

Banyan School

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Upcoming Events

Event:	For:	Date:	Time:
Crazy Hat Day	All	November 30	All Day
Social Skills Workshop	Parents	December 11	10:00
Holiday Concert	All	December 11	1:00 – 2:30

MR. CAMP'S CLASS NEWS

In my 2nd and 3rd period FIRST class, the students have recently completed Step 3 of the Wilson Reading System. They have worked very hard and have mastered three and four syllable words with closed syllables and adding the suffixes –ing and –ed. They will now move on to Step 4 and be introduced to the vowel consonant e syllable type. Great job!

My 7th and 8th period FIRST class is currently in substep 3.4 of the Wilson Reading System. They are learning to scoop and decode 3 syllable words that contain closed syllables. They will soon move on to 3.5 and learn about the suffixes –ing and –ed. Keep up the hard work!

In my 1st period Social Studies class, the students finished their Explorer Trading Card Project and are now starting to learn about the 13 original colonies. We are discussing the reasons the colonies were settled and how the colonists made a living in the different areas.

In my 5th period Social Studies class, the students have finished learning about Ancient India and Ancient China. We are working as a group to construct the Great Wall of China Lego set.

Finally in my 9th period Social Studies class, the students have finished learning about World War I. We are currently viewing the movie, "All Quiet on the Western Front." At the conclusion of the movie, we will create group PhotoStory highlighting the important facts learned about World War I

Holiday Shop

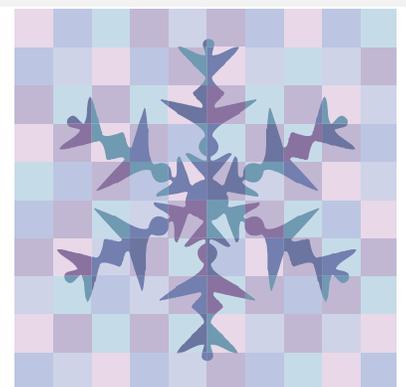
PTO will be sponsoring their annual Holiday Shop for the children.

Preview day will be
December 11

Shopping December 12 & 13

Holiday Concert

Please have your child dress in dark pants/skirts and white tops.



MRS. PERKINS' CLASS NEWS

I am proud of the work we are doing at Banyan. During my Second and Third Period, we have moved into substep 1.5 of the Wilson Reading System. As a part of substep 1.5, we have been working on reading and spelling words with the welded sounds /am/ and /an/. We have also been diligently working on increasing our oral reading fluency by scooping phrases and rereading texts. In Period 4, we are starting the 4th book of the *Alba* book series. We are reading words that increase with difficulty and contain digraphs and blends. The students are making predictions about what will happen to Alba and whether she will save the last apple seed. During 7th and 8th Period, we are reviewing and addressing new concepts in Step 2 of the Wilson Reading System. Students are working on reading base words with digraphs and blends including the suffix -s and -es. Additionally, we are working on increasing our ability to spell and read high frequency words. The students at Banyan are making great strides in their confidence and reading skills.

MR. HAIN'S CLASS NEWS

Mr. Hain's second period reading class is continuing the novel *The Giver* in addition to writing chapter summaries, defining specific vocabulary words from each chapter, and answering chapter comprehension questions. The class is also working on specific reading skills each week such as; main idea, sequencing, and drawing conclusions passages. I am looking forward to working with this reading class throughout the school year.

MS. MITOFSKY'S CLASS NEWS

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! In my period 1 reading class, we are working our way through a chapter book by Judy Blume. We're focusing on making predictions on what will happen next and even how the book will end. We're also using context clues to figure out the meanings of new and unfamiliar words. In my period 5 reading class, we are halfway through *Souder*. In periods 7 and 8 we have started discussing "how to". We have brainstormed and discussed "how to" complete certain tasks like how to make pizza, how to make a sandwich, how to brush your teeth, etc. We are using complete sentences and expanding our sentences by giving as much detail as we can. In my period 9 math class, we are reviewing multi-step math problems and adding double digit numbers. We are learning to carry and borrow numbers. Fridays we continue applying the skills of telling time to the hour and half hour.

MS. MEGNA'S CLASS NEWS

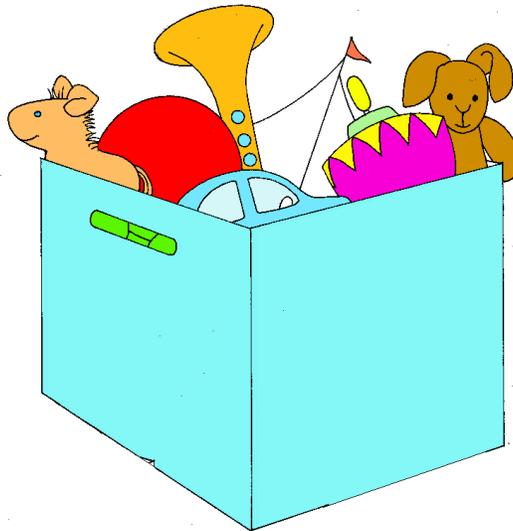
Since Thanksgiving just passed we continue to work on giving thanks and remembering all of the wonderful things we are grateful for this year. All of my reading classes continue to read and find first, then, next and last, also the setting, characters, and titles of each story. They are also practicing different spots where Capital letters are needed, when to use a capital letter, and the reasons why we use capital letters at certain times. My FIRST class during Period 2 and 3 we are working hard on tapping out words and blending words when we read. Also they have been learning new sight words so they can find these words all over the place and read, read, read. My reading classes continue to read from two different reading series. They also are working on Nouns, Verbs, Common and Possessive Nouns, Retelling, blending, and so much more. My FIRST class during period 7 and 8 are working hard on tapping, blending, sight words, fluency, comprehension, and reading with expression. With the Holidays fast approaching we continue to read and work on all books about, giving, the holidays, seasons, winter, celebrations, and more.

MR. MCCARTER'S CLASS NEWS

With the holiday season upon us my 1st, 4th, and 5th period writing classes are getting into the festive spirit. They will be writing descriptive sentences and paragraphs using their five senses to describe all the wonderful things they are surrounded by this time of year, the smells, the taste, the festive sights, the sounds and of course the tastes of the holidays.

My First Class, 2nd and 3rd period continues to work hard on tapping and scooping skills to build fluency when reading. We also continue to practice our sight words. The 7th period math class students will continue working on their money skills, time and number concepts, all important to practice this time of year, especially, with all the changes to everyone's regular schedules and shopping occurring over the holidays.

In my 8th period reading class we will be reading more holiday themed stories and even doing a little play to get us up and moving. All this packed into the month of December. To everyone keep up the hard work and have a very happy holiday season.



Banyan School is working with the Fairfield Police Department and the U.S. Marine Corp in Toys for Tots

We are looking for new unwrapped gifts for children.

**If you would like more information
www.toysfortots.org**