



New Dimensions School January Newsletter



December 18, 2009

Dear Parents:

The mid term in this school year is quickly approaching. Our Christmas break is here with all the excitement that goes with it. I want all our students to get lots of rest and return from break with lots of energy and eager to learn.

Special thanks goes out to our PTO and parent volunteers for the outstanding work that has been done this school year. Your continued support is what makes our school a unique learning opportunity for our students.

Applications are now being accepted for enrollment into New Dimensions for the school year 2010-2011. If you know of friends or family members that have children ready to start school next year; have them contact the school at 437-5753. We will also have a few openings in other grade levels as well.

I encourage you to communicate with your child's teacher continuously. You need to be informed of the progress of your child, and how they are performing in class. Our CORE Knowledge curriculum contains lots of learning opportunities for our students; so stay involved with activities going on in their classroom and the things they are studying.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

Larry Wilkerson

School Calendar

January 4—Return to School
January 12—PTO Meeting
January 13—Smile Program—Free Dental Care
January 18—No School-MLK Holiday
January 19—Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
January 26-30-Parent Teacher Conference Week
February 5—Valentine Dance at Collett Street Rec. Center
February 15—Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
March 15—19—Scholastic Book Fair
March 27—Spring Clean-up 9:00 a.m.
March 26—Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
April 2—1/2 day of school—start of Spring Break
April 5—9 Spring Break
May 31—Memorial Day—School Holiday
June 4—Spring Extravaganza 6:30—8:00 p.m.
June 8—Last Day of School—1/2 day!!!



CORE Knowledge Highlights

Kindergarten

During the month of January our class will learn about mittens, snowmen, and snow. They will also gain knowledge about the seven continents and penguins.

First Grade

In January first grade will be talking about Mexico and hunters and nomads. In science we will learn about the solar system, including planets, stars, and the earth's movement.

Second Grade

In January, the second grade will be finishing up their study of the digestive and excretory systems. We will then discuss eating healthy and the food pyramid. In social studies, we will begin our study of Ancient Greece! We will be learning about all the gods and goddesses and reading a lot of myths.

Third Grade

Third grade will begin the new year finishing up our unit on Ancient Rome. We will visit the buried city of Pompeii and discover the reasons behind the fall of Rome. We will then dive into a science unit on the classification of animals. Our animal unit will prepare us for our big field trip in February.

Fourth Grade

In Social Studies we will finish NC History and begin studying the constitutional government with a focus on America's early presidents.

In Science we will do a review of all Science topics taught this year. In Language Arts we will read *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Rip Van Winkle*.

Fifth Grade

In Reading, we will be studying literal and figurative language, including imagery, metaphor, simile, symbol, and personification. In Social Studies, we will be studying the Civil War and westward expansion.

News!!



January 12

PTO Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.
Meeting held in the
Music/Art Room



February 5

Valentine Dance
Collett Street
Recreation Center.

Monday, January 18th School Holiday

Tuesday, January 19th
Student Holiday/Teacher Workday

