
Pomona Elementary School Newsletter - September 2017

Important Dates

☺ PAC Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of Every Month 5pm-6pm

☺ No School—Sept. 2nd & 5th

☺ September 29th-School Picture Day

1st grade News

Welcome back to school, Mrs. Huisjen. Your 1st graders are excited to see you and show you how awesome they work at school. They come to school ready to work and learn. A BIG Pomona Panther thank you to Mrs. Kim Cheezum for getting Mrs. Huisjen's class rocking and rolling this school year.

2nd Grade

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to a great year with your second grader.

This year the school has adopted a math program called Bridges In Mathematics. Each Module of the program takes approximately 4 weeks to cover. The skills in module one cover sorting and graphing. The reading skills for this month cover how to take care of books, how to choose books, knowing yourself as a reader, and building reading stamina. For writing we will work on writing "super sentences," that use lots of description words and are more complex. In science we will be discussing and exploring seasons and weather. In Social Studies we are reviewing civics and neighborhoods.

We will begin spelling lists and homework after the long Labor Day weekend. Later this year we will be doing a math module that requires paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Please send them in throughout the year since we will need around 300 per class.

Please read at home with your child; it will benefit them in all areas of the curriculum and help them go into third grade with continued strong skills. We also appreciate you taking the time to help/review the homework your child does. It is a great way to spend time with your child and to let them know how important learning is.

Thank you

The Second Grade Team

3rd Grade September News

We are excited to start another month of our school year! So far, we have been practicing our PAWS expectations: practicing respect, accepting responsibility, working hard and staying safe. Please encourage your children to continue these expectations at home!

We have begun a new math program that will challenge your child to look at numbers in real life situations. We are excited for all our students to grow a love for math this year! We are encouraging all 3rd grade students to practice their addition and subtraction math facts daily. You can sign off on your student's log each day!

We will plan on having all reading logs sent home on Fridays. Please have your student return them each day to help foster their responsibility and accountability. There are questions that your student can answer about their reading on their log, and they may choose to answer them on a separate sheet of paper and attach to their log. We encourage all students at Pomona to read for 20 minutes every night. This can be reading alone, reading out loud to someone, or someone reading to them.

4th Grade Bird Banding Adventures

Every September 4th grade students at Pomona have the opportunity to see real scientists at work capturing, collecting and recording data, and banding birds. The Black Canyon Audubon Society, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Friends of Ridgway State Park, Ridgway State Park, and the Bureau of Land Management, sponsor an educational opportunity for area 4th graders during the Audubon Society's annual bird banding.

This field trip allows students to learn about migrating birds, bird health, and habitat needs. The students are able to see live birds measured, weighed, checked for fat (necessary for migration), and banded. The data collected is entered into an extensive data base and used to track the birds.

The students also learn about birds' adaptations at a station called "beaks and feet". This station has a collection of stuffed birds that demonstrate how different types of beaks and feet help birds survive in their individual habitats. Students then get to use binoculars and field books to identify any birds flying around.

Learning about the diversity of habitats along the Uncompahgre River is another part of the day. Within just a few feet, students move from moist riparian areas to a dry sage grassland ecosystem. A variety of plants in these ecosystems are identified and their importance to humans and animals are learned.

Finally, the 4th graders play a game, Pine Bird Challenge, which highlights several specific adaptations of Pinion Jays.

Pomona's 4th graders will be going to Ridgway State Park on Monday, September 11 to learn about birds, adaptations, and ecosystems.

Hi 5th grade!!

The beginning of the year has started and we are very excited. We are working with a new math program called Bridges. It is very hands on and fun. We did our first session of I ready testing for math and reading. 5th grade rotations for Social Studies-Ms. Roberts, Science-Mr. Wofford and Math-Mrs. Mason will begin in September. Camp CBX is coming very soon!! All paperwork and \$150. Must be turned in by Monday, September 11th. Camp is Wed-Friday, September 13-16th. We can't wait!! Hope you had a great Labor Day Weekend.

Mr. Wofford, Ms. Roberts and Ms. Mason



What is Bridges? Follow the web address below to find out more about our new math curriculum!

<https://youtu.be/mAYWBDtDwFM>

