The Falcon News

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Auger's Accounts:

Curiosity, community, and discovery in K/1

As December unfolds, our K/1 classroom continues to grow with warmth, curiosity, and community spirit. From creative seasonal projects to meaningful academic milestones, the past few weeks have been filled with joyful traditions and exciting learning.

In ELA, we've been diving into winter-themed stories like *The Mitten* and *The Gingerbread Baby*, using them to strengthen skills like retelling, sequencing, identifying story elements, and building comprehension. Both groups are becoming more independent as readers and writers, kindergarteners are working on hearing beginning and ending sounds and beginning to tap out simple consonant-vowel-consonant words, while first graders are expanding their fluency, decoding longer words, and using spelling patterns in their writing.

Just before break, we had a blast with two festive projects: a "Disguise a Turkey" activity that sparked imagination and persuasive writing, and a Thanksgiving Escape Room, where students solved rhyming, phonics, and sequencing puzzles to "save the pie" just in time for dinner.

In math, students are deepening their understanding of fractions, time, shapes, and number patterns. They've been folding paper to explore halves and fourths, building shape vocabulary through real-world 3D shape hunts, and using tools like ten-frames and number lines to develop place value, addition strategies, and fluency with doubles facts. Our daily timeline work supports telling time to the hour on both analog and digital clocks, and we've had thoughtful conversations about a.m. vs. p.m. As we count through the 50s and 60s on the number path, we're also noticing patterns that help numbers make sense.

With Trimester 1 now complete and report cards sent home, we've taken time in class to celebrate just how much each child has grown since the start of the year. It's been incredible to witness their confidence and skills blossom—and we're excited to build on that momentum in the weeks ahead.

We're so proud of all the progress and heart our K/1 learners are showing. Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support!

🌟 Student Spotlight 🌟

This week's student spotlight is Ms. Kate!!



Kate has grown tremendously in her reading this trimester. She has grown 5 levels in Read Naturally since the beginning of the year because of her drive and passion for improving.

The Principal's Post:

Keeping you current with SVS news

The most wonderful time of the year is here, and the holiday spirit is alive in all of our classrooms! We have some super fun events planned to celebrate together before we head off for winter break.

🌟 The Swap Shop is Open for Business!

Next week we are kicking off our second annual Clothing Swap Shop right here at school! **It is not too late to donate!** We are collecting gently used student clothing items and toys that are ready for a new home. Please drop off any donations in the main office.

Upcoming Holiday Dates to Remember:
Please keep these special dates handy:

- **Holiday Family Luncheon:** Friday, Dec.19th, at 11:00 AM
- **Caroling-** Friday, Dec. 19th leaving at 12:30 and spreading cheer in town.
- **Polar Express Adventure:** Our exciting movie trip is on Monday, Dec 22nd. Please make sure your child is here on time—the bus leaves at **8:00 AM sharp**!
- 🎄 **Early Dismissal:** We have a half-day of school on **Tuesday, Dec. 23rd** and everyone will be starting their vacation at 11:15.

After that half-day, it's time for a well-deserved break! We hope everyone has a fun, safe, and happy holiday relaxing with their loved ones.

We can't wait to see all those bright smiles return, refreshed and ready to jump back into learning and "ring in the new year" on Monday, January 5th.

Wishing you a season full of joy! -Ms. Landry

The Jewell Journal: News from ⅔

We've had a busy and exciting week of exploration and learning! Our topic this week in Growth Mindset was *Tackling Challenges*. Students discovered that people who embrace a growth mindset enjoy challenges because they recognize that struggles lead to new learning! We emphasized that the effort and learning gained while working on a difficult problem are just as important as reaching the final solution.

During Number Corner lessons, students have been focusing intently on geometric shapes, practicing identifying and counting their sides and vertices. We're excited to continue this exploration next week as we introduce the fascinating concept of symmetry!

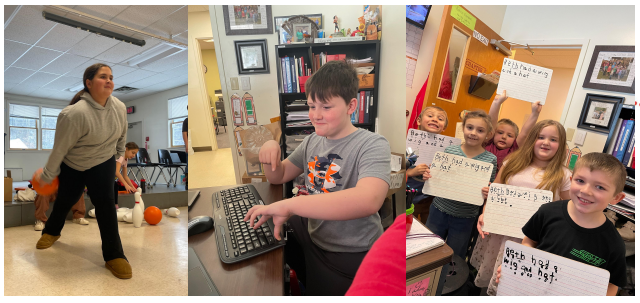
Our current unit dives into the States of Matter, exploring both solid and liquid forms. Students are investigating how water is present all around the world and how it transforms when frozen into solid ice. A key part of our exploration involves hands-on experiments where students observe materials and construct explanations about why some changes (like heating and cooling) are reversible, while others are permanent.

Students are encouraged to look for examples of these concepts at home! Here is a quick at-home activity for conducting a "reversibility test". Ask your student to identify and test a change that is reversible using only common kitchen materials.

Instructions for Home:

1. Melting Test: Have your student place a small amount of an easily melted solid (like a regular ice cube, or even a small piece of chocolate or butter) in a dish.
2. Observation: Ask them to observe what happens when they leave it out on the counter (heating). *What state did it change to?*
3. The Reversal: Once the solid is melted, ask them what they could do to make it solid again (cooling/freezing).
4. Discussion: Discuss the difference between this reversible change (like water turning to ice and back to water) and an irreversible change (like baking a cake or burning wood).

   Bonus Discussion Question: What is an example of an irreversible change we make in the kitchen every day? (e.g., frying an egg).





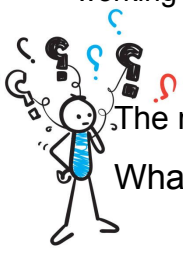
Martin's Media Wave: Updates from 4/5/6

4th, 5th, and 6th grade students were delighted with the success of their Christmas ornament sales at the Gingerbread Bazaar. They had been working on Christmas crafts for the sale since the very end of November. On Saturday, December 6th, students in our classroom took turns helping set up their classroom and assisting shoppers with their purchases. Meanwhile, 6th graders were busy connecting with those who had purchased wreaths from their class—selling a total of 90 wreaths!

The class is also enjoying our blooming amaryllis, which began opening on December 4th. It has reached a height of 30 inches, and today there are four blossoms!

In literacy, students have finished reading *Sign of the Beaver* and *Wishtree*. We are now working on an immigration project. It connects the books with other short informational articles we have read about immigration to the United States. The next step will be completing an informational essay synthesizing what we've learned.

In math, we've been keeping busy across grades: 6th graders are learning about ratios, 5th graders are exploring algebraic expressions, and 4th graders are working with algebraic thinking, patterns, and fractions.



Riddle Me This!

The more you take, the more you leave behind.

What am I?

Answer in next issue!

Answer from last issue: Rain

Brady's Eye on the Sky: Weather Report

*7 day forecast from Weather Underground

Sat 12/13	**Sun** 12/14	**Mon** 12/15	**Tues** 12/6	**Wed** 12/17	**Thurs** 12/18	**Fri** 12/19
Hi: 28° Low: 13°	Hi: 21° Low: 6°	Hi: 14° Low: 6 °	Hi: 23° Low: 11°	Hi: 35° Low: 18°	Hi: 39° Low: 29°	Hi: 32 ° Low: 4°
Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	PM Showers	AM Snow Showers



December

Monday Guidance	Tuesday Art	Wednesday Library Media	Thursday Wellness	Friday Music
15	16	17 4-H Meeting 5:00pm	18	19 Holiday Luncheon 11:00 Caroling- 12:30
22 Movies at Rialto 8:00am	23 Early Dismissal 11:15am	24 **Holiday Recess**	25 **Holiday Recess** 	26 **Holiday Recess**
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5 Back-To-School	6 School Board Meeting 5:30pm	7	8 Ski Day	9 Band

The Good Deeds Docket

- Matthew, Theo, and Izzy helped choose the new light covers for the hallways, we are excited to show them to you!
- Celia helped her friends pick up games so they could go to recess faster.
- Mr. Greg has done a lovely job making sure our walkways are clear for the beginning of the school day. Thank you!
- Matthew took out Ms. Rachel's trash for her.
- Natalie noticed that a friend needed a utensil at lunch and hopped up to get it for them.
- The 6th graders are always ready to rock and roll for Mrs. Wentworth's math group!
- Noah Mangus helped pick up toys under the table that weren't even his during recess.

