

Lettie Brown News

LETTIE BROWN ELEMENTARY
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December 2019

DECEMBER 2019

- 2 - MEC 2:45,
- 3 - Paw Pride Day, 3rd-6th Art Club 2:30
- 4 - **Early Dismissal @ 11:45 am**
- 5 - Chess Club 2:30, 3rd-6th Art Club 2:30, Student Council 2:35, MEC 2:45
- 6 - Popcorn Friday
- 9 - Gameball Run Craft Day 2:30, MEC 2:45, 5th-12th Choir Concert @ Grace Church, 6:30 pm
- 10 - 3rd-6th Art Club 2:30, Lettie Brown Christmas Program K & 1st 6 pm, 2nd & 3rd 7 pm @ Bertha Frank
- 12 - Chess Club 2:30, 3rd-6th Art Club 2:30, MEC 2:45, 6th grade Orchestra concert @ MHS 7 pm
- 14 - 6th grade Band concert @ MJHS 3 pm
- 16 - MEC 2:45
- 17 - 3rd-6th Art Club 2:30
- 19 - Classroom Christmas parties, 3rd-6th Art Club 2:30, MEC 2:45
- 20 - All School Sing @ Lettie Brown 10:15, end of 2nd quarter, **half day in-service with 11:45 dismissal**
- 23-31 Christmas vacation - NO SCHOOL**

JANUARY 2020

- 1-3 Christmas vacation - NO SCHOOL**
- 6 - SCHOOL RESUMES, MEC 2:45
- 7 - Paw Pride Day
- 8 - **Early Dismissal @ 11:45 am**
- 9 - Chess Club 2:30, Student Council 2:35, MEC 2:45
- 10 - Popcorn Friday, Lettie Brown BINGO night 6:30 pm
- 13 - MEC 2:45
- 15 - Spelling Bee (4th-6th) 1 pm
- 16 - Chess Club 2:30, MEC 2:45
- 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 23 - Geography Bee 1:30 (3rd-6th), Chess Club 2:30, MEC 2:45
- 24 - LB Basketball Night @ MHS west gym
- 27 - MEC 2:45, PTO Meeting 7 pm
- 30 - MEC 2:45

The school bus is never running late the same day you are.



K-3rd Christmas Programs

Kindergarten & 1st grades @ 6 pm
2nd & 3rd grades @ 7pm

Tuesday, December 10th, at Bertha Frank

Christmas Donations

Lettie Brown School and Student Council will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages infant to 12 years old. Toys will be distributed to children in Morton and Tazewell County by Toys for Tots and the United States Marine Corp Reserve. Please bring your new, unwrapped toys to Lettie Brown by Friday, December 12th!



You are welcome to join us for our **ALL School Sing** at 10:15 on Friday, December 20th in the new gym

COLD WEATHER IS HERE! Students may only play in the snow they have boots, snow pants, coat, & gloves.

Reminder... All Kindergarten-6th grade students go outside each day at noon recess unless there is precipitation or the temperature is below 10° wind-chill. Please be sure to send them with the proper clothing.



Mark your Calendar!

Friday, December 20th - in-service for teachers-pm

Monday, December 23rd - Friday, January 3rd is Christmas Break

Monday, January 6th - students return

Our Classroom Adventures

- Mrs. Bradford (K)** - December brings lots of adventure to kindergarten! We will be exploring folktales (especially Gingerbread) as we compare characters and story elements. We will also be learning all about Reindeer! Looking forward to a month of excitement, exploration, and a few surprises too!
- Mrs. Bushman (K)** - December is always exciting in Kindergarten! We will begin the month with a gingerbread unit where we will explore folktales, characters and story elements. We will also be learning about Reindeer and looking at some non-fiction books this month. We are excited about these units and all the engaging activities in December!
- Mrs. Kirk (1st)** - First grade is exploring holidays around the world in December. We will be "traveling" through Mexico, Italy, Israel, Netherlands, England, Australia, Germany, and Canada! Students will certainly be filling up their suitcases and passports!
- Mrs. Stork (1st)** - Mrs. Stork's class will be adventuring around the globe to study how people from other countries celebrate winter holidays!
- Mrs. Boecker (2nd)** - In Reader's Workshop, we will be reading books in which the characters learn lessons centered around the gift of giving.
- Mrs. Kellerstrass (2nd)** - In second grade, we will be getting ready for the holidays by writing Santa similes and continuing our opinion writing unit by sharing our favorite holidays.
- Mrs. Knox (3rd)** - This month in science we will continue our unit on Invisible Forces, exploring friction and the pull of magnets.
- Mrs. Smith (3rd)** - We will be traveling around the world, learning about how people around the world celebrate Christmas.
- Mrs. Bishop (4th)** - For December, we will be celebrating the great state of Illinois' 201st birthday with a study and party to honor our state!
- Mrs. Zehr (4th)** - In December we will be writing an informative writing piece about another country. Some of the things we are researching are food, traditional clothing, and celebrations and holidays.
- Mr. Finck (5th)** - 5th grade is taking an adventure with poetry. We will be reading and writing many different forms of poetry as well as looking at author or poet's craft when it comes to having fun with words....We will be using figurative language, rhyme, and rhythm as we work our way through poetry. We have finished our Mr. Finck read aloud of Where the Red Fern Grows, and it was a tearjerker as always! Classes will be nominating and voting on the next great book to share in 5th grade.
- Mrs. Gingerich (5th)** - In science, the students will be researching and presenting about various STEAM careers. Focusing on the career of crime scene investigator, students will engage in interactive sleuth activity with real-life contexts ranging from lab analyses to field work to criminal investigation.
- Mrs. Scholl (6th)** - We are going on an adventure to Candy Land this December as we create Geobread Houses in math!
- Mr. Weyland (6th)** - Our ELA "Adventure" is taking us into Guided Reading, Independent Read Alouds, and Writing About Our Reading. In Social Studies, Our "Adventure" is leading us to the mysteries, truths, and falsehoods of Ancient Egypt.

KBr Anna A. (2) Ava A. Raelyn B. Kaitlyn G. Mackenzie H. Declan H. Ashlynn J. (2) Owen J. Bennett L. Claire P. (2) Luke W. (2)	1S Brooks B. Kaiden C. Kendall C. Hobson F. Collin G. (3) Wendy L. Cael M. Lucy M. Timmy S. (2) Fletcher S. (2)	Phoebe H. Drew K. Asher M. Ezra M. Colby O. Adelaide P. Elijah W.	4Z Neal C. Mallory C. Autumn D. Anna H. Joelle H. Addison I. Grace M. (2) Stella M. (2) Sam O. Gage P. Olivia S. Jesse S.	Lilly F. Adrian H. (2) Hudson L. (2) Keira M. Joe M. Carson M. Logan M. (2) Elizabeth N. Rachel S. Cole W. (2)
KBu Wyatt B. Jazlynn F. Issac R. Trey W. Jackson Z.	2B Isla B. Charlie H. Poppy J. Ny'Aija J. Cruz M. (3) Harper P. Elizabeth S. Sophia S.	3K Kia C. Katie E. Evangaline E. Avery L. Adam L.	5F Lindsey B. Taytum B. Max C. Olivia D. Brett H. Abby P. Andrew R. Sylvia S.	6W Gavin B. Mahaela H. Elle K.
1K Brylie B. Katie B. Tucker D. Zidane G. Hudson H. Layla M. Jayce P. Natasha R.	2K Lucy B. (2) Ethan C. Nicholas C. Jozi F. Dan G. Annelise H. (2)	3S Abby G. Isabella H. (2) Zane H.	5G Gabe B. Riley B. Claire C. Lexi C.	Staff Ms. Johnson Miss Julie Mrs. Main Mrs. Waterfield

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Our focus is on learning &
Lettie Brown/Morton 709!

Moms in Prayer

will be meeting
Thursday, December 5th
from 9-10 am.
at Julie Roth's home,
47 Maple Ridge Dr.
Children are welcome.

Contact Julie with questions at
julieroth45@gmail.com

POPCORN Friday

December 6th

send a quarter
with your student
to buy a bag of
popcorn



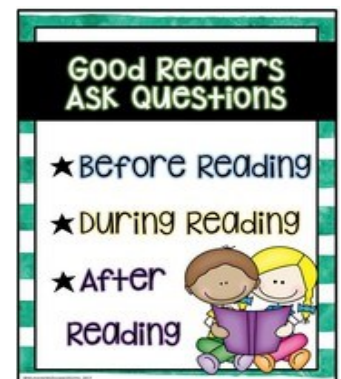
from Mrs. McDowell - Literacy Coach

Strategy of the Month: Questioning

Engaged readers ask themselves questions before, during, and after reading to better understand the author and the meaning of the text. If the reader is curious about answers, they continue reading. Sometimes these questions are answered directly in the text, and meaning is clarified. Clarifying questions can be about characters, setting, events, problem: who, what, when and where questions. Other times, answers to readers' questions are not found directly in the text or don't have a simple answer. They ask how and why. The reader needs to use prior knowledge to draw conclusions and go beyond the words of the text to find the answer. These questions make the reader wonder, and wondering means the reader is using their mind and experiences to make sense of the text. Encourage your child to ask puzzling questions and discuss stories together. These conversations will enrich the reading experience for both you and your child.

Question Stems:

- ❖ What do you think....?
- ❖ Why is this happening?
- ❖ Why did this character.....?
- ❖ How would you feel if....?
- ❖ I wonder.....
- ❖ What is the author saying?
- ❖ How might....?
- ❖ How do you know....?



From the Social Worker...

It's hard to believe that the holidays are upon us! This past month, we have spent the time discussing what respect looks like at school, at home, and in the community. If you haven't yet, it would be a great time to have a follow-up conversation at home about respect. We also continued our conversations about kindness and how one act of kindness can have a ripple effect. Our next character education lessons are scheduled after Christmas break!

Mrs. Steiner, Lettie Brown Social Worker

Lettie Brown PTO News

We appreciate all of our volunteers and the time they give so our events can be a success!

- The next Popcorn Friday is December 6th! Volunteers are always welcome!
- Mark your calendars – Friday, January 10th will be our school's Free Family BINGO Night. More information to come!
- The next PTO Meeting will be on Monday, January 27th from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Free Child Care is provided during the meetings.
- Box Tops can now be submitted for our school via the Box Tops Smart Phone App. Download the Box Tops App, enter the zip code 61550, select Lettie Brown School, and scan the store's receipt. We are still collecting the clipped Box Tops if not expired. The next turn in date will be in March 2020. Be sure to tell your relatives and friends about the new Box Tops App. You wouldn't throw away a dime, so don't forget the box tops.
- Please continue to spread the word and sign up for the Kroger Rewards program. This greatly benefits our school and helps to fund our One School-One Book Program. Please tell neighbors and family members. Every little bit makes a big difference!
- For the month of October, the money raised for the Walk-a-Thon helped our PTO to pay for Walk-a-Thon expenses, Assemblies, 4th Grade Challenger Field Trip, Donuts with Dad celebration, Hospitality Committee expenses, and Teacher Requests/Stipends. We thank you for your generosity!



The Lettie Brown Staff wishes **YOU** a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

You can help Lettie Brown School by participating in the

KROGER Community Rewards Program

- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click on **Create Account** or **Register** (you will need your Kroger Card number) & create profile
- Select your Community Rewards to go to Lettie Brown PTO (organization #70347)

Kroger sends us a check (up to 5% of our purchases)
quarterly for every time you use your card at the Morton Kroger!

** PLEASE NOTE - Your enrollment in Community Rewards needs to be renewed each year. If you have not done so recently, go the link above & click on **Re-Enroll Now**.*

Another way you can help Lettie Brown School is by ordering from **Amazon Smile**

- Register at smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1270878
- Check your profile to make sure **Lettie Brown Parent Teacher Org** is your charitable organization
- Shop at smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com

