

Panther Press

January 2022

MESSAGE FROM MRS. BERRY

Welcome back for the second semester! I hope you and your family had a wonderful break. It is hard to believe we are already halfway finished with the school year. I can't wait to see what great things our students do in the new year and look forward to the many successes we will celebrate.

This semester we will focus on increasing the amount of vocabulary our students are exposed to. You can help at home by reading to and with your children and discussing words they may not know. In math, you can help by going over simple math facts with your child. Together, we can move our students forward! As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mrs. Berry

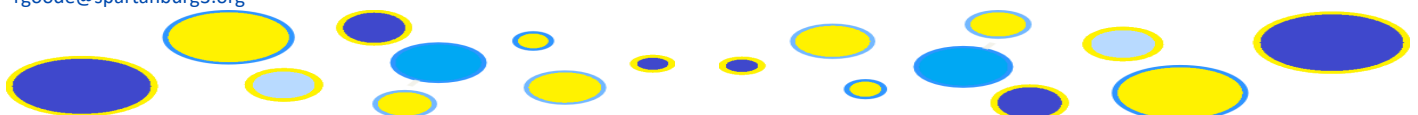
COUNSELOR'S CORNER—MRS. STEPHENSON

Our character word for the month of January is Honesty. Honesty is being truthful, straightforward, and fair. Please encourage your child to show honesty inside and outside of school this month. In classroom guidance lessons this month, we will be focusing on feelings and emotions, coping skills, problem solving, organization and best effort.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **4th– Students and teachers return**
- **5th– Report cards sent home**
- **9th– Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**
- **11th– Panther Academy begins for selected 2nd-5th grade students**
- **12th– ATLAS Tree Planting**
- **14th– Kids with Lidz (students pay \$1.00 to wear a hat– proceeds go to Children's Cancer Partners)**
- **17th– Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
- **19th– Winter MAP data sent home**
- **25th– Terrific Kid Recognition**

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ART—MRS. SLOAN

Kolton Foster is the Artist of the Month! He made a winter wonderland landscape using mixed media. Kolton is in the 1st grade.



MUSIC—MS. LEE

In January, the 4k and 5k students will learn the difference between high and low notes and about music that goes up and down. The 1st and 2nd graders will identify the forms of music. The 3rd graders will sing rounds with their class. Finally, the 4th and 5th graders will learn about the sixteenth note and review the quarter note, half note, and whole note.

PE—COACH RIDINGS

3-5th grade students will begin their frisbee unit. They will focus on throwing and catching. At the end of the unit, students will compete in a frisbee golf challenge. K-2nd grade students will begin parachute activities. The parachute focuses on teamwork, listening cues, and cardiovascular and muscular endurance. **3-5th grade girls, don't forget to sign up for Girls on the Run. A paper was sent home with more information. **

LIBRARY—MRS. PISA

Books contain many words that children are not likely to encounter frequently in our spoken language. Books for kids actually contain 50% more words than children will encounter in regular conversation, watching TV, or listening to the radio. (Admin-travis, 2019) Reading books together can change the way your child develops their ability to read, understand, and reflect on what they are reading. With your encouragement and support, you can help them work towards developing a life-long love of reading. Why not make a new year's resolution to read more together as a family in 2022?

If you're not sure how to get started, let your child take the lead. Have them pick out a book that interests them, find a comfortable place for you to read, and open the book. It's easy, fun, and will build memories to last a lifetime.

Works Cited

Admin-travis. (2019, February 14). *30 Key Child Literacy Stats Parents Need to be Aware of*. Retrieved from Literacy Project: <https://literacyproj.org/2019/02/14/30-key-child-literacy-stats-parents-need-to-be-aware-of/>