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OLD POST UPDATE

Message from Principal Mitchinson

- One of my neverending goals is to be visible throughout the building, developing relationships and observing all the wonderful learning lessons that are happening in the classroom.

On many days I notice students...

- learning to treat each other with kindness and respect
- learning about each other's cultures
- learning in guided reading groups
- learning through differentiated math lessons
- learning during Power Half Hour our intervention block designed to support students
- learning to read more fluently
- learning to collaborate and respect each others ideas
- learning to use precise math vocabulary
- learning to reflect on literature
- learning to enjoy reading during literature circles
- learning to build stamina during independent reading
- Old Post is an amazing place where so many learning opportunities take place!
- Have a wonderful holiday season and see you in the New Year!

Supporting our School Improvement Goals

Each month we will be sending a couple educational articles or resources that you might enjoy. Please see the below articles explaining why teaching of math vocabulary is so important and tips for independent reading and SEL ideas to think about

- [What Is Independent Reading and Why Does He Say All Those Horrible Things About It?](#)
- [Parent Toolbox - A great SEL resource for parents](#)
- [10 New Math Terms Every Parent Needs to Know](#)



PTA HOLIDAY SHOP

Dates to remember:

- 12/20/22 -OP Culver's Night
- 12/23/22 -1/8/23 Winter Break
- 1/9/23- Students return from Winter break
- 1/16/23 No school-Martin Luther King Jr. day
- 1/17/23 - OP Culver's Night
- 1/27/23 - School Improvement day
12:30 pm dismissal

Gentle Reminders from the Main Office as we head into the New Year!

- Please send notes to school with your child if they will be getting picked up early or going home an alternate way.
- In the note, include your child's full name, the teacher's name and the name of the person that will be picking them up or details regarding the alternate dismissal.
- Please keep in mind that we will not call students down until the parent arrives.
- Always bring a photo ID.
- If your student is going to be absent or tardy, please call the attendance line at: (630) 636-3401 to report the absence or tardy before 9 AM if possible.
- Please do not email the teacher or the office staff to report an absence as we do not always get them forwarded to us in a timely manner. Also, if the teacher or office staff is absent, substitutes do not have access to their emails.
- We encourage students to take responsibility for forgotten items but if you must drop something off for your student, please be sure it is clearly marked with their name and their teacher's name and place it on the table in the front corridor inside Door 2. Items will be placed on the Oops table for the students to pick up at an opportune time.
- With the weather being a bit unpredictable, please make sure that your students are dressed for the weather. Students will go outside for recess when the temperature is 10 degrees or above with the windchill.
- As we approach the colder (and especially) wetter months, a couple refinements to our arrival routines for car riders:
 - We are beginning to actively encourage students to exit their vehicle as they reach the main sidewalk of the school drop-off area. Our plan is that dropping off more students at a time will expedite our line before the snow/slush arrives.
 - If you are dropping off your student, please ensure that you are using the main drop off line closer to the school rather than the interior loop of the parking lot. Crossing students over the drop-off line slows the line for everyone. Your participation is appreciated!

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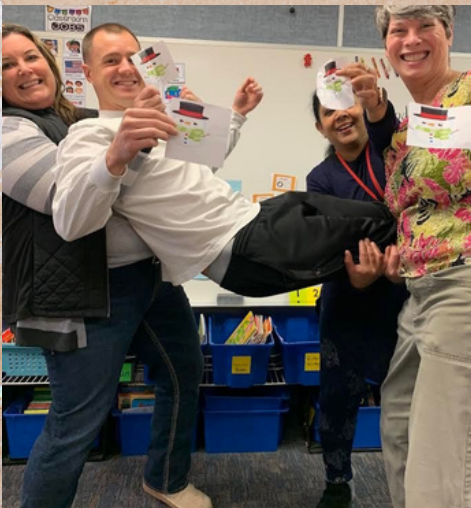
Important links for you below:

- [Arrival and Dismissal Procedures 2022-23](#)
(Please review with your child ensuring we are all safe)
- [Old Post Home Page](#) (You will find Old Post News and Pics, quick links to district information and our building calendar)
- [SD308 Home Page](#)
- [SD308 Transportation](#)
- There are openings across the district for many different positions. To learn about opportunities and/or complete an online application for positions open in SD 308, please visit our employment page located on our district's website.

Employment opportunities

- [Health Requirements](#)
- [Elementary ABCDE Specials Schedule](#)
- Do not not forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Our staff playing snowman games



Our Kindergarteners working on upper and lowercase letters.

