

Botelle Elementary School

5th Grade Newsletter

1st Marking Period

1st Marking Period Accomplishments

- Socktober was a success! We collected a total of 958 pairs of socks and decided to donate them to Hands of Grace Emergency Assistance in New Hartford and the Winchester Emergency Shelter at the YMCA. Though I presented the citizenship project, students were the driving force by contacting local businesses and asking them to get involved, making posters, flyers and donation boxes, speaking to the other classes, voting for the donation sites and writing thank you notes for all involved.



- We completed our first social studies/science swap! Fifth graders started their preparation for middle school by switching to Mrs. Asselin's room for six weeks of science. With this change, students were able to work with a new teacher and benefit from their expertise, enjoy a change of scenery, and practice responsibility in managing materials.

- We've started our first book clubs of the year! Students have chosen to focus on the literary element of theme in one of the following books: *Riding Freedom* by Pam Ryan, *The War with Grandpa* by Robert Smith, *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli and *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George.

- My updated website has launched! Check it out!

On the Horizon

Math: We will finish learning about the measurement of volume of irregular shapes and rectangular prisms before transitioning to our third unit on the place value of whole numbers and decimals.

Science: Our next switch is scheduled for mid-January and will focus on the relationship between the earth, moon and sun.

Social Studies: Students have started learning about Europeans establishing colonies in the Americas, with a focus on the Roanoke, Jamestown and Plymouth settlements.

Reading: As students finish their book clubs, they will be creating a poster analyzing the themes of their novel. Then, we will be transitioning into a focus on non-fiction texts and text structure.

Writing: The writing celebration for our personal narratives is coming up! See the important dates below. Our next unit will focus on researching as historical non-fiction writers within the topic of westward expansion in the United States.

Important Dates

11/22: 1st Marking Period report cards go home
11/25: Parent Teacher Conferences (4:30-7:30 PM)
11/26: Early Dismissal (1:15 PM)
Parent Teacher Conferences (1:30-3:30 PM)
11/27-11/30: No school (Thanksgiving Break)
12/4: Good News Gathering
Picture retakes
12/6: Writing Celebration
12/10 - 12/12: Scholastic Book Fair
12/13: Winter Concert (10 AM)
12/16: Winter Concert (6 PM)
12/17 - 12/19: Holiday Fair
12/20: Holiday party - more info to come!
12/23 - 1/1: No school (Christmas Break)



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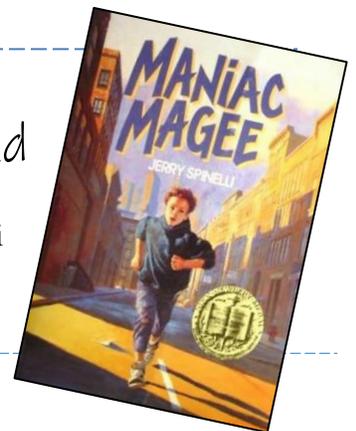
Book Clubs!



Congrats McKenzie for
earning the first SOAR eagle
of the year!

Current Read Aloud

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli



Supporting Your Child at Home

- ▶ Have your child show you their math and reading learning targets to see our most current topics of learning. The learning targets can support homework and provide you with examples of the math strategies being used in class.