



New Dimensions School December Newsletter



Christmas Break



New Dimensions School's Christmas break will begin on Friday, December 18th with dismissal at 11:30 a.m. The student will eat lunch before they are dismissed. The students will return to school on Monday, January 4th. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

School Calendar

Dec. 1—Morganton Christmas Parades
Dec. 3—JIRDC parade—dismiss at 1:00
Dec. 4—Valdese Christmas Parade
Dec. 15—Rehearsal for Christmas Programs 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 16—5th Grade Field Trip
Dec. 16—4th Grade Field Trip
Dec. 17—NDS Christmas Program
Dec. 18—Early dismissal 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 21-Jan. 1—Christmas Break
Jan. 4—Return to School

Jan. 18—School Holiday
Jan. 19—Teacher Workday
Feb. 15—Teacher Workday
Mar. 26—Teacher Workday
Apr. 2—Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
Apr. 5-9—Spring Break
May 31—School Holiday
June 8—Last Day of School

CORE Knowledge Highlights

Kindergarten

December will be an exciting month in our Kindergarten classroom. We will learn about Christmas around the world, reindeer, and trains. At the end of our train unit will get to wear our pajamas and watch the polar express. Our class would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday!

First Grade

In December first grade will be talking about the history of a few of the world's religions. We will also be learning about Thomas Edison and electricity; including static electricity, circuits, conductive/nonconductive materials and safety rules.

Second Grade

The second grade is learning so much and having tons of fun at the same time! We took a little longer to finish up our country studies in Social Studies, but we are chugging along. After Thanksgiving Break, we will begin our study of the human body and the food pyramid. Before we all leave for a relaxing Winter Break, we will conclude our study of the U.S. symbols, such as the Statue of Liberty, Lincoln Memorial and the United States Flag.

Third Grade

Veni, Vedi, Vici...

Third grade will spend the remainder of the year conquering Ancient Rome. Gods, goddess, roman entertainment and important rulers will all be topics of exploration. Stay tuned for more information about our Roman Feast. Be thinking of a roman inspired outfit to wear. Gladiators, senators, slaves, and plebeians (the common folk) are all welcome.

4th Grade

In Social Studies we are finishing up the American Revolution and beginning N. C. History. In Science we are going to study electricity and magnetism. In Math we are studying the arrays, writing division problems, dividing by 2 and 5, naming shapes, angles, and diagonals and identifying parallel and perpendicular line segments. In Language Arts we will learn the rules of punctuation: commas, quotation marks, apostrophes, etc.

5th Grade

In Social Studies we will start to study U. S. geography, including the fifty states and regions of the United States. In Math, we will continue to study fractions and decimals as well as computation with two and three digit numbers. We will begin to study some elements of geometry, including identifying polygons and measuring circles.

Smile Program

NDS is hosting Smile Programs....the mobile dentists at our school!

This is an easy way for your child to receive their dental screening, cleanings and fluoride treatments at school! (when applicable, x-rays and sealants are also offered!)

Children with Medicaid are welcomed and encourage to join us. Every student who participates will receive a shiny smile and a new toothbrush!

We sent home a permission form with your child today. Please sign and return to school by Friday, December 4, 2009.



Christmas Parade

The New Dimensions School will have a float in the Morganton Christmas Parade (December 1, 2009) and the J. Iverson Riddle Parade (December 3, 2009), and the Valdese Christmas Parade (December 4).

School will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, so that our students can attend the J. Iverson Riddle Parade.

Please show your school support by going to the parades.

If your child would like to ride on the float, call Cindi Bradshaw at 443-3660.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the float!!



Attractions Dining and Value Guide

Last week every student received an Attractions Dining and Value guide. If you wish to purchase the book just return payment of \$20.00 and keep the book. If you do not wish to purchase or sell the books, please return the book in its original condition immediately to the office. All money or books need to be returned to the school by Friday, December 11th. If you need additional books, please call the office at 437-5753.

Thank you for all of your support!

