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Academic Intramurals

The focus of Cook Elementary faculty and staff is on student learning. We know that together we can improve the quantity and quality of student achievement. This year our attention is directed toward test scores pertaining to the Criterion Referenced Competency Test and the 3rd and 5th Grade Georgia Writing Assessment. Our purpose for this event is to ensure that every child would participate on a team and study the Georgia Performance Standards from all core areas, except Social Studies. This event allows students to practice skills that are related to team sports, but also focus on the academics as well. A growing body of research has found that aerobic exercise increases blood flow to the brain, which helps students to think better and to retain information longer. The combining of low organized relays with concepts from Reading, English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies will assist in our students mastering the Georgia Performance Standards in each subject area.

Academic Intramurals is also a technique that will help students to become knowledgeable of the CRCT testing, terminology, content, and the structure of the questions. Finally, it is an awesome event to focus students, parents, teachers, stakeholders, partners in education and the community on learning!

Academic Intramurals will begin December 18th for the 3rd and 4th graders. The 5th graders will complete on the 19th. Third graders will begin at 8:30 in competing for the 1st place trophy between Busy Bees and the Bumble Bees. Fourth Grade will begin at 1:00 competing for the 1st place trophy between the Carpenter Bees and the Honey Bees. Fifth Grade will begin at 8:45 in competing for the 1st place trophy between the Flying Hornets and the Stinging Hornets. So please come out and support our most precious assets "Our Lil' Hornets"!

Dr. Barbara Pettiford
CES Principal

Third Grade Musical

The third grade students at CES will be presenting a Christmas musical "Christmas at the O.K. Corral" at 6:00 pm Tuesday, December 4th as part of the monthly PTO meeting. Saddle up your horse and ride on down for an evening of entertaining singing and dancing. It will be a Christmas memory for years to come.

CES AR Store

This month students will have the opportunity to visit the AR store. Students who have accumulated 100 or more points get to use these points to purchase items at the store. A student must have 100 points in order to visit the store. The store is open two times a school year. The first time the store will open is December 17th. There are many exciting prizes to purchase. There will be books, stuffed animals, game boys, cameras, radios, and numerous other items. Please encourage your child to read. If they do not have 100 points by December, then maybe they will get the opportunity to visit at the end of May.

Santa's Reporters: Hayley Dobson, Karly Luke, Charley Rayfield

What do you like to do on Christmas Vacation?

- Bake cookies and eat them- Mrs. Harris
- Sleep late- Miss Johnson
- Get presents- Jacee
- Shopping- Mrs. May
- Get presents- Taylor
- Get together with family- Mrs. Smith

What do you want for Christmas?

- Good health- Mrs. Pickern
- Jordans- Jontavious
- Bathroom remodeled- Mrs. Daughtrey
- Clothes- Sarah
- Monster truck- Richard
- Hot Pink I-Pod- Taylor

What is your favorite holiday memory?

- Thanksgiving in the mountains- Mrs. Carnine
- Being with family and opening presents- Mrs. Davis
- Lovely Christmas- Kimyatta and Chris
- Thanksgiving at Grandmother's- Mrs. Pam
- Getting that special present- Justin
- Dog she got for Christmas- Mrs. Coley
- Snowfall in the mountains- Katlyn
- Bike for Christmas- Braye
- Christmas 1985- Mrs. Barbara Johnson

- Christmas in central Florida- Mrs. Becky
- \$100.00 in a shoebox- Brooke
- Snow flurries in Georgia- Emily W.
- Watching my children open presents- Mrs. Kathy
- When we were in Mexico with family- Luis
- Snowfall in Texas- Nick
- Riding golf cart in Columbus- Emily B.
- Christmas with parents (1979)- Dr. Pettiford
- GOOD Food- Mr. Carnine

PTO

PTO has another exciting yet busy month planned for December. Join us on Tuesday, December 4, at 6:00pm as the third performs "Christmas at the O.K. Corral." We will conduct a brief meeting before the musical begins.

Then sign up to volunteer for the PTO Christmas store on either December 12th, 13th, or 14th. We will operate from 9:00 — 3:00 each day.

Finally, details about the holiday fundraiser delivery will also be shared at the December 4th meeting.



PTO Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4 PTO 3rd Grade Christmas Musical
- Dec. 12-14 PTO Christmas Store
- Dec. 12 9:00 - 3:00 Volunteers Needed
- Dec. 13 9:00 - 3:00 Volunteers Needed
- Dec. 14 9:00 - 3:00 Volunteers Needed