

December 2019


The Hillcrest Herald



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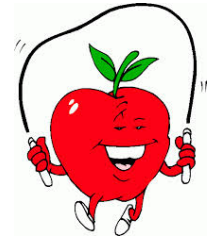
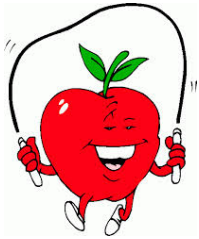
Hillcrest Elementary School

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Sunday 1	Monday 2 (Day A)	Tuesday 3 (Day B)	Wednesday 4 (Day C)	Thursday 5 (Day D)	Friday 6 (Day A)	Saturday 7
			12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1 through 5) 8:50am-10:20am AM Kindergarten 11:00am-12:30pm PM Kindergarten December and June Birthday Celebration	6:00pm-8:00pm Art Show	K Progress Report sent home	8:30am-1:00pm Winter Blast Pancake Breakfast and HSA Holiday Shoppe
8	9 (Day B)	10 (Day C)	11 (Day D)	12 (Day A)	13 (Day B)	14
	9:30am-11:30am Winter Concert Rehearsal (UDPAC) 7:00pm Winter Concert (UDPAC)			6:00pm HSA Meeting		
15	16 (Day C)	17 (Day D)	18 (Day A)	19 (Day B)	20 (Day C)	21
						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	
29	30	31				
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December 23 - January 1 No School for Staff or Students
Schools Closed for Winter Break - Staff and Students return on January 2, 2020

Physical Education Update



The 1st and 2nd grades have been working on the following skills in PE class:

- Spatial awareness
- Eye hand coordination
- Listening skills
- Focus, attention span, concentration and perseverance
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Cooperation

The 1st and 2nd grades have been playing the following movement activities in PE class:

- ✓ Jumping Rope
- ✓ Buffalo Bill
- ✓ Snowball Tag

The 3rd, 4th and 5th grades have been working on the following skills in PE class:

- Spatial awareness
- Listening skills
- Eye hand coordination
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Cooperation
- Focus, attention span, concentration and perseverance
- Risk Taking

The 3rd, 4th and 5th grades have been playing the following movement activities in PE class:

- ✓ Jumping Rope
- ✓ Dodge Ball Games

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD WEAR SNEAKERS ON THE DAY HE/SHE HAS PHYS. ED. Remember that we are on a 4 day schedule and your child might have PE 2 times in one week.

Athletes of the Month



1st Grade: Fallon Campbell Rm#114 & Tyler Gagliardi Rm#114

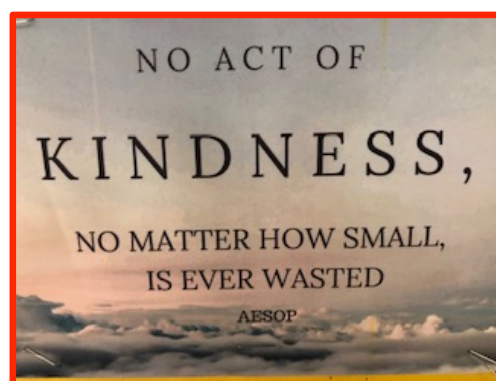
2nd Grade: Aiden Chaney Rm#103, Amidou Diarra Rm #103 & Melanie Nguyen Rm#103

3rd Grade: Matthew Kennedy Rm#20, Lily Feehan Rm#20 & Alexander Lanctot Rm#26

4th Grade: Irelyn Ewing Rm #207 & Angelo Risi Rm #207

5th Grade: Zy'kerian Reid Rm#213, Rosalina Lanctot Rm#213 & Camryn Mariani Rm#213

Motivational Quote





MORNING FITNESS

FRIDAYS 8:00-8:30

HILLCREST GYM

November 1st to February 7th



Morning Fitness is open to any 4th or 5th grader that is interested in fitness. Also, anyone in 4th or 5th grade that might be interested in being on the Hillcrest 2020 Fitness Team should attend.

Workouts consist of:

- Sit-ups
- Push-ups
- Pull-ups
- Standing Broad Jump
- 600 Yard Run



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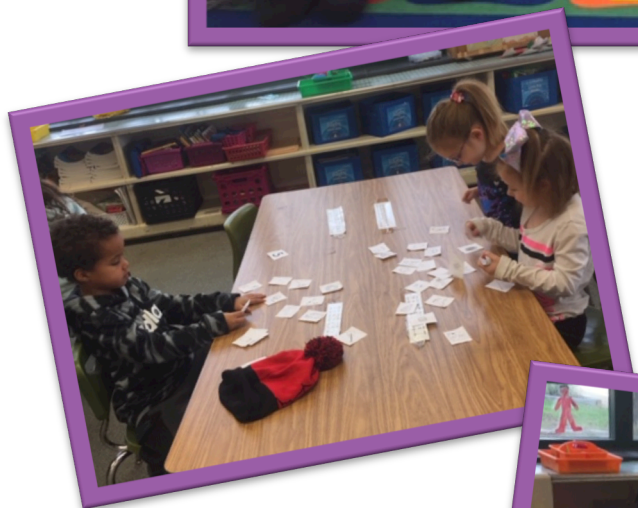
Wear sneakers and come ready to work out!

Thankful in Kindergarten

We are thankful for Kindergarten! We have been busy learning each day and have done so much in the month of November! We disguised turkeys and wrote about things that we are thankful for. We also met with our third grade buddies! One of the best parts of the month was the Turkey Trot around the Kindergarten lot. We each received a participation ribbon!

We have been learning about numbers up to ten and we even started addition! We are still reading lots of fun books and we worked on rhyming words, beginning sounds, and lots of blending!

We are looking forward to a fun and festive time, as we get ready for Winter Break!



1st Annual Turkey Trot Fun!



First grade graders enjoyed the turkey trot put on by the student council! They ran and danced their way into the Thanksgiving break!! A fun time was had by all!!



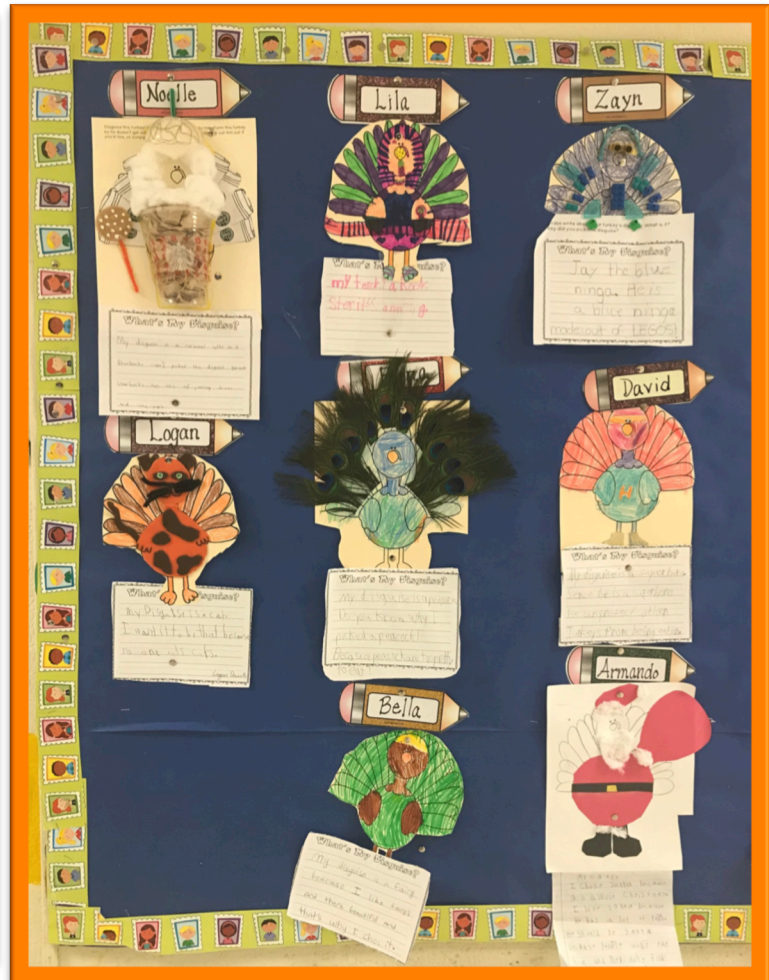
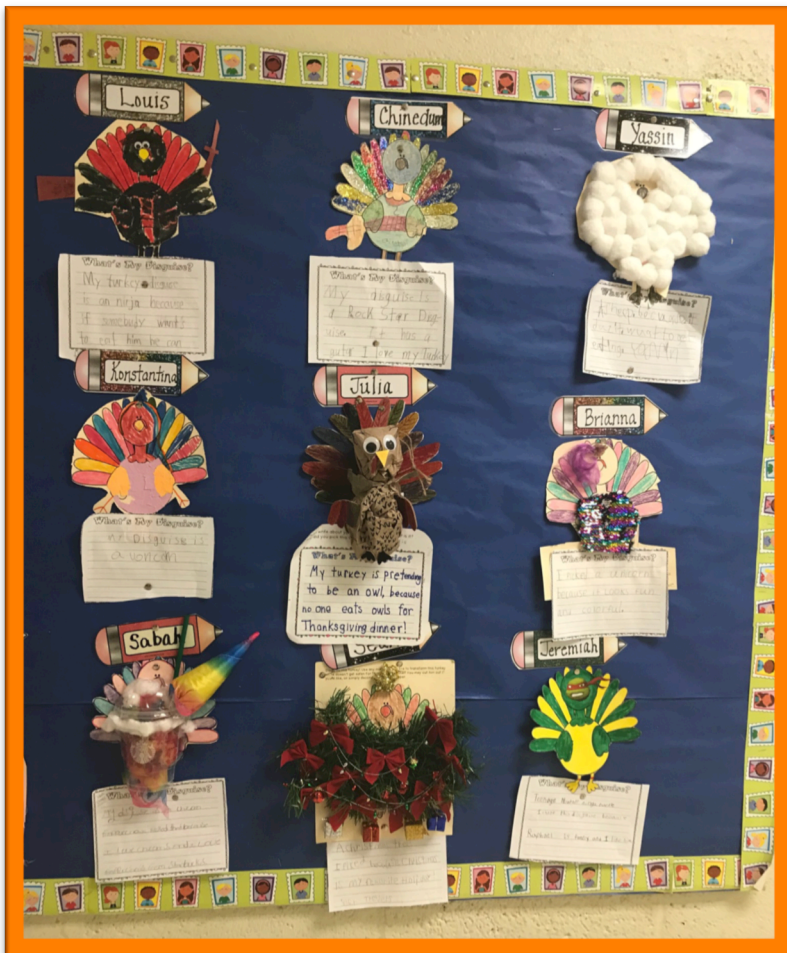
Room #23 loved participating in the first annual Turkey Trot.



Turkeys in Disguise



Check out our Turkeys in Disguise Project! Our second grade students did an outstanding job coming up with creative ways to disguise a turkey. We had mermaids, police officers, superheroes, and a variety of animals. Our students did a great job!





Hard at Work with Math

It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching winter break! Third grade is so excited for some time off with family and friends! During this 12-day recess, students (and teachers) are looking forward to celebrating the holidays, sleeping in, and some well-deserved down time.

This past few months we have been hard at work, especially in math. We have completed three chapters of multiplication instruction, and we are working at becoming fluent with our math facts. Over break, we encourage students to continue working on mastering their multiplication facts during some of that down time. Below are some fun fluency sites and games to play that promote math fluency:

Math Fluency Websites

- xtramath.org
 - Students have logins they can access at home. Logins are on their homework folders.
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- multiplication.com
- factmonster.com/math/flashcards
- splashmath.com

Multiplication Games

- Multiplication War
 - Each player flips two cards and multiplies. Whoever has the highest product keeps the cards.
- Multiplication Dice
 - Roll two dice and find the product.
- Rock, Paper, Scissor Multiplication
 - Use the rock, paper, and scissor model but put out a number of fingers when you say, "shoot!" Multiply your number against your partner's number to find the product.

Fourth Grade Learns about Cyber-Bullying



This month fourth graders had the opportunity to attend an assembly focusing on the dangers of cyber-bullying. Our favorite officer was on the scene giving us surprising facts about our use of technology and the importance of practicing cyber safety at all times. Our students were super engaged and asked some very thoughtful questions to wrap up the assembly.

Hillcrest Winter Blast & Pancake Breakfast



On December 7, 2019, the Annual Winter Blast was held at Hillcrest Elementary School. Every year, hard working Hillcrest volunteers including teachers and parents, organize this fun event. It is a time to enjoy yummy pancakes and sausage, visit with friends, and prepare for the holidays. Volunteers organized the pancake breakfast, collected silent auction items, and even had vendors to help families make their holiday purchases! Santa was also on hand to take photos with everyone! Everyone had a great time!! Mark your calendars for next year's event in December!

