

Vernon Elementary

Winter Vacation Week

No School

February, 22nd -
March, 2nd

School will begin

Wednesday, March, 3rd

**Congratulations to
the Vernon Tornadoes,
past and present, Mr. &
Mrs. Stetzel and all the
volunteers for 30 years
of jumping excellence!**

A Message from Mr. Speno

Over this February vacation I hope that you are all able to enjoy some fun winter activities with family and friends as well as find time for rest and relaxation. This school year has been moving along so fast that it is unbelievable to think that the year is already more than half over.

As witnessed by last night's "Big Show" put on by the Vernon Tornadoes we are so fortunate to have such a strong and supportive community. I am continually impressed by all the special talents that our students possess. Upon return from this February break be on the lookout for some more special events which will include a school play and Arts Night. Also the Student Council has been working on some new initiatives that they will soon be sharing through the newsletter.

Enjoy the vacation!

Grade One Has Reason To Celebrate

The 100th Day, on February 10th was a great day for 1st grade. Everyone made excellent displays of 100 objects to be hung on our bulletin board. We read 100 day books, counted to 100 in different ways, wrote about 100 things in our classroom and transformed "100" into many creative things such as a train car, a snowman, cookies on a tray, etc. Oh, and we

had special treats. Math made all this possible as we are writing to 100. We are also working on addition and subtraction story problems.

We just completed our study of penguins and we found out we may be the same height as an Emperor penguin.

Literacy is always in full swing with reading and more reading.

Now we look forward to our winter break. -- Mrs. Green

Civil War Studies in 6th Grade: Literacy and Social Studies Connections

The Past several weeks has all the the sixth grade involved in the Civil War. We have used a multifold thinking map to make large posters of the causes and effects of the war, and have made maps to indicate states that were Union, Confederate and “border” states. We used tree maps to chart the advantages and disadvantages of the Northern and Southern sides and a flow map to create a time line of the war too.

In 6W literacy we made connections to this topic by reading Gary Paulson’s book Soldier’s Heart and creating a mural of a Union camp. The students used quotes from the book and research from non fiction articles to post on the mural. Come by the 6th grade classroom to check it out!

Another area that we have focused on in literacy class is learning the Keynote program which allows us to use technology to show off facts and pictures and even videos about a topic. We recently completed a really cool ABC book about the Civil War on the Keynote program. We had fun viewing all our hard work on the big screen in the lab. -- Mrs. Woodruff

Girls On The Run

Girls on the Run starts March 15. Practices will be Mondays and Wednesday until May. Registration forms went home last week. Registration will stay open until Friday, March 5, but that is the day I must turn them in to the GOTR office. Scholarships are available. Contact me (Dawn Grobe) by email dawn_grobe@wesu.org with any questions.

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