



# MULTI AGE MEMOS

## Upcoming Events:

Christmas Party December 16

Christmas Break December 20-Jan. 2

## Team Time

We're continuing with our rotations. Ask your multi age student what the activity was for today!

Week of: December 6-10

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## Desk Notes:

### Classroom Donations

Some students are running low on some basic supplies. If you are able to send in basic pencils or spiral notebooks for students in need, it would be much appreciated.

### Third Grade Parents

We will be making a Christmas craft that requires your child's photo. Please send in a photo of your child by this coming Friday. Thank you for your help!



## Book Order Due:

Today! Sorry for the short notice!

# ACADEMIC UPDATES

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**ELA:** November lexile books are behind us and we will NOT be choosing another lexile book until 2011. In the coming week we will be taking our Unit 2 test and reviewing all of the CAFÉ strategies we have learned thus far. In addition to this we will begin revising our second personal narrative pieces.

**Social Studies:** Next up in Social Studies: an in depth look at Michigan's natural and human resources.

**Math:** After working with angles and symmetry, third graders will now begin working on word problems again. Unit 5 focuses on using our word problem knowledge along with skills such as rounding and comparing numbers.

**Science:** Shadows will be our focus next week in our study of light. We will discuss how shadows are made and what we can learn from them.

## 4th Grade

**ELA:** This next week will be focused around Unit 2 testing in ELA. Students will also be working on making revisions of their personal narratives. In writing we are working on making a collection of poetry. While the bulk of what we're doing is free-verse, students will be exposed to a variety of poetry.

**Social Studies:** There will be a test over chapter 5 in Social Studies next week. We will be starting the tour of the Southeast region after winter break.

**Math:** We've made a lot of progress in our study of angles and polygons. This was a short unit, and we will begin a 3 day testing cycle (pretest, reteaching, final test) next week.

**Science:** We continued studying electricity as a form of energy this week. We have been emphasizing that no matter what form of energy we are discussing, energy always has the same definition: it is the ability to do work or cause change.

## 5th Grade

**ELA:** Next week in ELA, we will be reviewing for and taking the Unit 2 test. We will also spend much time perfecting and publishing our historical fiction pieces which will be due today. We will also begin our study of poetry in writing. Our emphasis will be on writing free verse poetry. December lexile books have been chosen and will be due on Monday, January 3. Hopefully the kids can get these done before Christmas break, but the time on break may be used if necessary.

**Social Studies:** We've launched into the study of the first English settlements in North America, Roanoke, Jamestown, and Plymouth. Study sheets will be handed out on Wednesday of next week, but the test will not be given until Tuesday, December 14.

**Math:** We have jumped feet first into our study of Geometry this week. Ask your child about rays, angles, perpendicular and parallel lines, and be on the lookout for them in your everyday life. You'll be amazed at how many you see.

**Science:** Our focus is shifting slightly to simple machines. As students work to understand the lever, pulley, screw, and incline plane, we will still be working on using our understanding from Mr. Newton!

