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Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, January 11
 Wednesday, January 12
 Monday, January 17
 Tuesday, January 18
 Thursday, January 20
 Friday, January 21
 Thursday, January 27
 Friday, January 28

UMass Dance Group 9:00 am
 Pelham School Visioning Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm
 NO SCHOOL-MLK Day
 Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Performance 12:45
 Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Concerts 10:00 am, 7:00 pm
 Movie Night 6:30 pm
 Fine Arts Center Trip-Grades 5 & 6
 NO SCHOOL- Teacher Furlough Day



Dear Pelham School Families,

We have many school activities this month, and I welcome parents and Pelham Community members to attend any of our performances. The return back to school brings us to a very busy month, and the first term ends at the end of the month. We expect report cards to go out at the end of the first week in February. It is difficult to believe that the school year is almost half over!

I would like parents to know that we have had to reinforce the “no hats” rule indoors. This is prime season for head lice, and we have noticed many students sharing hats. The school handbook states: Hats are appropriate out of doors but common courtesy requires that they be removed in the building.

There has been a lot of interest in the after school Art Club Program. I expect this program to begin the first week of February, and a notice will be given to all students who signed up by the end of the day Monday with more detailed information. We are very excited to be able to offer this new program, and from what I hear, the students are also! I will also be in touch with the parent volunteers who offered up their time as well as donations of supplies soon.

Sincerely,

Lisa Desjarlais

Kids Corner

Fourth Grade Poetry & Writing

Spring, summer,
Winter, fall
These are the seasons of them all.
Green, yellow,
Orange and brown,
These were pretty colors
Till they fell to the ground

By Grace Farnham

Storm

A big flash of yellow stuns me
My TV goes black
We hear loud rumbling noises
That scares my dog into her hiding place.
We are in storm

By Sofia Maroulis

Lets Jump in!!!
School is out time to shout
So put on your suit cause
Its time to swim so everybody
Lets jump in!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Grace Farnham and Bridgette Hasbrouk

Water

Water is good water is fine you know why? Because
You drink it all the time some is dirty some is clean
Some hot some is cold some is salty some is plain but
All we know it its beautiful in lakes rivers oceans
Pools and waterfalls and that's all the beautiful ways
Water can be even if its disgusting!

Quinlan's Quill

As the New Year begins, I look forward to continuing to watch the 5th grade grow and learn in so many ways. We are beginning a new unit of study, The Constitution. Students will learn the basics of how our government is set up. They will also learn how to take notes in an outline form from a text. We began this practice in our last unit but we have a resource that explicitly lends itself to this skill.

In connection with this unit, students will be reading biographies of people who shaped our history during this time period. Students will learn to take notes, take those notes and write a summary of the person's lives, and then present in front of the class. Hopefully, these skills will transfer when we begin our research paper after the February Vacation.

Students should be very proud of how they mastered long division. At the beginning, many were very nervous about this skill but all mastered the skill. Now, we move onto double digit divisors which are a little more complicated. This will be a short unit and soon after we will move onto fractions and then decimals. As always, we continue to work on problem solving. Every Friday we keep plugging along practicing word problems. This is not easy for students but essential in the math curriculum. Connecting the language of math with the process of math is a big leap.

Report Cards will be coming out in the beginning of February. There should not be any surprises for you or your child. Students should have a sense of their strengths and what they need to work on. You should all be proud of the learners and the people your children are turning out to be. It is a great joy to be their teacher.

Suzanne Quinlan

Dear Families,

I hope you had a relaxing holiday. I am looking forward to another exciting year. Please read the following latest news from the music program.

In December Kindergarten students continued their study of the ABA form in music. They listened to Mozart's "Sleigh-ride" from his German dances and joined the orchestra by playing the jingle bells at the B section of the piece.

Kindergarten and first grade students "peeled the banana" (an expression I use with them for a formation in a line dance) and passed under the bridge with their partners singing "The Bear Went Over the Mountain."

First grade classes started their study of the musical staff by numbering the lines and spaces on it.

First and second grade students played the drums accompanying their singing of the Japanese song "Okina Taiko." Several classes learned the Japanese version of the game, "Rock, Paper, and Scissors" and the song "Se, se, se" that helps the players do the motion at the exact same time.

Second grade students recognized the AABACA form of the "Walking Song" by Virgil Thompson and performed motions walking, bowing and using scarves at the appropriate sections of the music showing their understanding of the form.

Second and third grade students had fun playing instruments representing the different animals in the accumulative folk song "Bought Me a Cat."

Third grade students discovered the main AABA form of Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Reed-pipes" from the Nutcracker and discussed the function of introduction, transition and coda in the music. The biggest fun followed when the children became "trees" and "mice" and played out the musical form in motion. They also performed motions to the "Russian Dance" from the same ballet. The same students also danced the "Irish Stew."

Upper grade students listened to Mozart's "Alla Turca" and discovered Mozart's brilliantly playful treatment of the rondo form in the piece.

The fifth and sixth grade classes also listened to Mozart's 12 variations on the old French folk tune known as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and discovered the ideas the composer used to present the same simple melody differently each time.

Students in fourth grade played a three part ostinato pattern to accompany their singing of the American folksong "Rocky Mountain."

Students in fifth and sixth grades also started to use the xylophones by playing simple patterns to a song "He's Playing a Solo." They performed this song as a rondo form adding improvised solos on the drums by each person in the class.

The fifth grade class performed the novelty dance "Count 64" in music class and watched the film, "Music is Style." The film gives an outline of different periods in European art music, starting from the baroque to the modern era.

Upper grade students had fun passing beanbags around the circle to the beat of different musical recordings.

I enjoyed the concert the chorus presented in the library and looking forward to the next upcoming performances, January 15th at the Middle School at the Martin Luther King breakfast and a combined Band/Orchestra/Chorus concert at the Pelham School on January 20th. I hope to see you at these events.

Have a peaceful productive and very happy New Year!

Agnes Zsigmondi



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