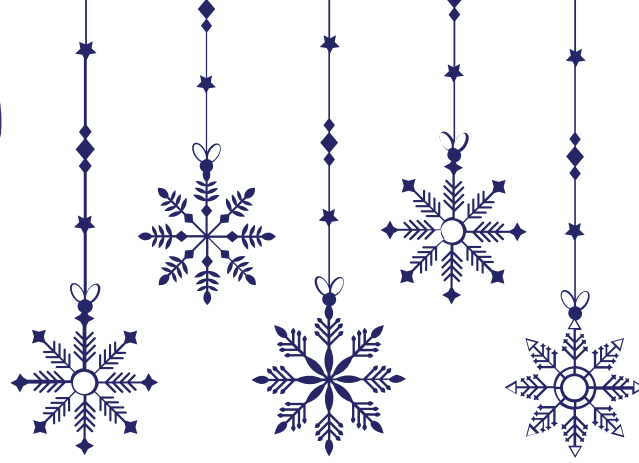




DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Happening this Month:

In December the school halls will be full of holiday cheer with a special visit from St Nicholas in Pre-k ~ 3rd grade as well as Advent circles throughout the month!

Santa Lucia will also be celebrated within the school and is commonly known as the festival of light that honors hope, kindness, and light in the darkest time of winter. A Student in the school will be chosen to play Lucia and will deliver songs and treats, such as saffron buns, to the rest of the school!

DECEMBER 13TH ~ WINTER FAIRE - STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

DECEMBER 17TH. ~ WINTER SPIRAL

DECEMBER 15 - 18TH ~ SPIRIT WEEK!

DECEMBER 18TH ~ END OF 1ST SEMESTER ASSEMBLY *EARLY RELEASE DAY*

DECEMBER 19 - 31ST ~ WINTER BREAK *(NO SCHOOL - OFFICES CLOSED)*



Christmas Parade!

Saturday

December 6th

**We welcome all families to join us walking in the parade!
Stay tuned for staging location and time!**

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES:

WELCOME LYRA MELTON AND FAMILY!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR COMMUNITY



A glance in classrooms...



7th

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8th



The 7th and 8th grade class is wrapping up its block on Geology. A few areas of learning were plate tectonics and earthquakes, layers of the Earth, and types of mountains and volcanoes. While we had a great field trip planned to Lava Tube Caves in the Flagstaff area, the recent weather rained on those plans, pun intended. However, being blessed to live in such a great area, we were able to quickly pivot and take some students to Sharlot Hall Museum where staff unexpectedly gave us a personal tour, which we followed up with a hike out at Watson Lake, which the students greatly enjoyed.



*Glimmer lantern Glimmer... little stars a-shimmer
Over meadow, moor and dale flitter flutter elfin veil.
Pee-wit pee-wit, tick-a-tack-a-tick, coo-co*



Lantern walk at the Square!

2nd Grade Performed a skit about a Roman soldier named Martin who shares his cloak with a beggar to save him from the cold.

The message of the story is to remind us that, as the nights get longer and colder, and the days get shorter and dimmer, it is oftentimes necessary to share a little light with others.



A glance in classrooms...



FUN IN MATH WITH MR. JACOBI

....WHEN LEARNING BECOMES FUN IT IS ALWAYS A SUCCESS!

Handwork & Holidays

Holidays and Handwork go Hand in Hand!

Every Classroom is busy exploring new techniques while looking forward their very own holiday creations. It is such a fun time of year to have an abundance of festive inspiration.

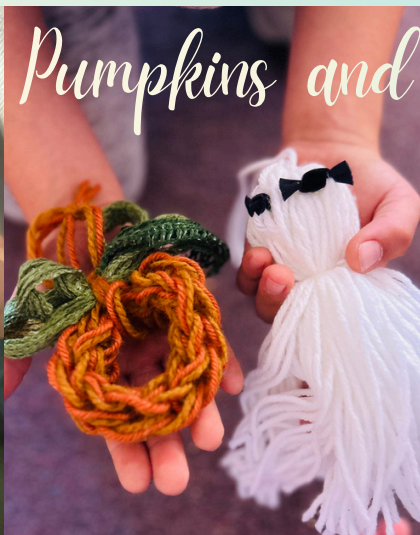
3rd Grade has been diligently learning the fundamentals of crochet!
4th, 5th and 6th Grade have been exploring Crochet Reduction and Expansion Techniques as well as pattern reading. 7th & 8th Grade have Been Enjoying Needle Felting and several students are even working towards pattern creating!



Hockey Socks,

Pumpkins and

Ghost!



Reading Intervention with Mr. C...

In Reading intervention we are currently working on four central strategies. First, we recognize and practice the sounds that the letters of the alphabet make, focusing on the short vowel sounds and expanding to "long" vowel sound combinations. "Nonsense words" are a spelling/phonics tactic used to utilize the letter sounds.

Next, we work on vocabulary, currently using strategies such as Sunday system spelling flip cards and Dabble. Dabble is a spelling game very similar to Scrabble, but made for younger players to form 2 to 4 words at a time with letter tiles. Dabble has been proven to be popular with the third graders.

Finally we progress to sentence/story grade level reading, fluency, and comprehension. We refer to reading comprehension as "rewind", and discuss with students in class how their short term memory is used in reading. The students practice remembering specific story details, and play games that require remembering names, items, or numbers mentioned earlier in the story. The students then connect these details to questions about the story.

When a student reaches grade level vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension, they graduate the class.

~ Mr. C

Lavender Rose Pre-School



As autumn deepens and the days grow cozier, our school has been fully immersed in the magic and quiet transformation of our outdoor space—fallen leaves become pathways for imagination, morning frost glistens in the sunlight, and the cool air invites calm, purposeful exploration.

In November, our preschoolers enjoyed a wonderful time in the garden! We were excited to harvest our radishes, and we're watching our carrots and peas closely as they continue to grow. We're hoping they'll be ready to pick before the weather gets too cold.

Looking ahead to December, we'll be busy creating special gifts for our parents. We'll also spend time learning about different holidays and the many ways families celebrate this festive season.

-Ms. Christina Tull
Preschool Teacher and Child Care Director





Halloween Biking Day ~ We have been lucky with lots of great fall weather to hit the trails, some of the students and even Mr Jonathan arrived in style with their costumes! How exciting and rewarding it has been to see students pick up a new activity, build skills and confidence, as well as the social bonds they are creating.

ENRICHMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Take a look at some of the tabletop miniatures that our students have been working on with Mr. Jacobi!

Friday enrichment programs offer opportunities for all sorts of hobbies and interest to be explored!

