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Community School
Home of the Warriors

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Warrior News

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School Day

- 7:30 Front Door Open
- 7:35 Breakfast
- 8:05 Announcements
- 8:15 Class Starts
- ENDS...3:30 ELE & 3:35 7th-12th
- 9th HR 3:45-5:00



Happy Holidays from
Mrs. Nagel!

I want to give a big shout out to Miss Knight and the students who did a great job performing at the Christmas Concert. We had many staff working behind the scenes to assist with the community night so thank you to all of you as well.

The elementary had a great first semester and we are looking forward to the next half of the school year. Thank you for getting your students to school, as a whole PreK – 6th grade ended up with just over 93% attendance for the semester. When students are in school great learning opportunities can happen supporting grade level growth.

I hope everyone enjoys a Winter break over the Holidays. Students will be back at school on Jan. 5th. Teachers are reporting back on Jan. 3rd and 4th and will be working hard at school attending Professional Development. The staff is also getting all progress reports and grades ready to send out. Please look over your student's report card and talk to them about their learning. If you have questions, please contact the student's classroom teacher.

We will be doing NWEA testing starting Jan. 17, please make sure students have a great night's sleep. Staff will be talking to each student about their expected growth score and setting goals with them. Another assessment the elementary implemented this semester is AIMSWEB for reading and math levels. Students are progressed monitored to make sure they are staying on track for appropriate growth.

REMINDERS:

The weather has been extremely cold, students need to be dressed with long pants and winter coats, hats, and gloves. We do keep students in during bitter cold days, but if possible we do like them to go out and get some fresh air and play in the snow.

Please remember NO outside food may be brought in to the school. Please check student pack backs regularly, as we have been seeing chips, pop, and candy in the bags. Thank you!

....for more exciting news
from Santee Community
School don't forget to
check out the school website at
www.santeeschools.org
Facebook page
Santee Community Schools
Twitter, Instagram



See You January 5th, 2017!!!!

Warriors Preschool News, by Ms. Stewart



The 4 year olds have been studying about pets. To end the study, we made some pets that we would like to have and shared some information about that pet.



Building a Community of Compassion and Friendship in Title I—Mrs. Crossman

Santee Community School is ringing in 2017 by promoting friendship and compassion throughout the school! Students of all ages are spotted working together to promote academic, social, and emotional skills



ELEMENTARY NEWS....

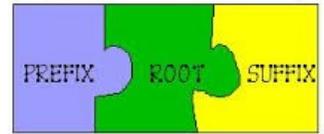


A **prefix** is added to the beginning of a word to make a new word.

Greetings from 4th, 5th and 6th ELA:

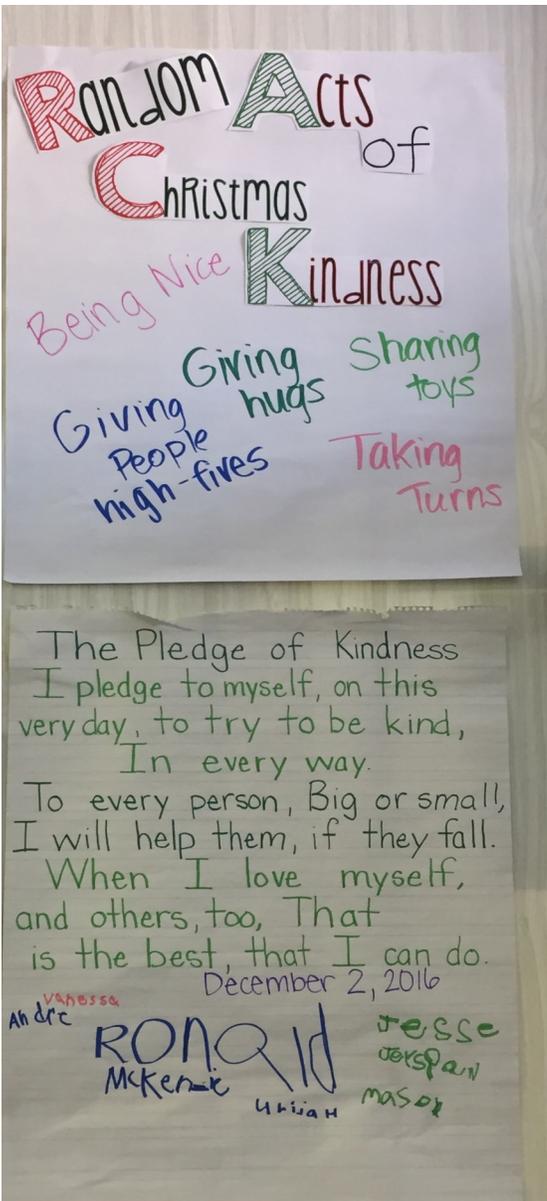
The students have been working hard to complete their assignments. Currently we are focusing on prefixes and suffixes and how when they are attached to words, the word meanings change. Most students are focused on reading their AR books and passing the quiz for each book they read.

WORD PARTS ARE LIKE PARTS OF A PUZZLE!



Students will be sent home over the holidays with home work they must complete to keep their brains working and fresh for the MAP testing we will have shortly after winter break. I wish you the Happiest of Holidays! Stay warm and safe.

Until Next year, Mrs. Crosley



Miss Ward and the Kindergarteners have been having a great school year!

From our pumpkin patch to Christmas around the world, they have been learning so many new things. Their reading and math skills are improving and we love playing the student/teacher game!

During the month of December, we've been taking the time to complete Random Acts of Christmas Kindness. They are learning what it means to be



kind to one another, their friends and families. Some of the activities they've participated in are making cards for the paraprofessionals and creating bookmarks for the 5th grade class.

We look forward to all the wonderful things we can learn in 2017.

MUSIC Notes... Winter Concert! - Miss Knight



*Sounds
of the
Season*

Music Notes: Fabulous Winter Concert!

Anpetu waste, friends! Thank you to all the parents, guardians, friends, and community members who came out to support our K-12 musicians on December 19th! I heard many positive comments about the concert from community members and teachers. Our musicians were prepared and professional, and the evening went very smoothly. It is an honor to witness such success, and I am so happy we had a huge, appreciative audience! *Pidamiyaye!*

Night at the Symphony

To celebrate Maria Macias' excellent performance at the NVC Choral Clinic this fall, she was allowed to choose a concert to attend and bring a friend to this fun outing in Sioux City. Maria invited her sister Adrianna and Miss Knight invited Miss Avery. The quartet enjoyed a buffet at the Hard Rock Café, where we saw clothing and guitars that used to belong to some of rock's greatest artists (they had one of Johnny Cash's black dusters, and a beautiful sequined dress from Stevie Nicks!). Afterward, we proceeded to the lovely Orpheum theater, where we listened to the gorgeous Sioux City Symphony Orchestra featuring the Native American group Brulé. The flute, keyboard, guitar, and traditional drums of Brulé harmonized with the strings and band instruments of the orchestra to create a beautiful sound. The concert featured many well-known Christmas melodies, with captivating dancing, including jingle dress, grass dance, fancy shawl dance, hoop dance, eagle dance, and more. What a lovely experience at the symphony!



MUSIC Notes...Winter Concert! - Miss Knight

Merry Christmas



Mrs. Nielsen— AFTER SCHOOL NEWS: 21st Century – After School Program

The After – School program is held each day after school from 3:35 – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday, and 3:35 – 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. Staff members have various activities/projects during the after school program. Some of those activities include: Drum Fit on Wednesdays, Girl Scouts, music with Ms. Knight and cooking/gardening program with Ms. Kay. For the month of January the activities will be tied around the subject areas of: winter/snow, penguins, and polar bears. There will be an attendance incentive beginning in January. In the past the attendance incentives have included bowling, attending a movie or visiting the pumpkin patch in Yankton. Please watch for a note, in January, for more information on the attendance incentive.



Open Library is held each evening Monday - Friday, from 6 – 8 p.m. The library is also open on Saturday for 4 hours.

This is an opportunity for students to be involved with various activities. These activities could include: a craft activity, reading, watching a movie, playing a board game or beading. Open Library can also be used as a time for students to come and work on homework. Please check the Isanti News Facebook account for any announcements.

GOAL SETTING PAYS OFF!

Students in Mrs. Winckler's Junior High classes signed contracts, and set goals to earn a trip to Durham Museum on Dec. 21st.

The tour guide enjoyed our students and thanked them for their interest and good manners. Students also enjoyed the Amazing Pizza Machine, "it was a blast" "really cool!"



Latessa, Wichay, Leila, Yolanda, Kaylie, Tavie



SCIENCE NEWS – Ms. Avery

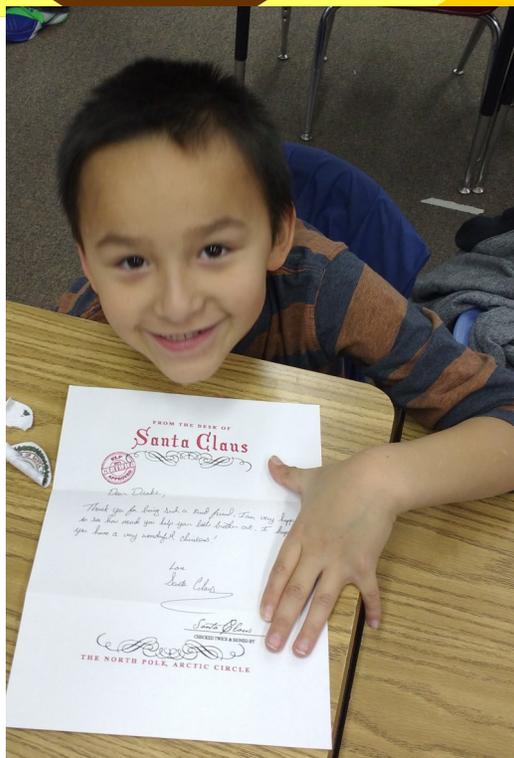
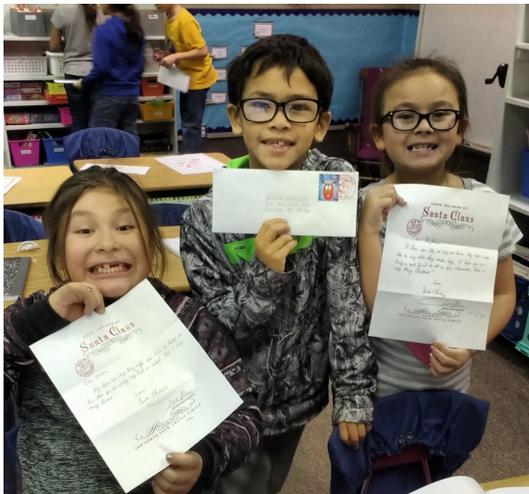
“Botany is the study of plants, which usually consists how plants function, what they look like, how they are related to each other, where they grow, and how people make use of plants. Our Botany class has been working with aquaponics. Aquaponics is a system for farming fish and plants together in a mutually beneficial cycle. We have two tanks. One tank is filled with water and fish and the other tank has clayballs as a substitute of dirt, which plants can grow in. There are pond pumps, which can make the water cycle through the system. The fish produce waste that is good for the plants. The plants suck up the nutrients and purify the water for the fish. It’s a continuous cycle.” **Kaylee White**

“For Thanksgiving, we have collected scraps from vegetables we eat on Thanksgiving. We took the stems from those vegetables and put them in containers and put rocks under them for growth support. After we put the rocks in, we put the stems in and pour water to where the water touches the bottom of the stem. Once we do this, the plant regrows from the stem and starts the process of the plant all over and the sunlight and water makes the plants grow. We make sure that we water them otherwise they won’t grow. We are growing celery, potatoes, carrots, and onions. So far they are doing good on growing.” **Khalib Whipple**

“When I first started in Botany I thought it was going to be boring, because it’s only plants. I actually learned a lot. I have seen a plant move on its own, which I never seen before this class. We don’t have bees to pollinate for us so we have to be creative and pollinate everyday with a paintbrush. We also noticed holes in our leaves and didn’t know what they were coming from. We looked under the leaves and we seen little itty bitty bugs. The bugs were called thrips. We didn’t know what they were at first. We put the little tiny bug under the microscope, studied it, looked it up, and then we found out they were thrips. Ms.Avery bought some stuff to get rid of the thrips. Until this day we still spray for thrips. ... We also did germination. We put water in petri dish with seeds. The day we went back to look at the seeds they were way bigger then when we put them in there. They absorbed water and now look like they are going to explode. I also finally grew my very first fruit. It amazes me how plants curl up, and how they make fruits, and seeds. Plants are interesting you just have to watch them closely. I am glad I took botany this semester.” **Brandy Beltran-Henry**



2nd Graders, super excited that their letters reached Santa, and he



**SKILLS USA
Competition
Quiz Bowl
Mr. Evans,
Mrs. Flyinghawk**



Mrs. Cheney's English Classes—Bullying

Bullying by Kiana Torrez

I think bullying should not be a problem in schools. Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated or has the potential to be repeated over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally and excluding someone from a group on purpose. Bullying can affect somebody else's learning. It can go too far where the person getting bullied commits suicide. If nobody is doing anything about it, the bully is just going to keep doing it because it is showing that nobody cares. Schools should be doing something about it. Some kids don't even feel safe at school anymore because of bullying. It is not just at school, sometimes it follows them home and everywhere they go. School officials and adults that see it happen should definitely do something about it before something gets way out of hand.

Bullying by Tori Tuttle

I think bullying should be addressed at both home and school. The school can only do so much. Then there is the part where the parents have to help support the decisions and consequences that the school makes if their child had a bullying problem. I also think students would listen and take it into consideration if it's coming from their own parents. When I was in elementary, I remember bullying was a big issue in our school. We would have assemblies about bullying. Our guidance class would help try to prevent it from happening again. I feel that in a way those assemblies and hearing other people's stories of when they got bullied helped a little bit. The bullies outgrew that stage when they got into high school. You could tell that the victims of bullying were finally happy after a while. This year in my Speech class, we heard some of my classmates' stories of when they got bullied in

elementary and high school. It was heart-breaking to hear that they had to go through that. Having that hatred of coming to school because of what people would say to them is sad. Nobody should not want to come to school because of what people would say. School should be a place where you feel safe and are happy to be here and to get an education. Like I said, I think bullying issues should be addressed at both home and school.





Mrs. Cheney's English Classes—

Bullying by Brandy Henry

I think bullying should be addressed by both parents and schools. Bullying should mostly be addressed by parents. Parents should teach their kids not to make fun of other children, and have respect for others. I think it should also be addressed at school because if schools don't say anything about it, or have specific rules against bullying, kids will think it is alright if they do bully other kids during school hours. If they don't get punished for bullying at home by their own parents, they will also think it is okay to be mean, and make fun of other children. If the bullies are not punished they will probably also be bullying other kids outside of school. Parents should really step up and give the kids a bad punishment for bullying, because bullying can be really hurtful. Bullying can cause kids to harm themselves. Teachers at school should also try to pay a little more attention to bullying because the person being bullied doesn't usually say anything. Parents should also be more strict about bullying. I think it should really be addressed more by parents. Parents should know to teach their kids the responsibility of being respectful, and nice. I also think it should always be addressed by schools for the students who don't get taught to be respectful and so on. They should also have some

kind of punishment at school if they don't get disciplined by their own parents for hurting other parent's children.

Bullying by Caitlin Johnson

In my opinion I think that schools should address bullying because now a days it has become a big problem and that's a reason why kids don't want to go to school. Addressing bullying to the students and telling them why they shouldn't be doing it is a big issue. Not many of the students understand when a parent or school staff are telling them not to bully. They will think it is okay to bully someone by their looks, or how they act. Nobody deserves to be bullied by anyone. Every single person is different and are going to show it. Don't make someone hurt themselves because of how they grew up or where they came from.

Kids who are bullied can experience negative physical, school, and mental health issues. Kids who are bullied are more likely to also experience depression and anxiety, increasing feelings of sadness and loneliness. Changes in sleep and eating patterns may change. They also get health complaints. Decreased academic achievement may occur. They act as if bullying is their problem and it's all because of them. It's truly not.

Bullying is not the answer to being mean to someone because you don't like them. You should treat everyone how you want to be treated even if you do not like

them or want to be around them. Schools should be a place where all kids can come and learn about things. They shouldn't feel like they are scared to be there or are unable to have friends because no one likes them.

Bullying by Thomas Macias

Bullying is becoming a big issue at schools all over the world. But at the same time it seems like no one is doing a thing to resolve it. Something needs to solve the issue or someone needs to handle it. That's why I believe schools and parents are responsible for solving the issue of bullying. Bullying is one of the biggest problems on all schools today and it needs to be stopped. Children today are being taunted and pushed around by other kids at school, and most of the time for no reason at all. The tormenting from one kid to the next is a bad display that should be handled wisely. There is no reason why a child should go through the harsh reality of being bullied by a peer. Bullying needs to be discussed more on homes and at schools. Schools should be handling bullying better than they are right now. The principals and teachers should be addressing the kids who are bullying other students.

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR — January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School	3 No School STAFF PD BB @ Spencer Boyd JV G/3:00 B/4:00 VAR G/5:30 B/7:15	4 No School STAFF PD	5 BB @ Elba G/5:00 B/6:30	6 BB HOME St. Ed G/5:30 B/7:00 JH BB HOME Elkhorn Val- ley G/2:00 B/3:00	7
<div style="border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> School Resumes Thursday, Jan 5th! </div>						
8	9 JH HOME Omaha Nation G/3:00 B/4:00 Board Meeting 5:00	10 BB HOME Winside G/6:00 B/8:00	11	12 BB @ Allen G/6:15 B/8:00 JH BB HOME Walthill G/2:30 B/3:30	13	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day	17 BB HOME St. Mary's G/6:30 B/8:00 NWEA TESTING	18	19 BB @ Marty JH Boys/4:00 JV Girls/6:00	20 BB @ Stuart G/6:00 B/7:30	21 Bloomfield JH Tourna- ment
22	23	24 BB HOME Elba G/5:00 B/6:30	25	26 BB HOME Nio- b/Verd Parent's Night G/6:30 & B/8:00	27	28 NVC @ TBA Crofton St. Rose JH Tour- nament
29	30	31 JH BB @ Bloomfield G/2:00 G/3:00				31
				DPI: Feb 9-11 at Marty		