



The Leopard Link

 The Leopard Link Editors would like to wish you all a very joyful and peaceful holiday season. Please enjoy time with your loved ones and we will see you next year!

-Tricia and Sarah



Looking for Promise IT activities during Winter Break? Check these out!

Blue Jay Point- 12/27 @ 2pm Natural Creations ~ Add art to science when you learn how to ID winter trees and take photos of them. PreRegister by calling Blue Jay Point

Durham Museum of Life & Science-

www.lifeandscience.org -Holiday Make & Take- Crafting, Tinkering and Explore the science behind it w/ hands on experiments.

12/22- Shrinky Dinks & Polymer Science

12/23- Duct Tape Wallets & Electroplating

12/24- Bath Fizzers & Acid Base Chemistry

Marbles Kids Museum www.marbleskidsmuseum.org

12/20 3-5pm, 12/22 10-12pm- Science Solvers; Ooey Goey Seasonal Science Lab

12/27 & 12/29 10-12pm- Science Solvers; Festive F=uN Physics

12/27 & 12/29 1:30-3:30pm- Make Shop; Twinkle Time
12/31 2-4pm Science Solvers; Sail Cars- Harness the power of wind

12/31 4:30pm Radical Recess; Resolution Launch- Paper airplane launch

UNC Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill www.moreheadplanetarium.org

Grossology & You Show- Laugh and learn as animated characters explore the inner workings of the human body. Various dates/times available

Prairie Ridge- Citizen Science Walk- You can contribute to science! 12/20 & 12/27 10:30 am

Hope everyone has a Science filled winter break!
Love, Mrs. Brinckek (Evan & Noah's Mom)

Calendar of Events

12/19

Last Day of School before Winter Break begins

12/22/2014 - 1/2/2015

NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

1/5/2015

School Resumes

1/9

School Colors Spirit Day

1/13

Parent Chat in Cafeteria - 8:30AM
Topic: Social Skills
Picture Day for Classes, Groups & Clubs

1/15

PTA Board Meeting - 8:30AM
Parent PBIS Meeting - 6-7:30PM

1/16

End of 2nd Quarter

1/19

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

1/20

NO SCHOOL
Teacher Workday

1/27

Report Cards

2/4

Pawsitive Assemblies
note date change

2/2-2/6

Writer in Residence

2/5

Media By Moonlight (new date)



Let's Go Hurricanes!

The Carolina Hurricanes and Harris Teeter have teamed up with our PTA in order to offer you great Hurricanes hockey while raising money for our school! Please see the flyer in last week's Tuesday folder for more information, including game dates, seating, and pricing information.

To purchase online please visit:

CarolinaHurricanes.com/leadmine
(PASSWORD: Leopards)

Artist in Residence Program

During the week of December 15th, locally renowned artist **Leni Newell** will be joining our 5th grade students to work on some beautiful, take-home batik projects. This is a unique PTA sponsored Cultural Arts event that occurs yearly and is a favorite among students. Volunteers will be needed to assist Ms. Newell while she is here and it's a great way to both support our students and learn a beautiful new form of art! The projects created last year were simply stunning. An example can be found in the front office. If you can volunteer an hour of time to help, the link is provided below. We hope you can join us!

Volunteer Link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA829A02-volunteers>



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...**ALL the wonderful volunteers** who stepped up to help out with our recent events. Without you, the Holiday Shoppe, the Staff Holiday Luncheon nor the Holiday Childcare Night could have happened!
 ...**Lacy Drummond** for taking care of the many details of the Holiday Shoppe.
 ...**Leslie Blackwood, Tara Pleasant, Sarah Nguyen,** and the **Staff Appreciation Committee** for such a wonderful staff holiday luncheon.
 ...**Melinda Jackson, Nicole Slivka** and **all the staff** who made the Holiday Childcare Night such a fun event!

Literacy Corner

Ideas to Help Your Kids Love Reading

Since so much holiday shopping is coming up, why not try doing this activity in the grocery store to make a somewhat tedious chore more fun and adventurous!

One of the most important steps in learning to read is being able to hear individual sounds in words. The first step in this component skill is hearing and isolating the beginning sounds in words. For example, knowing that the first sound in *ball* is /b/ or the first sound in *mom* is /m/. Helping your child develop this fundamental step to reading can be easily incorporated into every day life, even grocery shopping.

It's easy to begin! Explain to your child that (s)he will be going on a great sound adventure in the grocery store. Before you go, or even on the way, let your child pick a sound or two to "hunt" for on the shopping trip. His/her job will be to hunt for items in the grocery store that begin with the chosen sound. A great place to start is with a meaningful and familiar sound like the first sound in his/her name, a friend's name, or even a pet's name. Once your child has chosen a sound you might say something like this: "Today let's hunt for food that starts with the sound /mmm/ like 'Mmmmary'." We'll look for foods that begin with /mmm/. I can think of a food that begins with /mmm/. 'Mmmilk' begins with /mmm/. We'll shop around the grocery store and hunt for foods that start with /mmm/ like 'milk' and 'Mary.'"

As you and your child shop together, you can model how to make the beginning sound of any grocery item that you find. You might say: "I see 'macaroni'. 'Macaroni' starts with /mmm/. The letter 'm' makes the /mmm/ sound. Once you return home, ask your child to draw pictures of the items they found that begin with the focus of the trip's sound hunt. Your grocery sound shopping can continue for days or even weeks! Choose another sound from the Sound Chart below and begin the adventure again!

https://pals.virginia.edu/pdfs/ParentActivities/PA_GroceryStoreSoundShopping.pdf

Happy Holidays!!

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Math At Home

3rd Grade Multiplication and Division Strategies

Video Support for Parents and Students

- [ES 3 Math Whole Number Area as Multiplication](#)
- [ES 3 Math Whole Number Multiplication Using the Number Line](#)
- [ES 3 Math Whole Number Partition Model as Division](#)
- [ES 3 Math Whole Number Multiplication Using Equal Groups](#)

Video support can be found on Learn Zillion.

- <https://learnzillion.com>

Multiply by Multiples of Ten Using Arrays

- [multiply-by-multiples-of-10-using-arrays](#)

Solving Problems using Different Multiplication and Division Strategies

- [solve-division-problems-by-drawing-pictures](#)
- [divide-using-a-sharing-model](#)
- [solve-word-problems-using-the-idea-of-equal-groups](#)
- [solve-word-problems-about-equal-groups-by-drawing-a-model](#)
- [solve-equal-groups-problems-using-arrays](#)
- [find-the-missing-quotient-in-a-division-problem](#)
- [understand-the-commutative-property-by-naming-arrays](#)
- [understand-the-commutative-property-of-multiplication-in-word-problems](#)
- [understand-multiplication-and-division-relationships](#)
- [commutative-and-associative-properties-to-solve-3-factor-word-problems](#)
- [interpret-division-as-an-unknown-factor-problem-using-arrays](#)
- [solving-twostep-word-problems-using-a-model](#)
- [estimate-solutions-to-twostep-word-problems](#)

When you have a moment,
try some of these activities with your child to
improve his or her math skills.



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