

THE FALCON FLYER

Northeast Elementary Magnet School

DECEMBER 2023



Dear Northeast Families and Friends,
As we come to the end of 2023 and welcome 2024, I want to let each of you know I am glad you are part of the Northeast family.

We just finished our after-school basketball program, and our archery program will be starting this month.

Roller skating in PE with a field trip to Illini Skateland will be a lot of fun too!

Have a great holiday and as always,
Go Falcons!
Mr. Thorlton



Dates to Remember – December



5 - Skate Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm

6 - Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm

11 - Holiday Program 6:00 pm @ DHS

13 - Christmas Pajamas & Read with Santa 5:00 pm @ NE

14 - Field Trip to Illini Skateland

15 - Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm

December 18th - January 2nd - Winter Break! Happy Holidays!

January 3rd - Return to School

IN THE HALLS AT NORTHEAST

Kindergarten

Happy December! We are still working very hard in Kindergarten. In the couple of weeks before break we will be discussing gingerbread, the letters D and S, and comparing length, weight, and capacity. Our sight words will be: of, have, from, and by. We hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season.



First Grade

We are working on glued sounds in ELA class. The glued sounds we have been working on are the following: -ing, -ong, -ang, -ung, -unk, -ink, -ank, -onk. Students are composing complete sentences including: capital letter, punctuation as well as correct spelling of sight words. In Math class we are learning subtraction strategies within 20. Strategies include: counting on, taking from ten and drawing pictures (groups of 5 and 10). Students are using these strategies not only in solving facts but word problems as well.

Second Grade



Second grade is ready to celebrate the holidays! We have some fun activities planned for art! We are also working on a fun Christmas Reader's Theater. We hope everyone has a great holiday break!! Please let it snow!!

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Third Grade

Third grade has advanced to algebra! Using a letter for the unknown has been thrilling and challenging. Who knows what math geniuses will emerge from third grade? We are planning fun and creative holiday projects for this month as well. Third graders are looking forward to performing at the holiday concert and cheering on the third-grade soloists.



Fourth Grade

As we wind up our first semester, please make sure that your children are staying focused on being responsible. Students still need to sign agendas, complete homework, be in dress code, and charge laptops daily. This quarter we are working hard learning how to multiply multi-digit numbers. If your child still struggles with basic multiplication facts, please continue to practice those at home every night. We are also spending a lot of our time working on figurative language, locating key details/events, and summarizing texts that we read in class. We also want to remind you that the holiday season is quickly approaching, and many students have yet to meet their AR goals. It's a great time of year to snuggle up with a book and a blanket, so encourage more reading on these cold winter nights. Have a terrific winter break!



Sixth Grade

Happy December! Sixth grade has been busy. We are working on our first novel study, *Bud, Not Buddy* which takes place during the Great Depression. The students are working on character traits, citing text evidence, and learning new vocabulary. In Science, the students are learning about smells and the states of matter. In math, students are working with decimals and rational numbers. In Social Studies, they are traveling to Ancient Egypt. We hope everyone has a wonderful and restful Winter Break!

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Northeast Holiday Program Reminders:

- 1 The program is Monday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Danville High School Auditorium.
- 2 The students' call time is 5:30 p.m.
- 3 Students have been reminded to dress for a formal occasion. Festive attire is welcome and encouraged!
- 4 Students will sit with their class and teacher.
- 5 At the conclusion of the program, students will be dismissed by grade level. Parents should check out with their child's teacher.

PE

We just finished up our Archery Unit in PE for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Starting Monday, December 4th we will be skating in PE everyday until Winter Break!

Hannah Clingan, Director of It's In Your Head, came for our monthly teaching of regulation techniques to help the students control mind and body. Moving everyday is some way shape or form is very important for mental and physical health, this month we focused on balance.

