

Peace for Kids Awards

We have a Peace for Kids board in our classroom. This is an extension of the Peace for Kids training we had last year which was all about teaching kids positive character traits. We focus on 16 of them: caring, cooperation, courage, goal setting, gratitude, honesty, humanity, integrity, patience, perseverance, responsibility, respect, service, self-control and self-esteem.

Students can nominate other students when they see them exhibiting one or

more of these character traits. I have nominated many students and para educators as well as parent volunteers can nominate students. Nomination forms can be found outside our classroom door.

This month's award winners were Gavin, (3 times!), Landon, Andrew, Breanna, Jayden, Kristin, and Leah and Bella (from the K/1 class). Character traits observed were Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, and Integrity.



Fire Prevention



The Forest Service came at the beginning of October during National Fire Prevention week. They gave a presentation on fire prevention and answered LOTS of questions. They also brought lots of Junior Forest Ranger materials to share with us. I have many badges and pins left so once your child fills out and returns their Junior Ranger packet, I will be happy to hand them out! We also learned the true story of Smokey the Bear and had a special visitor come to see us.



Mrs. Sanders' 1st and 2nd Grade Classroom

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Nov 5, 12, 19 Early Release 1:50 (Teacher In-service)
- Nov 7 5:30-7:00 Family Bingo Night in the Multipurpose Room
- Nov 11 No School (Veteran's Day)
- Nov 13 5:30 PTK Meeting (Ranger Reading Room)
- Nov 19 6:00 Board Meeting
- Nov 26 Early Release 12:00 (Thanksgiving Break)
- Nov 27-28 No School (Thanksgiving Break)

What's Been Happening

Thank you to all of you who made it to Conferences. Thank you also for your patience as I was not very timely—all of my conferences ran over because 15 minutes just isn't enough time! I hope you are all feeling good about your child's progress and please don't ever hesitate to contact me if you are having concerns.

We wrapped up our unit on communities and if any of you are wondering why large, odd paper items came home it is because we raffled off all of our communities charts and chants. I asked students if we should recycle them and they all shouted no so I decided we could raffle them off to interested parties. What happens to them after that is up to them!

This week we will begin learning about properties of matter with a focus on solids and liquids, though we will also discuss gases.

The garden program started up again thanks to the hiring of Zack Gayne who received a science-focused education degree at the University of Washington. His primary focus is no inquiry-based, tactile science education which often takes place outside. That said, garden will be taking place once a week (Thursdays at 2:00) regardless of weather and year-round. I apologize for not giving you a heads up about last Thursday as I thought we would be using the green house as a class-

room in inclement weather. Instead, Zach had the kids happily digging, hauling, tasting, wondering and inquiring out in the garden in the rain. For future Thursdays please send your child with boots and rain gear (coat/umbrella). If you do not wish for your child to participate you can feel free to pick them up at 2:00.



We finished Unit 1 in math and are now working on place value and double digit addition and subtraction. We are working daily in our math journals and have started a Numbers of the Week notebook to practice numbers and operations routines. We should be getting back into math rotations (direct instruction, independent practice, and math games) this week once MAP testing is over (we are testing Monday and Tuesday). Thank you SO much to my parent volunteers who make this math rotation possible!

We haven't quite made it to 25 minutes of Read to Self yet though we are VERY close...just 3 minutes away I think. Once we do this we will start building stamina for Read to Someone. Last week we started Ranger

Reading groups and kids are really excited about it—they love their small group reading!

We allotted some time last week to focus specifically on handwriting as I noticed a lot of writing was getting harder to read. We will continue to work on this as well.

In Writer's Workshop, we will be working a bit more on personal narratives before moving on to the next unit but since kids don't always like to focus on one style of writing, I have deemed Fridays as Free Write Friday so they can choose any genre they like and keep their enthusiasm for writing alive.

On Friday, I gave the final word work group their spelling test, so now every student has one spelling test under their belt. I am now sending their word sorts home so students can practice them if they wish, though it is not required homework. The weekly math sheet, weekly reading log, and weekly home school connection are the only required pieces of homework. All of them go home on Monday. Math and the homeschool connection are due back by Friday, reading is due the following Monday. Starting this week, I will send home a monthly math project that is also optional.



Featured Student: Abby



Abigail Ward

Abby was born on April 7, 2007. She lives with her mom, step-dad, older sister and her dog, Carly.

Favorite food: Eggs in a basket

Favorite ice cream flavor: Moose Tracks

Favorite color: Pink

Favorite school subject: Math

Favorite song: Trumpets

Favorite recess activity: Tag
Name one thing you did over the summer: Played soccer

What do you like to do for fun? Snuggle with Mom

What is something that you do well? Basketball

What is one skill you want to improve this year? Times

What would you like to

learn about this year? Times

What do you want to do when you grow up? Work at Twana's

What is something that you are afraid of? Spiders

If you could play any instrument, which would you pick? Guitar

Are you excited for school this year? No

November Birthdays



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Featured Student: Andrew



Andrew Perez-Lopez

Andrew was born on October 18, 2007. He lives with his mom, older brother, two older sisters and their dog.

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite ice cream flavor: Strawberry

Favorite color: Orange

Favorite school subject: Math

Favorite song: None

Favorite recess activity: Big

toy
Name one thing you did over the summer: Went swimming

What do you like to do for fun? Run

What is something that you do well? Help others

What is one skill you want to improve this year? Skateboarding

What would you like to learn about this year? Math

What do you want to do when you grow up? Be a teacher

What is something that you are afraid of? Snakes

If you could play any instrument, which would you pick? Guitar

Are you excited for school this year? Yes

October Assemblies



We had two all school assemblies in October. Elementary students made signs with their middle school/high school buddy's name on it (or a sign saying "Here I am" or "I Need a Buddy" if they could not remember their buddy's name) and waited in the bleachers for their buddy to join them.

The first assembly was a celebration of one of our high school students, Megan Weller. She was chosen as Century Link and Seattle Seahawks' week five Athlete of the Week. Megan, a junior here at Quilcene, was selected to be the Athlete of the Week based on her dedication to academics, community involvement, leadership, and athletic performance. To cele-

brate her achievement, the Seattle Seahawks came to Quilcene and presented her with an award honoring her success as well as involve the high school students in some fun games. Unfortunately, I was at a Regional Literacy Team meeting in Bremerton that day and missed the event but I'm sure if your student is a Seahawks fan then you heard all about it!

The other assembly was coordinated by our music teacher, Darrell Dahlman. He invited the Navy Band to put on a concert for the whole school. They were incredible and I hope our students were really able to appreciate the level of skill and talent they displayed.

There was a fabulous drummer, a bass player, and a bunch of horns, including a sousaphone! A couple of the players also sang. They played jazz tunes, Latin jazz, and a couple of popular songs the kids have heard on the radio. It was the most fun I have had at an assembly in a long time and I had to hold myself back from getting out on the gym floor and breaking out my dusty dance moves!

We will be having another assembly on November 10th to honor our Veterans. The elementary will probably meet with the Veterans in Room 9 like last year for a more intimate experience, then there will be a middle/high school assembly in the gym.

Featured Student: Anna

Anna was born on February 10, 2007. She lives with her mom, step-dad, and older sister. She has a horse named Pogo.

Favorite food: Macaroni and cheese (I would have guessed steak)

Favorite ice cream flavor: Birthday Cake

Favorite color: Black and White

Favorite school subject: Reading

Favorite song: Thrift Store
Favorite recess activity: Swings

Name one thing you did over the summer: Ride horses

What do you like to do for fun? Sleep

What is something that you do well? Ride horses

What is one skill you want to improve this year? Trotting on my horse

What would you like to learn about this year? Respect

What do you want to do when you grow up? Be a veterinarian

What is something that you are afraid of? Dark

If you could play any instrument, which would you pick? Violin

Are you excited for school this year? Yes



Anna Munn Brown