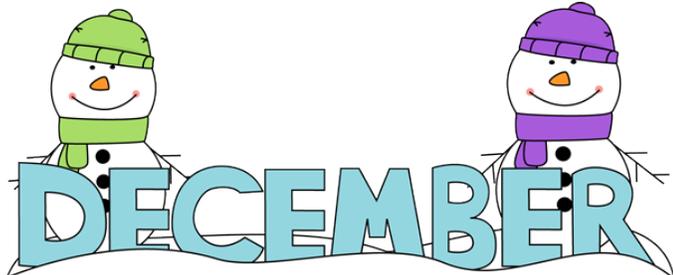


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Wednesday, December 6th

Math Night for 4th Grade
5pm-7pm in the 5th Grade Math room
Savings makes Cents will be here

Wednesday, December 6th

After School Program Coffee Fundraiser due back

Thursday, December 7th

Pre K Coffee Hour 8:30am in the Conf Rm
All School Sing 9:30am in the gym

Monday-Thursday, December 11th -15th

6th Grade Holiday Bazaar in conference room
information will be sent home

100 Mile Club® Update

The last Wednesday afternoon walking club was held this week. Due to the cooler weather and possibility of snow covering the track, extra walking time will now take place approximately once a week (inside) before school. The first day will be Monday, December 4 from 8-8:30AM. Students will need to walk for the duration of the time and are not allowed to enter the classrooms or computer lab during that time. Parents do not need to accompany their child.

Future morning walking dates for December will be Thursday the 14th and Friday the 22nd.

Please call Gail Dubreuil, the school nurse at (413) 423-3326 or email dubreuil@erving.com if you have any questions.

Check out what's happening in
grade 5 math

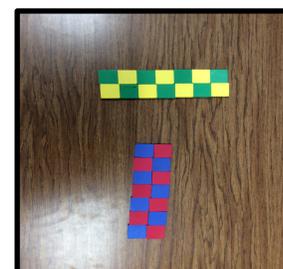
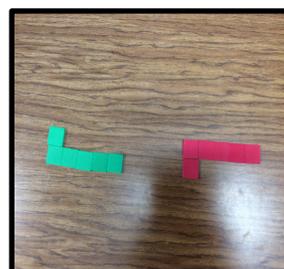
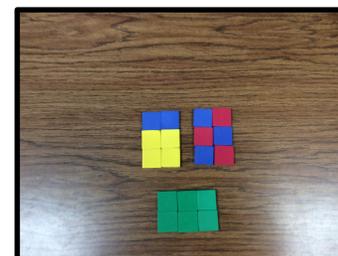
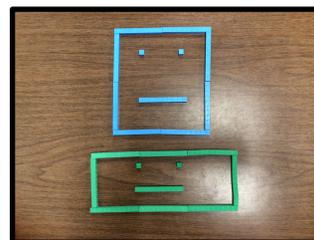
Creativity Quotes

The important aspect of creativity is: seeing the same thing as everybody else, but thinking of something different.

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



Colby, Trent, Caden, Isabella, Emma, & Jordan R. created **Same But Different** scenes. Take a look and ask: "How are these two images the same but different?"



To play more with this math idea, check out the following website!

<https://www.samebutdifferentmath.com>

Check out what's happening in grade 5 math



Jonathan, Rylee, Darian, Madison, Alyssa, Audrianna, Linley, Ella, Cordelia, Zoey, Ally, Keira, Lainey, and Jordan Grace are developing 3-Act scenes. **Soon these productions will be on Google Slides - stay tuned!**

Steps to design a 3-Act: Think and discuss:

<p>Act 1: Introduce a story or task visually using as few words as possible.</p>	<p>Get curious! Notice, wonder and ask questions, estimate!</p>
<p>Act 2: Give some information that will help solve the story or task.</p>	<p>How does this new information help me to answer what I was wondering about?</p>
<p>Act 3: Solve the story or task.</p>	<p>Interesting! I wonder what might happen if...?</p>



Hello from After School,

The Kids have enjoyed getting into the Holiday spirit during After School this week. Activities included working on tree ornaments, making snowflakes; we baked a birthday cake for Lexi's birthday during cooking; singing carols with Mrs. B.C.; dodge ball game and minute to win it with mini marshmallows throwing into a cup.

Please be sure you are sending your student with an extra snack. Sometimes students are running out of energy and need a healthy snack to keep them going. Next week we begin STEM Robotics class on Thursday. Grade 3-6 kids will be participating in this. Have a lovely weekend.

Michelle Fisher



Monte's March Update

Dear Erving Community,

As we usher in another holiday season, our communities join together to celebrate love, strive for peace, and honor the kindness we share for one another. These are the treasures that give us the true meaning of hope and joy. As we embrace our own delights, our reflections inherently remind us that others aren't as fortuitous. While it may be difficult to think about, people both near and far live in a world lacking in the comfort and safety needed to thrive. As we carefully reflect upon our own lives, the importance of caring for those less fortunate becomes clear to each of us. This type of work takes tremendous courage and dedication, but the payoffs are destined to create security and peace for so many in our future.

Many of us in the Erving community were fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of that future just last week. Leading up to Thanksgiving, six, seven, and eight-year-olds from Erving Elementary School embarked on a project to help those in need. They embraced the idea of helping to eradicate hunger in our area. They learned about our local Food Bank and explored the unique reasons that compelled each of them to help. The daily grace and spirit our students brought to this work was inspiring. Ultimately, they lead their community and joined Monte's March to raise awareness for those battling food insecurity here in Western Massachusetts. To say the least, this student driven project warmed the hearts of countless people in our community. These empowered children taught each other about the importance of serving their community and offering kindness to individuals they don't even know. They took time to understand what donations can accomplish, and why people in need are deserving of the support of their communities. When we see children choose to give their time, donate money from their very own piggy banks, speak out for justice, and show the courage to embrace and support people they may never meet, we can be assured that good things are happening. With your support, our 30 students collected \$450 for The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. That is the equivalent of 1,350 meals provided to children and families in need. This is an impressive effort, indeed. Thank you!

Most importantly, one of life's greatest gifts can be our belief in a hopeful and united future. The teachers of these first and second graders, would like to collectively thank our students for sharing this gift with us. Moments like these assure us that we are destined to share a world filled with compassion and understanding for one another. We are very lucky.
Peace,

The First and Second Grade Team



News from the Principal

Dear FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF ERVING ELEMENTARY School,

Thank you to the parents who sent in their nomination paper for School Council Parent Representative. Voting and elections were conducted during the October P.T.O. meeting. Staff and students would like to send congratulations to Jessica Allen and Dulcie McAndrews. At our School Council meeting on November 21st, the Council reviewed the current School Improvement Plan. The plan can be found on the Erving Elementary School website at www.erving.com. Click the 'Information' link on the homepage and scroll down to the 'School Improvement Plan' link. The three areas of focus for the coming cycle are: Literacy, Data, and Collaborative Partnerships. Below are some goals and expected outcomes for these three areas.

Outcome: All students will have equitable access to a high level learning in literacy that results in an increase in student achievement.

Goal: Develop and support a comprehensive assessment system to provide educators with data to inform instructional decision-making.

Outcome: Stronger adult relationships between school, families, and community partners will contribute to an increase in student learning and their social, emotional and physical well being.

Over the course of the school year, staff spends their professional development time working towards achieving the above listed outcomes and goals. Through the newsletter and letters home, we will be reaching out to members of the Erving community to ask for your help in building an adult community that fosters the academic, social, and emotional development of our children. As the African proverb goes 'It takes a village to raise a child'. I look forward to our continued work together.

Many of us will be experiencing an increased stress level as the holiday season draws closer. Planning family visits, meals, gifts, shopping excursions, etc. There are just so many things to do, and limited time to do them in. Working people may feel especially harassed, trying to cram activities into their already limited "leisure" time. Our students will also be experiencing a trickle down effect! Although it might seem like a bit of "Bah, Humbug!" we will continue to keep our students minds on their work, as students prefer routines with little or no change. Please let us know if your child is experiencing any difficulties or stresses, especially if their routines are changed around this time of year.

On December 22nd, we get to celebrate our Winter Concert and Cookie Exchange. With departure

scheduled for 12:15pm, please notify the school in advance if you plan on dismissing your child prior to lunch. Early notification will help us plan sufficient lunches without wasting valued resources. The dismissal form, which is attached to this newsletter, will be sent home again on the 15th.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sincerely,

Jim Trill
Principal



The Holidays are a busy time for some of our local families this is a stressful time of the year. Here at Erving Elementary School we have families in need and a Giving Tree has been set up in the front lobby to help aid our families during the Holiday season.

The tree has mittens on it; each mitten has an item on it with a specific request from one of our family members. You can come to the school to take a mitten and purchase the item. We are asking that all items please be returned to the school by December 18th so we can get them to their final destinations for Christmas day.

Items should be delivered to the school unwrapped please. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Giving Tree Program please feel free to leave it with the office. Those funds will be used to purchase requested gifts or gift cards will be given.

Please Note: The Mitten tags need to be taken off by an adult and not one of our students. Thank you all for your help and support to make our Erving Families Holidays special.



We Urge you to stop in and check the lost and found for items that students may be missing. We will donate the lost and found items to charity on December 22nd.



As the weather keeps changing please be sure that you are dressing your students appropriately. The students participate daily in outdoor recess. Therefore, proper clothing is essential for the student to remain warm during their outside time. Please help your student to wear a winter coat when needed, long pants, hats, mittens and, soon enough, boots.



6th Grade Holiday Bazaar is still accepting donations in the front Lobby. Thank you to all of those who have left donations.