

JV FORRESTAL FALCONS NEWSLETTER



HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Band

Happy New Year! The band students in both 4th and 5th grade are excited for new band music! Please keep encouraging your band students to practice as they begin learning their spring concert music!

ART

Our Winter themed art is starting off with lines and shapes for snowflakes, folding and cutting paper to create more snowflakes, and Winter animals like polar bears and penguins!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! As we kick off the new year, teachers and students are spending time diving deeper into all curriculum areas. Students and staff are highly engaged in our new K-2 Ready Math curriculum, our Sci21 curriculum has been a big hit for our Gr. 3-5 students and they are enjoying hands-on project based and inquiry based learning with connections to the real world and experiments/investigations that challenge their thinking! As a district it is very exciting that our students are having these learning experiences across all schools and as an elementary team we look forward to offering family resource/engagement nights so you all can learn more and connect with school staff about your students journey in and out of the classroom! I hope everyone has had a great start to the new year, stay healthy, enjoy some fun in the snow, and spread kindness!

Principal Wiggins

*"Fostering **A**Loving and **C**aring environment **O**n a daily basis with all students' **N**eeds at the center of our work!"*

In Physical Education

In January we will be continuing our bowling unit!
Stay active and keep moving!



General Music

"Happy New Year! J.V. Forrestal Music continues this year with more singing, dancing, and instrumental music. Congratulations to all the chorus and band students for the hard work and dedication put in for their wonderful winter concerts in December! Chorus is now beginning to prepare for the BHS/Elementary Choral Concert on March 13th as well as the Spring Concert coming up in the month of May. Music Enrichment continues and will be transitioning into songs from the 50s and 60s with the lower grades and wrapping up beatboxing and beginning bucket drumming with the upper grades. Again, all are welcome to join with a signed permission slip. Have a joyous January, J.V.F families! - Mr. Keener"



Grade Level News

During the month of January, Pre- K will begin our study of animals. We will also study the season of Winter. We will learn about important people such as Martin Luther King. We will continue to work on letters, numbers, and shapes.

Kindergarten is diving deep into 2024 as we begin our Ocean Exploration unit. Watch closely for information regarding our Aquarium field trip, Ocean Expo, and our "Under the Sea" beach party.

Happy New Years!! Fabulous Firsties are now doing computation within 20! Students are looking at relationships in Mathematics to build a ten which allows them to develop skills to mentally solve additional problems. In science, students will be taking what they have already learned about animals and applying it to a deeper study about how we organize Animals into groups such as Mammals, Birds, Fish, Amphibians, and Reptiles. In reading students are learning about components seen in Non-fiction books that will help them in their science research. In Social Studies students will be learning about the months of the year. We will begin our study into learning about influential Americans beginning with Dr. Martin Luther King.

Happy New Year! This month Second grade is ready to take off with their learning. In math, we will discuss place value and use it to solve three-digit addition and subtraction problems. In ELA, we will be looking at winter animals to learn the skill of identifying main ideas and supporting details. In writing, we will begin working on forming paragraphs. Science: In science, we will begin discussing processes that shape the Earth. In Social Studies we will discuss Landforms. We will also discuss Martin Luther King. Please remember to send your child in with a coat and other warm clothing as we will be going outside for recess.

Happy New Year! Third grade is already rocking and rolling into the new year! We have spent some time working on setting goals for ourselves for the new year! We brainstormed and came up with some great ideas for school related and personal goals to better ourselves in 2024! We have started off creating book reviews of our latest favorite reads, and we are of course looking forward to some snow! When will the first snow day be?!

Fourth Grade had a wonderful Winter Break! We've been working hard on multi digit multiplication and will be moving on to multiplication word problems. We are wrapping up our informational text essays about the Haudenosaunee and we are getting ready to learn about European settlers and their interactions with the Native Americans. Fourth graders are also excited to start participating in literature circles during our reading blocks. In Science, we continue to explore energy through various experiments and investigations. We hope everyone had a great break and we look forward to what 2024 will bring!

5th Grade is working hard on the Sports in America ELA Unit, where we discuss and find evidence for the importance of sports in American culture. We are also continuing to work on multiplication and division using multi-digit numbers. We are looking forward to collaborating with Stonykill Farm to create our painted art murals.

Mrs. White's -

Room 5

IMPORTANT DATES

1/12	Professional Learning Community Day - Dismissal @ 11:40am
1/15	Martin Luther King Day - District Closed

LIBRARY NEWS:



HEALTH SERVICES MESSAGE

Happy January EVERYONE! I appreciate all of your efforts and communications in helping to keep our students safe this year. ALL medication needs to be dropped off by a parent/guardian and must be signed by the parent/guardian and physician. Medication Orders expire every year, please fill out a new one for all prescribed medication; [Medication Order Form](#)

Please remember children should be free from rash, fever and vomiting for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

A reminder that all Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1, 3 and 5. grade students are required to have physicals and up-to-date NYS [immunization records](#). Please send in copies if your student will be entering any of these grades. Please contact my office, 845-838-6900 ext 5610 if you have any questions.

May we all have a healthy January!

Alta Clary

JV Forrestal School Nurse



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