



*From the desk of Mrs. Coderre . . . . .*

**Pothier Panda  
January 08' Edition**

**Governor Aram J. Pothier Elementary School**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!**

I hope everyone had a restful vacation. I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

**Students of the Month  
December  
Most Giving**

- Pre-K: Daniel Taillon, Destiny Ceesay, Caidan Morin, Andrew Mazzola, Justice Lagrave.
- Kinder.: Mawra Chanthavong, Austin Rogers, Jonavin Camacho, Makenzie Cartier, Travis Cosek, Esteban Garcia.
- Grade 1: Stephanie Coldwell, Faith Hindy, Abel De'Aza, Hailey Carter, Kelsie Desfosses, Gabriel Cespedes, Daniel Saito, Isaac Gledhill.
- Grade 2: Olivia Letourneau, Felix Elias, Jamie Lynch, Deeon Bateman.

**Congratulations to all our students of the month!**



## Important News!!

- Please don't come in after 3:00 to dismiss your child. Children who are removed early from school should come in the morning with a note. Dismissing students early (especially between 3:00 and 3:15) is very difficult for teachers who are trying to wrap up the day and prepare the entire class for dismissal. If you do not send a note in the morning, please wait until the designated dismissal time. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.
- Once again, the first bell rings at 9:00 am. Children who miss school and are constantly late miss out on much instruction. We need your help to ensure each student is in school and here on time. 😊
- Look for our Feinstein Good Deeds Newsletter in the upcoming weeks. Students have done a great job giving to others. We are very proud of them.
- Thanks to all of you for the many cards and warm wishes I received for the holiday. Your thoughtfulness and kind words were very heartfelt and appreciated.
- The cold weather is here. (Well, maybe not this week!) Please be sure that students have hats, gloves and a warm coat. If you need assistance in this area, please see



- the nurse. We receive many donations to help our students
- Remember to check out our website at [www.woonsocketschools.com](http://www.woonsocketschools.com) to get important information from the school department. Our monthly calendar and school activities are also posted under Pothier School.
  - School phone number is 767-4765 and my email address here at school is [ride3893@ride.ri.net](mailto:ride3893@ride.ri.net). If you have any questions or concerns, never hesitate to call or email us.

## CLASSROOM NEWS



**Room 101** - Mrs. Kaplan - Room 101 is working on patterns, colors, shapes and numbers. We are also exploring using the theme of trains.



**Room 102** - Mrs. Campfield - All aboard! The students in Room 102 will begin the new year by using the theme of trains to guide our learning. We will be working on academic skills such as patterns, colors, color words, shapes, numbers, and counting. Our afternoon class will begin learning about letter sounds. Our class is very excited about this theme and we will have lots of fun learning new songs, poems and social play skills such as sharing, taking turns, and developing social language.



**Room 103** - Mrs. Bromage - Room 103 is beginning the new year with the theme of trains. We will work on letter identification, patterning, and numbers 1-10. We will continue to work on color, shapes, and our names. The morning really enjoys the projects with Ms. Leslie and Ms. Beth. They are able to show their skills with their communication books.



**Room 104** - Ms. Lemire - Happy New Year! The children are busy acting out Fairy Tales and learning their reading skills. We are counting by 10's and learning numbers 0-12. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy 2008!



**Room 105** - Ms. Johnston - In Room 105, we have a lot planned for the new year! We'll start off with a unit on fairy tales and learn about what makes them unique from other types of stories. Math skills such as measurement, counting and problem-solving will also be incorporated into this unit. After, we will set off on an adventure to Antarctica to learn about penguins and their habitat! Have a great month!



**Room 106** - Mrs. Santos - This is a fun time for kindergartens. The children are learning about Fairy Tales. We will be reading and acting out, *The Three Little Pigs*, *The Three Bears*, and *Three Billy Goats Gruff* this month. The children may begin waddling around the house as we begin a study on Antarctica and penguins. Math includes telling time and learning to add. There should be a lot of fun learning happening this month.



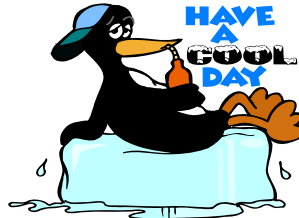
**Room 107** - Mrs. Bouvier - In January, we will be working on learning to tell time to the hour. We will also be reading fairy tales. All students in our class need to practice tying their shoes everyday.



**Room 209** - Ms. Nardozza - The students in Room 209 are starting to learn Fairy Tales. They are very excited and love listening to them. We will be starting units on Martin Luther King, Jr., polar bears and penguins. In Math, we are still working on addition, subtraction, and the numbers up to twenty. We are also learning about Fair Share and fractions. We are very excited about our new homework and I'm sure that it will benefit all families.



**Room 217** - Ms. Paige - The students in Room 217 are very busy this month! They are working with fairy tales in reading and writing about them in their journals. The students work hard each day to sound out new words and it shows in their writing! Jack Frost is nipping at their noses this month as they learn about winter in many different ways. Remember to stay warm and enjoy a good book with your child!



**Room 205** - Mrs. Rondeau - Last year was full of challenging and stimulating events. However, with a brand new year upon us, we are looking forward to accomplishing many new and interesting things. A few of our friends have moved to new schools and a few have joined us. We'd like to welcome Keegan and Jaylen to our class. During the month of January, our focus will be on fables and starting a unit on penguins. We will also be discussing the author Jan Brett and will be reading several books that she has written. We are excited to begin all these great things.



**Room 207** - Mrs. Sexton - January is going to be very busy in Room 207. We will be analyzing characters behavior in Fables. W will identify how certain character traits influence our

behavior. We will compare characters, morals, and how our character traits determine the outcome of events.



**Room 208** - Mrs. Mastin - We are reading fables in our class and writing about the lesson learned at the end of the story. We are also discussing the different character traits of the animals in each fable. In math, we are learning different strategies for addition. We are using number lines, learning doubles, and working on fact families. Thank you for reading with your child each night. Everyone is doing a great job with their nightly reading logs.



**Room 210** - Mrs. Grintchenko - January will be a busy month in room 210. In math, we will review math families and study about place value. In reading, we will talk about character traits and inferencing. In writing, we will write letters and write responses to fables. Martin Luther King will be our topic for social studies. Keep up the reading at home. It's a nice way to create a special bond with your child.



**Room 211** - Ms. Laferriere - The 1<sup>st</sup> graders are starting to learn about a new reading genre called, "Fables". They're having fun identifying the morals/lessons that can be learned from the piece and trying to cite the evidence that proves whether the character(s) learned their lesson or not. Listing personality traits of the characters has proven fun for them also because they see if they are like the character in any way. In Math, we are working on problem solving where we have to prove/show how we got our answer. We do this through illustrations, math sentences, and patterning. Also, learning about place value of 10's and 1's can be tricky but with much practice, we are all getting better! Many still continue to do a phenomenal job with their homework, which is great!



**Room 212** - Mrs. McCutcheon - Students in Room 212 have been working very hard at reading books in the classroom. They are working hard with previewing and predicting before they read a book, reading the story and using the strategies they have learned to understand the story and retelling the stories after they are done reading. The students have also been working hard at learning new math concepts and strategies in the classroom. Students are working at mastering addition facts and they can tell you what level they are working on mastering on their own. Writing is going well also. The boys and girls are working on retelling an event that has happened with a beginning, middle and end. Students are working on using details when they

write to tell about specific details like who was part of the event, when did the event take place, and other details in the story. Keep up the good work in Room 212! We are on our way . . .



**Room 202** - Ms. Richards - January will be a very full month of learning. We are learning to analyze fables and we are writing our own class fable. In Math, we will continue to work on patterns and being able to explain their math thinking. Please continue to read nightly with your child and ask them questions about what they read.



**Room 203** - Mrs. Badeau - The grade two students in Mrs. Badeau's class are enjoying fables from Aesop and Arnold Lobel. Finding words to describe character traits has been fun and amusing. The students continue to write their "Winter Fairy Tales." They are also beginning to practice loops and curves in cursive writing. In science, experiments that help to explain the properties of matter have been a hit. Have a great month!



**Room 204** - Mrs. DiNuccio - In room 204, January is full of new top Bananas. Hope Curran, Mouhaomodou Diagne, Philip Enriquez, and Athena Gavlin are our January Top Bananas. In Science, we are learning about matter and weather. We are all very excited about starting cursive handwriting.



**Room 206** - Ms. Maxwell - Our class is starting the 2008 year learning about penguins, fables, and many more exciting new things! We are very busy and continuing to work hard. We have been through some changes but are now excited to start a fresh new year as a class eager to learn!



**Room 213** - Mrs. Moulico - Room 213 is excited to start the new year! All the students came back from vacation rested and ready to learn. Since vacation, the students are working hard in

their newly arranged classroom. It really seems to have made a difference. Happy New Year to all the parents and thank you for all your support.



**Room 215** - Ms. Belanger - Happy New Year! We are off to a busy start in Room 215. Fables are being studied and we are learning about character traits and lessons/morals that are learned in each of these fables. In math, our class has begun place value using base 10 blocks. Have a great month.

### Library News . . . . Mrs. Bourgeois



Library classes in Kindergarten are listening to Fairy Tales and learning about stories that have different versions because the stories were told over many years before they were written down.

Grade 1 is learning about Fables. These stories usually have animal characters that learn a lesson (moral at the end).

Grade 2 is reviewing fables and also learning about Tall Tales- stories about Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill or John Henry would be examples of this genre.

\*\*\*\*For February- there will be a second RIF distribution before vacation.

### Technology News . . . . Ms. Bouley



Our Pothier technology lessons are moving on to the next tier, and the children are showing great progress. We still work on our keyboarding skills, review hardware and software, and adhere to the technology lab *Conduct Code*. Moving forward, however, includes connecting our technology applications to our classroom and school learning activities. Students are beginning to utilize their word processing skills and their knowledge of the wonderful educational software we possess to create documents that support ongoing classroom learning expectations.

The students are eager to participate, improve their skills, and produce using the advantages that technology provides. We have connected our explorations to reading, science, and math explorations, as well as school-wide initiatives such as the *Polar Express* and *Word of the Week*. We will continue to advance and expand our technology skills and knowledge as we move through 2008.