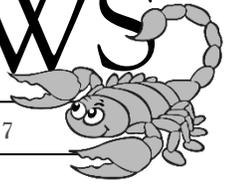


THE SCORPION NEWS



A PEEK AT THE SCORPIONS FIRST QUARTER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**WIDA ACCESS
Testing**
January 31 -
February 10



PRESIDENTS' DAY
February 21, 2022

**PARENT
TEACHER
CONFERENCE**
March 30th & 31st



APRIL 4TH - APRIL 8TH



The last 3 years have been immensely challenging for the community of West Wendover. Covid has left a huge impact on communities across the world and West Wendover has been no different.

Covid has also impacted your child's ability to attend school. Many communities and schools across the nation switched to virtual learning because many felt that it was unsafe for children to attend school in person.

We, here at WWES have always felt that in person learning in a real classroom is the best way to provide instruction. School is vitally important to children for both academic growth and social/emotional growth. Kids want to be able to see and associate with their friends. Therefore, while many other schools switched to distance learning this school has provided in person learning. Of course, it has been necessary to institute many new safety guidelines so that your children remain safe while attending school. Practices like social distancing, wearing masks, etc. have become routine for both students and staff. These practices and our ability to provide in person learning would not succeed if it was not for your immense support for your child's educational success.

I would like to take this time to thank the community, parents and students for working so hard in such difficult circumstances. The staff at WWES appreciate your efforts at ensuring your children continue to receive the very best education possible.



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten has been working hard on establishing routines and learning rules in school.

We have been working on the following skills:



We've been working so hard in Kindergarten. January is a busy month for testing in Kindergarten. We took the MAPS test and we have been doing the middle of the year test for DIBELS. Students made great improvements from the beginning of the year until now on all the tests. It's so fun to see the growth that students make in Kindergarten. We are working hard on reading and writing words and sentences. We are adding more and more sight words every week. Our goal is for Kindergartners to read 75 sight words by the end of the year. In math we have been working on number sentences and number bonds in addition and subtraction.



1st GRADE NEWS

Hello Parents! We are so grateful to be able to teach your students in-person this year!

1st grade goals:

- *Students will be able to read 80% or more of their first grade most common words by the end of the year.
- *Students will be able to add and subtract within 10 fluently by the end of 1st grade.

The following are some ways you can help support your child in their learning in each subject area:

Reading: Students should be able to know most common word lists 1-7 by now with at least 80% accuracy upon sight. To challenge those students who have mastered these lists upon sight, you can have them write sentences using these words.

Math: Our focus is adding and subtracting numbers up to ten. Our goal is to quickly count on or count back to find the answers.

To help your child:

-Ask them different addition and subtraction facts, and let them find the answers. If needed, encourage them to draw pictures to help them solve the problem.

Science: We will soon be starting our unit on Astronomy (sun, moon, and stars and their patterns.) When outside at night encourage your child to observe the phases of the moon.

2nd GRADE NEWS

MATH :

Second grade has been working very hard in math! We have already learned new strategies to help with difficult problems. We are now focusing on adding and subtracting numbers within 1,000. We are also practicing regrouping numbers (carrying and borrowing). Soon, we will be learning time, money, and measurement.

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ELA :

We are starting our next unit in reading, which focuses on the Earth and Sky! We will be reading lots of nonfiction stories. We will be learning about gravity, forces, weight, as well as weather and storms.

In December, we finished a big animal research project, and will be doing a new research project on presidents, in February.

As a grade level, we are focusing on reading comprehension in a number of ways. We want to encourage our students to keep working hard and read every night at home for AT LEAST 30 minutes!

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Recently, we took our MAPS tests, to see if our students are progressing. Overall, second grade did very well! We will take the MAPS tests one more time at the end of the year, and we expect to see very positive results. We want to thank you for helping your child at home!

3rd GRADE NEWS



ELA :

Third Grade has a stellar number of students who are improving in the area of writing. There are many students who are not only working on more elaborate responses in ELA, but also improving on the writing process.

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MATH :

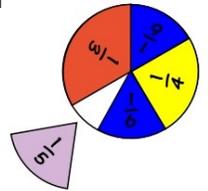
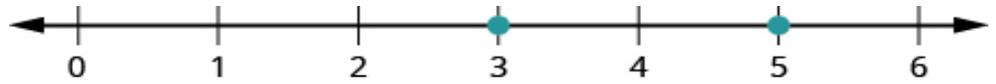
Many third graders are getting more and more fluent with their multiplication facts. They are using their knowledge of multiplication to solve word problems more successfully, and to solve problems related to other skills in math, such as finding the area of 2-dimensional figures.

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ALL THIRD GRADERS SHOULD BE PROUD OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

4th GRADE NEWS

In fourth grade we will be learning fractions in Math. In ELA we will be learning about the first flight to the moon and the solar system. We are also working on comprehension when reading a story and in writing we are using three or more paragraphs to write a story or topic. We have finished our MAPS testing and they did pretty well with all of the quarantine going on. Keep reading at home everyday for 20 min and practice those spelling words.

**5th GRADE NEWS**

Our 5th grade team has some great celebrations to share with you. We Miss Ms. Haycock. You might be interested to know that she is happily teaching science in Montana. We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Durant in the 5th grade from her previous position in the third grade.

We have been doing a lot of testing lately. Our E.S.L. students are starting their WIDA tests for the next two weeks. We have just finished our Dibels, Maze and Maps tests. If that seems like a lot of tests, it was. Our students have worked so hard to show their abilities in these areas. From what I have seen, their scores are as good as any 5th grade here has ever been. We are so grateful for the hard work of the 5th grade students and teachers.

We are working with Fractions for the next few weeks. I've heard how much our students have enjoyed fractions. We have some fine mathematicians coming up.

We are starting to enjoy book clubs, bringing real books into our classroom. Reading is so important. Students who read each night at home nearly always perform better. If you want to help a child, son or daughter or sibling, have them read each night. It often is difficult to start, but the benefits last a lifetime.

We would like to acknowledge our classroom and school spelling bee winners. We would like to give an additional shout out to Alonzo Para who took 2nd place in our district spelling bee in Elko.

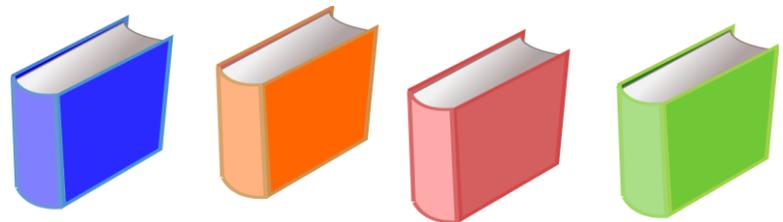
We suggest students start to set up science fair projects. This will seem like it will come too quickly.

I would like to give my personal thanks to all of our parents and guardians who unselfishly provide for the children in their lives.

We appreciate our parents/ guardians so very much. You support us so well, and we think the world of you and your children. Let's make our school great!

ESL NEWS

We are collaborating with classroom teachers and working together for the betterment of our students. Small groups are an effective strategy to teach the concepts of our vocabulary words. Each class has a small group time with the ESL teacher being the leader of one of the small groups. Each day we are either doing actions, word work, writing, or an activity to help our students comprehend the meaning of words. If you want to see if your child knows the words of the week, just ask them! It would be great if you would then use them in your daily lives and routines at home.

SPECIALS : LIBRARY

I am proud to say we are off to a great start this school year, we still have some mandates in place due to Covid-19, but these students have greatly adapted to all the changes that are still in place. We may have to keep our distance but our students still get to come into my classroom and get to check out books every week, and we get to work on our typing and coding as well.

Now that we have combined library and computer lessons together, we have kept very busy in the library. Seeing my students come in every week and get to work on their typing lessons right away, then working on all sorts of coding projects, and making sure they have time to check out their books while keeping distant from each other has been time consuming, but every grade Kinder through 5th, has worked so hard

each and every week in the short amount of time we have together during specials and I couldn't be more proud of these students, keep up the good work Scorpions!

Miss. Silva



Elementary School

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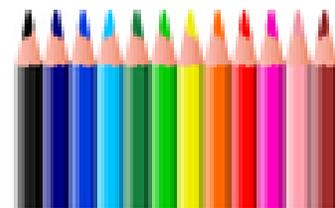
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PARENTS



I would like to address Student Attendance. At WWES we want all students at school as much as possible. Children who miss school – miss lessons! It is understandable if your child has a fever, and if that is the case, we would like you to keep your child home until the fever breaks. We also want your child here on time every day. Here is an example:

If your child is away from school for more than 9 days a year they will not have 'Good' attendance. They will have missed 45 lessons!

- If a child misses only one day each week, by the end of the school year they will have missed 39 days of school – that's the same as missing **8 weeks' worth of lessons!**
- If they did this for two years they will have missed the equivalent of **nearly half a year of school!**
- Furthermore, poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable.(1)

Additionally, while children are absent, friendship groups are formed within school and children can feel left out when they return.

Here is an example when students are habitually late:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for nearly 2 weeks a year
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 18 days a year

It is important from an early age to get into the habit of attending school!

Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to do poorly on tests and/or become involved in anti-social behavior.(2)

Remember how you feel when you come late to an appointment or meeting. Your child feels the same way.

1. They are embarrassed.
2. They miss important information
3. They do not settle well into the day, they may become rushed and anxious.
4. It disrupts the class.

Thank you for making a difference in your child's education!

Mr. DiSpirito

West Wendover Elementary School Principal

Taken from: [Why is high attendance important to my child's education?](#)
[School Attendance Matters: A Parent's Guide](#)

SCORPIONS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER'S



NOVEMBER'S



DECEMBER'S

