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Welcome back to the Wild Wild West!

Welcome back, families! We hope you had a restful and joyful winter break. As we start the new year, we are excited to welcome your child back to school for a fresh start filled with learning, growth, and fun. We look forward to another wonderful semester of working together to support each child's success and happiness. Here's to a bright and successful 2025!

Although we are hitting the trail without two of our cowgirls, we wish them both the best as they ride off into the sunset. We're thankful that Mrs. Swann and Ms. Maria plan to visit us often in the new year.



First Grade Fandango

January is a great time for first graders to revisit expectations, procedures, and consequences. We will be focusing on students' goals for the rest of the first grade school year and how students will reach those goals. In reading, first grade will begin Unit 5 which will have students explore a science topic of where light comes and goes through informational and literature texts. In math, we are continuing our understanding of place value. In writing students will be practicing writing an introduction, details or facts, and a conclusion. Please continue to read with your child daily as this has the biggest impact on student learning from home.



ECSE Express

Happy New Year Friends! Welcome back! We will be exploring the winter season and the Arctic in the month of January. Why is snow important? What animals live in snowy places? How do animals in the



Upcoming Events

January 14

SOT Meeting 3:45 PM in Room 68

January 16

Winter Family Game Night 6-8 PM

Theme: Be A Good Sport

January 20

NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 23

BJ's Brewhouse Restaurant Fundraiser 11 AM- 11 PM

January 27

NO SCHOOL: Staff Development Day

February 13

Family Dance 6:30-8 PM

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Arctic survive in the snow? Preschool will be finishing our Winter Checkpoints this month.

Second Grade Shingig

Second grade worked so hard the first semester of school.

Students are now working on how to write an imaginative narrative story. They have been using the writing process and are more familiar with how to revise and edit their papers. They have even been using dialogue within their writing as well to make their papers more interesting.

Headline Story

Mark saw a pattern in these subtraction problems.

$$\begin{array}{r} 33 \\ -16 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 34 \\ -17 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 35 \\ -18 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 36 \\ -19 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

We are currently working on double digit subtraction and learning the many different strategies that you can use to find the difference of subtraction sentences.

We ask that you continue to encourage your child to read daily at home. Students have been learning how to summarize texts so you can practice with them at home by having them summarize a book they just read, or have them summarize a chapter that they have finished in their book. Reinforcing what they have learned in school at home is very beneficial to your child's education.

Harris' Hear Tell

Well folks, it's that time of the year. We rode off into the last sunset of 2024.

In October our buckaroos studied about the life cycle of pumpkins, their parts, and what can be done with the seeds that they harvest from them. Sadly to say, most of them did not take fondly to pumpkin seeds. However, each brave buckaroo enjoyed partaking in the task of cleaning out the inners of the pumpkins we carved. We had a fun Halloween/Nevada Day celebration as well.

In November we gathered round to talk about things we are thankful for. We read about the first Thanksgiving, talked about what Thanksgiving is, and ended with a funny book titled Turkey Trouble. Each buckaroo chose a disguise for their turkey and completed a simple writing task.



News You Can Use

Memorial Bench

A lovely bench to honor Dr. Kay Carl was designed by our very own Mrs. Swann and is under the shade structure on the kindergarten playground. We are proud to continue on with Dr. Carl's legacy and we know she would be thrilled to watch the littles enjoy her bench.

Tips for Setting Goals with Your Child

- Choose a goal that is just out of reach
- Break it down (the 5 Ws- what, how, when, where, who, why)
- Let your child own it
- Show support and role model for your child
- Reward accomplishments and offer encouragement
- Reflect and revise



We ended November and began December completing the Winter MAP tests. As we began to “giddy up” through December, the buckaroos were busy working on their own personal goals, making



gifts, and enjoying the great outdoors. They were looking forward to our holiday celebration, Polar Express pajama day, and a long-awaited holiday break.

We hope all you kinfolk had a safe, healthy, happy, and memorable holiday season. Welcome back!

Preschool Perk

We have hit the ground running. The second half of the year we get very busy and our expectations increase. Upon arrival students going to kindergarten will be transition from tracing their name, to writing their name on their own. Please continue to practice writing them at home. We will be learning about winter, snow and arctic animals.



Kindergarten Keepers

Yee Haa.... We made it through the first semester!

Kindergarten students have learned how to make new friends, take turns, share with a partner, and be a problem solver. Students have learned many reading, writing, and math skills and we will continue to build on that through the second semester to prepare for first grade!

We have had many celebrations to include the Thanksgiving Day Parade, Thanksgiving Feast, and Winter festival. Coming soon we will celebrate the 100th day by dressing up and working with the number 100 all day long!

As Kindergarten teachers we love to help our students, but some basic self-help skills make things in Kindergarten much easier.

Self-help skills you can practice at home to help your kiddos at school.

- Taking shoes on and off
- Tying shoes
- Taking a coat on and off
- Zipping and unzipping
- Buttoning and unbuttoning
- Washing hands on their own
- How to sneeze



Let's Talk

Effective communication can change the world and most certainly improve our home life! Try some of the following conversation starters during car rides, meal time, or a walk to the park.

- What do you think our family motto should be?
- Where would you most like to travel to?
- If you could start a new family tradition, what would it be?
- Something I really like about myself is ____.
- Something I want people to remember about me is ____.
- Who has inspired you most?
- What is your favorite family tradition?
- How do you feel when you don't get something you've worked really hard for?
- One goal I hope to accomplish this year is ____.
- What was the hardest thing you've ever done?
- I laugh most when ____.

Source: smarterparenting.com

- Appropriate bathroom behavior .

This is a good time to check the change of clothes that has been in their backpacks. It may need to include warmer clothes, or as students grow, they may need bigger clothes. This is also a good time of year to check their shoes. As they grow taller, their feet grow longer, and they may need the next size up.



Please continue to check backpacks and folders every night for important information and clean out any papers that do not need to be returned to school.

We are excited to see how our students continue to grow from Tiny Humans into first graders!

Technology Taps

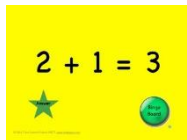
The Technology special of SLT (SLT: Science, Library, Technology) has been working hard on Science concepts using technology. This semester, some of the areas we've already focused on are plants and animals, pushes and pulls, matter, force and motion, inheritance and traits, energy, light and sound, and patterns in the sky. Students have been exploring simulations and modeling tools over the different concepts on the computer. They have played games and answered questions over the topics. Kindergarten and first graders have been improving their mouse skills and navigating websites to help us learn about our interesting science topics.



If you would like to know more about each Amplify unit we teach, please check out <https://sites.google.com/nv.ccsd.net/slt/home>. It tells you what each unit is about, vocabulary words, the books associated with the topic, and some at home discussion questions.

KIDS Corral

In the KIDS Program we are working on the beginning stages of reading! We are sounding out letters to create words. We are also working on basic addition. We are looking at what is one more and one less. For January, we are learning about all things winter! We are learning about winter animals, winter clothes, and winter holidays! Our fine motor skills have been improving with all our crafts, and we are having so much fun helping each other and being best friends!



Celebrations

Congratulations to our Student of the Month Super Citizens for December. Continued thanks to Dentistry for Families and Dr. Zac Soard for sponsoring the celebration each month.

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| Roman V. | Avery E. |
| Bella T. | Ximena C. |
| Camilla D. | Aiden S. |
| Khloie S. | Kash S. |
| Khai B. | Gabriela O. |
| Ava G. | Kynnae H. |
| Elena C. | Jameson M. |
| Klara S. | Blake M. |
| Rylee R. | Adan U. |
| La'Ari H. | Aubrey R. |
| Kaylee R. | Vincent W. |
| Genevieve O. | Malachi B. |
| William N | Jane S. |
| Kaylee R. | Cora B. |
| IsaBella L. | Mia A. |
| Ayden C. | Cordell S. |
| Owen K. | Julia'Ane A. |
| Jordan M. | Oakley W. |
| Julian C. | |

