December 1st.

School Notifications

In our recent school survey, some families responded that our notifications being sent via, phone, text, & email, might be a bit much, which makes sense. However, each family has a preferred notification method, so we send out information in each way to keep everyone informed. Thankfully, there is a solution for families who do not want contacted in every mode. Families are able to change the settings in Student Contacts in PowerSchool, selecting their preferred mode(s) for receiving notifications from the school. By altering these settings, you will receive notifications in the manner you desire.