



January Classroom News

Preschool/ Kindergarten

Ms. Barbara and Ms. Kelly

Happy New Year!

We will continue our studies of Europe focusing on various countries. If you have any objects from Europe that would be interesting to our children, please let your child's teacher know. We will also be learning about the layers of our Earth, volcanoes, rocks, fish, earthquakes, tsunamis and magnetism. If you have any expertise in these areas and would like to share, please let your child's teacher know. Please look for the January songs in our on-line song book.

Both classes will be doing service projects on Martin Luther King, Jr. day. Please send unused toiletry items (hotel size) for the kindergarteners to sort and give to The Haven. The preschoolers and kindergarteners will be making peace place mats for the soup kitchen.

Please remember to equip your child with appropriate attire for the snow, as winter has finally come to Idaho, and we like to spend twenty minutes outside each day. Waterproof mittens keep hands warmer than knitted gloves, and are easier to put on.

Lower Elementary

Mrs. Gihring and Mrs. McJunkin

December was a fun and busy month. Students did an excellent job presenting their dinosaur reports. Digging for fossils was a big hit. We learned about atoms and explored the periodic table.

We started our class quilts for the annual Mardi Gras auction. This year's quilts feature hand stitched American flags and stars for LE2 and 3-D fabric origami flowers for LE1. Watch for them to be on display in the hallway!

We will start the year off by visiting North America as we begin our first continent study of the school year in January. We're looking forward to seeing what 2018 will bring!

Upper Elementary

Mrs. Mikkleson and Mrs. Neblett

It is hard to believe that we have turned the corner of this school year and are rapidly heading toward the event that all Upper Elementary students look forward to: Teton Science School. But before that, the students will be spending Martin Luther King, Jr. Day working on a service project by reading. How does this work? Students will be asking their parents and friends to sponsor them for the Heifer International Read-to-Feed program. You will be asked to sponsor them by paying a lump sum, or you can sponsor them for a set amount per page or per book, etc. The students then spend all day (dressed in their pjs) reading. Following the Read-to-Feed activity the students will come to their sponsors for payment. These funds then go to Heifer International to provide breeding pairs of animals to villages that will benefit from this gift. This project is another way the UE students give their time and energy to help those less fortunate than themselves.

The students continue their work on individual quilt squares for the classroom donation to the Mardi Gras. This year's quilt features reproductions of 30 different artists! Along with the quilt, the lucky winner of the auction item will receive copies of all the reports about the artist. The UE hopes to have these reproductions put onto ceiling tiles and installed in the hallway.