

MISS SELMA'S SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

Dearest Parents,

We hope you and your children had a wonderful holiday. We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, filled with progress and growth in learning.

The office staff would like to thank you and your children for all the wonderful gifts and goodies you shared with us at Christmas. We truly appreciate your kindness. The Christmas Open House was a great way to start the holiday season. The children and teachers worked hard decorating their classrooms and practicing the beautiful music for the program. They sounded like angels. Don't forget to order a DVD. Order forms are attached.

January 3, 2012: Return to school following Christmas break.

January 4: Good Citizen Uniform Free Day.

January 10: Introduction of the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade research papers.

Fourth Grade will research US presidents

Fifth Grade will research the Revolutionary War

Sixth Grade will research Inventors

January 10: Third and fourth grades will go to the Lego exhibit at the Clinton Library. Buses will leave at 12:30.

January 11: Fifth and sixth grades will go to the Lego exhibit at the Clinton Library.

January 11: End of the 2nd nine week marking period.

January 11: AR goals are due by 3:00 on this day.

January 12: AR Hot Chocolate and Donut Party.

January 13: Deadline to order 2011-2012 yearbooks (information attached).

January 16: **TEACHER WORK DAY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**
(NO SCHOOL - NO CHILDCARE)

January 17: Report cards will go home.

January 18: The fifth grade will go to the **Main Library** in preparation for their research papers.

January 18: The fourth grade will go to the **Fletcher Library** in preparation for their research papers.

January 18: Honor Roll Uniform Free Day

January 19: The sixth grade will go to the **Fletcher Library** in preparation for their research papers.

January 19: First and second grades will take buses to the Arkansas Arts Center to see "Goldilocks and Little Red Riding Hood" for a 10:00 performance. Buses will leave at 9:15 for a 10:00 performance.

January 20: Sixth grade Hot Dog Sale (details to follow).

January 24-27: The first graders will take the Iowa Basic Skills Test.

January 26: The fifth grade will go to the **Fletcher Library** (research papers).

January 26: The sixth grade will go to the **Main Library** (research papers).

January 30-February 3: "Make Change Week" for The Make-a-Wish Foundation (details to follow).

January 27: **UNIFORM FREE DAY**

Your child's January tuition is due five days after you receive the bill. Outstanding balances from first semester are due in full at this time. If you have a problem, please call the school office before the office contacts you. Thanks!!

Attached, you will find a yearbook order form. The deadline to order a yearbook is Friday, January 13th.

We would like to remind you that we normally follow the public school closings for bad weather. Information regarding our closing procedure went home before Christmas break. Please post this information in an important spot for future reference.

Remember, when a child leaves our school with someone other than his mom, dad or one of the names listed on his pick-up list, a note must be sent in advance. If you forget to send a note, a phone call to the office is fine. If you are leaving town for several days, a note to your child's teacher and the office is necessary. Please include names and telephone numbers of the people responsible for your child(ren). When children leave together, whether it be group carpooling for basketball practice, sleepovers, or a ride home with one of the other parents, we must have a note. Also, unless it is raining, you must sign the roster when you pick-up your child(ren). Children must make after school plans BEFORE school. They are not allowed to use the school phone to make arrangements. Please work on preplanning. Lastly, though it thrills us that the children want to stay late and play, we ask that when their rides come, they leave rather than pleading with their parent to stay longer. Also, if at all possible, please try to make appointments for your child after 3:00 so your child will not miss school.

Please remember...scarves and bandanas are only allowed on uniform free day. These items are not part of our uniform code. This does not apply to cold weather scarves. Rain boots or snow boots are the only boots that may be worn with our uniform. These boots are only allowed during rainy or snowy weather. No Ughs. We are also having a problem with boys wearing their hair too long. Page 8 under uniforms in your handbook "Hair should be clean, well groomed, and out of the eyes. Boys hair should not exceed collar length."

We have a large amount of unmarked sweaters, jackets, coats, sweat shirts, lunch boxes, etc. Our lost and found is overflowing. Please stop by the red building and check the blue benches for any items belonging to your child.

At the end of this month, your child will bring home a contract for the 2012-2013 school year. Please return this contract with the registration fee and required paper work immediately, as we have waiting lists in several age groups. The children presently enrolled in Miss Selma's will have a one week priority period over those children on the waiting lists. However, following that week, places will be filled on a first come, first served basis. If you have any friends who are interested in receiving a contract, please let us know and we will send them one. Children who are 2-years-old through first grade will receive information regarding summer play school in April. Play school is available to children who have completed first grade and younger.

We have a few Miss Selma's 2012 calendars available if you would like to purchase one. The price is \$20.00. If you ordered a calendar and have not received it, please call the school office.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2012. Thank you for your continued support and for sharing your child with us.

We love you and yours,
Miss Robin, Mrs. Reed and Faculty
The following children are our "Good Citizens" for January:

Mrs. Puckett – 1st grade: Jordan Goodpaster and Summer Mueller
Mrs. Palmer – 1st grade: Brandon Barnett and Logan Green
Mrs. Smith – 2nd grade: Avery Stephens and Austin Adams
Mrs. Hamilton – 2nd grade: Claire Parsons and Ganamen Snowden
Ms. Weber – 3rd grade: Hailey Boyles and Dean Mueller
Mrs. Turner – 3rd grade: Emmarie Gates and Matthew Murray
Mrs. Riggs - 4th grade: Hayes DuJardin and Sydney Joheim
Mrs. Williams – 4th grade: Drew Murray
Mrs. DeMarco – 5th grade: Megan Jennings
Mrs. Heiges – 6th grade: Olivia Lindsey and Lexi Fulton

These children will have uniform free day tomorrow, Wednesday, January 4, 2012.