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Dear Lincoln Eagle Families,

The year 2020 is behind us and we enter into the 2021 portion of this school year. The Lincoln School community is looking forward to building on the positives as we enter 2021. We have watched our students improve in the area of computer skills. Our teachers have learned how to utilize interactive videos and other virtual instructional strategies into lessons as we all adapt during this pandemic. I greatly look forward to the time when we can return to in-person instruction, but our staff and students will continue to grow in spite of the challenges placed before us.

The Lincoln School will continue to support our students during the school day. We also are providing extra support for students in after-school programs. We are launching several clubs and mentoring programs during the month of January. We will send out information throughout the month of January. The school will have a half-day of attendance, noon dismissal, for students on January 15, 2021. School District 148 will not have school on January 18, 2021 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

The end of Winter Break is the start of the 3rd Quarter. We are half way through the school year. Lincoln's goals are to continue to improve. We want to continue to receive feedback and suggestions from parents and guardians. It is important that you know that we do consider your suggestions. Many of your ideas have helped shape and improve our online instructional delivery. We believe that Lincoln is on the path to achieve incredible success. We look forward to continue to work together to benefit our students.

Mr. Stingily,

Principal

Mr. Stingily on Red and White "Candy Cane"
Day of Lincoln's Spirit Week in December.



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MTSS Facilitators— Mrs. Cline and Ms. Giggleman

5 Tips for Math Problem Solving

1. **Practice, Practice & More Practice**—It is impossible to study math properly by just reading and listening. To study math, you have to roll up your sleeves and actually solve some problems. The more you practice answering math problems, the better.
2. **Review Errors**—When you're practicing with these problems, it's important to work through the process for each solution. If you have made any mistakes, you should review them and understand where your problem-solving skills let you down.
3. **Master the Key Concepts**—Do not try to memorize the processes. It is much better and rewarding in the long-run to focus on understanding the process and logic that is involved.
4. **Understand your Doubts**—Sometimes you can get stuck trying to solve part of a math problem and find it difficult to move on to the next stage. It's common for many students to skip a question and continue on to the next. You should avoid doing this and instead spend time trying to understand the process of solving the problem. It is a good idea to study with a friend who you can consult with and bounce ideas off, when trying to solve complex problems.
5. **Create a Distraction Free Study Environment**—Mathematics is a subject that requires more concentration than any other. A proper study environment and a distraction free area could be the determining factor when solving complex equations or problems in geometry, algebra or trigonometry!

The Support Programs Department

Happy New Year!

We hope the holidays were full of joy! Now it's back to work!

The school completed Middle of the Year testing last month. Thank you for all your support with helping students stay focused and limiting distractions while they tested. Please ask your teachers how your student scored. Continue to allow your student to study in a quiet place, if they can. The district implemented a program called Suite 360. This program is designed to assist students with their social and emotional needs.

Please try to have your child attend school as much as possible. Every day is important for their growth and education.

News from Nurse Gray

WINTER IS HERE! However, it is important to consider safety. The American Academy of Pediatrics has provided us with some helpful winter health and safety tips:

Outdoor Winter Activities:

Ice skating, skiing, and sledding are great ways to get exercise on a cold winter day. Remember, children should be supervised with these activities. It's safer to sled feet first or sitting up. Sled on slopes that are not too steep and are free of obstructions like trees or fences. Skate only on approved surfaces and in one direction with the crowd. Never skate alone. Wear a helmet when skiing and stay away from crowded areas.

Safety and Health Concerns:

Hypothermia/Frostbite:

When it is cold outside, remember to set a reasonable time limit on outdoor play and have children come inside periodically to warm up. Dressing in layers is best.

Nosebleeds: If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds, it may be from the dry air. Try using a cold air humidifier in your child's room at night. Saline drops or petroleum jelly may help too. If it's severe, please contact your pediatrician.

Have a safe month!

Kindergarten Team– Mrs. Reczkowicz and Ms. McNeal

During the month of January, Kindergarten students will learn about and review the following:

Reading: Letters and sounds of the alphabet, blending sounds together to make words, sight words and Unit 2 in ReadyGEN

Math: Counting to 75, show ways to make 10 and sorting and counting objects

Social Studies: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Science: We will continue to learn about Arctic Animals

Writing: We will write our first and last names and continue to work on writing a complete sentence

Thanks for all your support and Happy New Year!

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1st Grade Team– Mrs. Lindholm and Ms. Michalczyk

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a strong start in 2021 for 1st graders! In Ready GEN reading, we are working on nonfiction and fiction passages and finding the topic/main idea of the passage along with benchmark vocabulary. In iReady math, we continue to work on addition strategies, subtraction strategies, and word problems will be covered. Scholastic News will be utilized to cover Science/Social Studies and current events topics. Please make sure your child logs in on time at 9AM for attendance purposes. Also, please make sure your child has basic school supplies such as paper, pencil, and crayons. We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021!

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2nd Grade Team– Ms. Gutierrez, Mrs. Cade, and Mr. Stagaman

We are excited about returning to school from winter break and ready to take on this new year with great enthusiasm! Our second graders are currently reading "Friends Around the World" and learning how to identify multiple strategies (main topic, main idea and details, story structure, etc.) within a non-fiction text. We are currently working on subtraction using mental math. Our scholars thoroughly enjoy learning on Suite 360, Nearpod and Flocabulary. Even though eLearning was new to all, the students continue to make amazing strides within this new learning environment.

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3rd Grade Team— Mrs. Pryor-Gallagher, Ms. Kelly and Ms. Dominski

Happy New Year! January will be a busy month for our students as we return from winter break and continue to learn remotely. **Math:** The third graders will continue to practice multiplication and the most effective methods for understanding (repeated addition, patterns and skip counting). Our students will also work on fractions, measurement and data for the next several weeks. **ReadyGEN:** We will continue to expose our students to a variety of genres while incorporating the essential tools needed to become comprehensive and fluent readers. Our students are expected to read many lengthy passages and understand extensive vocabulary. The most beneficial thing you can do to help your child prepare for class and to be an overall successful reader, is to see that he/she is keeping up with daily reading assignments. **Social Studies:** As we enter the second semester of the school year, we will begin to focus more on social studies, including maps (United States and world), communities and some American history. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support!

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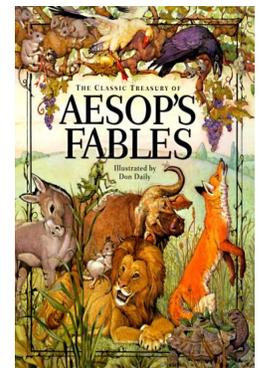
4th Grade Team— Ms. Angel and Ms. Corsiatto

Our 4th graders have been working so hard! Great job to all students that participated in the Science Fair! Please continue to work on basic fact fluency with your child at home. In math, we are reviewing 3 by 3-digit addition and subtraction with carrying, and are also working on multiplication and division! In reading, we are working on tall tales, fables, and students are writing their own narratives. Students will also focus on main idea/supporting details, problem solution, etc. Please make sure your child is reading for 30 minutes each night. If you haven't joined our classes on class dojo, please do! Let's stay connected!

Thank you for all that you do,

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5th Grade Team— Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Waller

The 5th grade students are adapting well to virtual learning. We are utilizing two amazing new programs, Flocabulary and Nearpod to help engage students in Social Studies and Science lessons. In addition, we have added a new program called Suite 360 to aid with social and emotional support. Please make sure that students are logging into zoom each morning and after lunch on time. Thanks for your continued support.

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6th Grade Team– Ms. Darkried and Mr. Neequaye

Happy New Year, Lincoln Family!

We are now at the half way mark for the school year! We are working hard to make sure our students are ready for 7th grade. We are currently finishing our unit on Ancient Egypt and students are working in teams describing all the arts and sciences Ancient Egyptians had and how it is relevant today. We look forward to a continued partnership with our families and making sure our students are actively participating in class everyday.

Have a safe month!

7th Grade Team– Mrs. Rahmah, Mrs. Chatman, Ms. Mitchell & Mr. Hilal

Science-Welcome Back 7th grade students and parents! Thanks to all of the students and parents that participated in the Virtual Junior High Science Fair on December 9, 2020. Team work makes the dream work! We look forward to a successful New Year “2021”!

Math– Our students took the iReady MOY (Middle of the Year) assessment last month. Please encourage the students to utilize strategies we’ve learned thus far while working independently. We are looking forward to substantial growth in 2021!

Social Studies-In December, the students finished studying the federal constitution and they were tested on it. I wish that all my students will enjoy their long Winter Break. After the break, we will cover Unit 3 Launching the Republic. The students will study how the leaders of the new nation met the challenges of establishing a sound economy and a stable, democratic government.

ELA- The 7th Grade Language Arts classes are reading the novel **A Long Walk to Water**. We just finished working on Themes and Objective Summaries of the chapters that we read. We will read an article about "The Lost Girls of Sudan" next, dissect it, and compare this with the information about The Lost Boys of Sudan from the novel **A Long Walk to Water**.

8th Grade Team– Mrs. Miller, Ms. Lampkin, Mrs. Waters-Miller and Mr. Smith

ELA: Hi all!!! Hope you had a fun filled winter break. 8th graders will continue to press on with all concepts learned thus far with review and continue to use concepts for in-class exercises and homework assignments. We will embark on EL Curriculum’s Module 3, utilizing strategies, skills, and activities provided by the program. HAPPY NEW YEAR CLASS OF 2021!

Math: Welcome back! It is so hard to believe that the eighth-grade year is half over already. We are starting this quarter off still working on geometric figures but adding in angle relationships and similarity. Please continue to monitor your student’s grades through the parent portal and their progress on their My Path iReady math program.

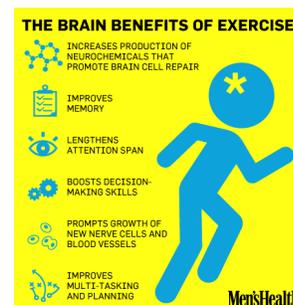
Science: This month, our 8th grade scientists will put their measurement skills to use in a project that requires them to design and create an architectural blueprint of their dream home. The project requires them to: calculate the cost of materials, utilize two- dimensional surface area and perimeter, as well as adhere to particular code regulations.

Social Studies: Welcome back and Happy New Year!!! The students will be provided with an understanding of what slavery has been, how it has been used in various parts of the world and in various periods of history, and how to understand it today. They will learn how slavery and genocide are connected. They will also learn about the Holocaust and how slavery, genocide, and the Holocaust affected the World.

Physical Education— Mrs. Clemons, Mr. Zajcew and Mr. Watkins

This month in PE, students will review the benefits and scientific data of physical activity. We will begin covering how physical activity and the brain are connected. Elementary classes will work on hand-eye coordination. We look forward to seeing your student on zoom!
Thank you for your support!

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Art— Mr. Riddle

Hello Parents!

First, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! This month, we will work with texture and dimensions in art. Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students will learn how to apply basic textures to drawn objects through various different methods. In 5th, 6th and 7th grade classes, students will learn how to use repetition and movement in artworks, as well as create artworks with repeating objects and patterns. In 8th grade classes, students will learn how to apply dimension to their art work by using combinations of line, shade, value, texture and other elements of art. I look forward to seeing what the students can create in art this month and hope to see some great levels of creativity in their work.

Mr. Riddle

Music —Mrs. Purscell-Jackson

This month, our Lincoln musicians continue to learn about instruments! Even though we can't be in the classroom to play instruments together, students are learning about instrument names, how they work, and the musical families to which they belong. They even have the opportunity to “play” them and create their own music in the Virtual Music Room!

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Support music at Lincoln:
<https://www.donorschoose.org/PurscellJackson>

PBIS —News You Can Use— K-5—Mrs. Silas-Armour and 6-8—Mrs. Haas

PBIS...Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe

We are so excited that Lincoln has decided to continue to implement PBIS system-wide remotely! Our district and school faculty and staff have been working hard to implement PBIS virtually this school year with our new Suite 360 program. Suite 360 is an online platform that addresses our students Social and Emotional needs through an interactive lesson that can be done as a whole group lesson or independently.

Our school continues to reinforce our three behavior expectations, Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful. These expectations are taught to all students, and are reinforced through verbal praise and student rewards such as prizes or privileges. With PBIS, kids learn about behavior, just as they learn other subjects like math or science. The key to PBIS is prevention, not punishment. PBIS gives people a new way to think about behavior. Studies show that PBIS can help improve student discipline, behavior and even grades. In schools that use PBIS, students receive fewer detentions and suspensions. PBIS is for all students in a school! Successful PBIS programs are dependent upon the entire school community. We look forward to the end of the month activities as well as celebrating the new year with our Eagle Family.

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January News from the CARE Facilitator

As we march into the snowy days of winter, our students are busy growing and learning. It is important to take time to play outdoors and take breaks from the computer after school. Be sure to check in with your child to make sure they are keeping up and staying organized with their assignments.

We started a new program in the fall called Suite 360. This program has weekly themes and lessons that the students in each grade receive. Some of the themes that the students have learned about already are listening, being organized, and friendship.

PBIS Character Word: INTEGRITY

Restorative Justice Value Word: HONORABLE

Capturing Kids' Hearts Word: LAUNCH



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January Important Dates to Remember

4th– Remote learning classes resume

**15th- School Improvement Planning Day;
12:00 noon dismissal for students**

18th– No School; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday Observance

26th– 5:00 Board of Education Meeting

