

Vine Street School

February 2, 2018

February

Feb. 12 Crazy Hair Day
Volunteer Training, 5:30
PTO, 6:00

Feb. 13 Favorite Character Day

Feb. 14 Hats and Shades Day

Feb. 15 School Pride Day-Wear Red

Feb. 16 Freaky Friday Mixed Up Day
100th Day

Things to do over vacation:

- Visit the UM Art Gallery on Harlow St.
- Get some books from the Bangor Public Library
- Go Sledding!
- Practice Math Facts by playing games together
- Read *Stranger in the Woods* and make a snowman



Recommended this month:
I Have a Dream
by Kadir Nelson

Principal's Message

Everyone who lives in Maine knows that our winters can be unpredictable—to say the least! Some years we get a little snow, others a lot. Sometimes we get stretches of frigid temperatures and other times it can be relatively balmy! This year, the crazy weather started early with the big storms and power outages in November. Days without power, followed by storm after storm have made some of us more than ready for spring!

When I lived in Alaska, we used to beat the Winter blues by having festivals in January and February. My family always looked forward to activities during the Fur Rendezvous and the Iditarod. At Vine Street, we do something on a somewhat smaller

scale—Winterfest.

Winterfest is held the week before February vacation. During this week, classes and learning will go on as usual—we have a lot of academic material to accomplish before the break, but there are special activities planned throughout the week.

Students love that there is a theme for each day. I will share with you that days like the Favorite Character Day stressed me out when I was a parent. I was not overly creative when it came to thinking of ideas that my boys would love (and I could afford!). I am jealous that you all have Pinterest and Google. I have done some “research” on those sites and listed a few ideas on the next page for Character Day that might be helpful.



2018-2019 PreK and Kindergarten Registration

The Vine Street School will accept registrations for PreK and kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 school year beginning on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. It is important for planning purposes that we know how many children will be attending PreK and kindergarten classes next year. Children who currently attend our PreK and live in the Vine Street District will be enrolled in a kindergarten class next year. Those parents do not need to attend the Tuesday night registration session. If you know of any child in the Vine Street School district who will be four or five years old on or before October 15, 2018, please let the school know so we can contact them about the registration process.

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Health and Wellness

Cold temperatures and lots of snow are not the only things winter has brought us. Children and staff are coming down with a variety of cold and flu bugs. We can work together to try to avoid spreading these illnesses. Please talk to your child about the importance of washing his/her hands frequently throughout the day. This is especially important after using the restroom, coughing or sneezing, and definitely before eating! Students are encouraged to wash their hands before snack and lunch. There is also a hand sanitizing station in the cafeteria.

It is sometimes difficult to determine when to keep an ill child home and when to send the child to school. As a general rule we suggest the following: fevers above 100 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea and/or a rash of unknown origin are reasons to keep a child home from school.

During cold and flu season noses run and throats itch a lot! The school district has rules about medications at school including cold or cough lozenges (cough drops). Due to concerns about choking hazards, cough drops are not permitted. If you find that your child has a scratchy throat causing him/her to cough or frequently clear his/her throat, drinking water helps with that urge. Salt water gargles can be equally effective. For more severe, persistent coughs, we suggest parents speak to their pediatrician, and if needed, dispense cough medication (as approved by your doctor) at home or in the morning prior to school. In all cases where you are unsure, contact your family physician.



Passports to Reading

Mrs. Silk-Biography

Mrs. Robertson-Fairy Tale (Cinderella= a double stamp!)

Mrs. Streams-A Nonfiction Book

Vine Street Staff-A book related to Black History

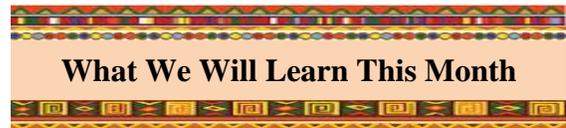
Mrs. Campbell-Tall Tales and Fractured Fairy Tales



Quick and Easy Ideas

- Pete the Cat-start with a yellow shirt. Cut four colorful pieces of felt for buttons. Use a fabric marker to draw 4 “holes” on each button. Glue buttons to shirt.
- Rainbow Fish-start with a t-shirt. Cut out scales from different colors of bright and/or sparkly felt. Sew scales on t-shirt in overlapping patterns.
- Thing 1-start with a red shirt. Glue a white circle on the front that says Thing 1. Add a blue wig if you have one.
- Patch (or any dalmation)-start with a white shirt. Glue black felt patches onto the shirt.
- Start with a white t-shirt and pants. Write PROGRESSIVE on a piece of paper and tape to the shirt—add a blue head band if you have one and presto—Flo from the commercials!

For more ideas, or to see pictures of the characters listed here go to www.pinterest.com



Current Topics of Study

PK Things We Build and Art All Around Us

Kindergarten-Narrative Unit-Writing for Readers; Learning About Each Other and the World, Anchor Text *I Love Saturdays y domingos*; Counting Numbers to 20;

Grade 1 Planting for the Future, Anchor Text: *Arbor Day Square*; Comparing two digit numbers; Narrative Writing; Patterns in Space.

Grade 2 Anchor Texts: *Saturdays and Teacakes* and *Enemy Pie*. Numbers to 1000; Constructed Response Unit; Properties and States of Matter

Grade 3 Seeking Explanations, Anchor Text: *Storm in the Night*; Multiplying multiples of 10; Informational Writing; Weather.

