

TIGER tales

A Newsletter for the Tigers of Illesheim Elementary School.

Fun at the Snow Ball

What do you think of when you hear the word “Snow Ball?” I think of a snow ball fight in winter. In this case it means something a little bit different. I mean like dancing, romance, and amusing yourself.

The evening was filled with games and dancing. Just to mention a few: freeze dance, the waltz, cookie walk, and “Gangnam Style.” But the dance everybody seemed to have the most fun with was “Gangnam Style.” The kids were dancing wildly and crazily. Everybody had a blast.

The highlight of the night were the waltzes. The first waltz the boys “had to” pick a girl to dance with. For most of the boys it was a hard decision to make. The second waltz that was played the girls had a choice if they wanted to pick a boy or not. Not fair!

It was a very successful and joy filled snow ball with lots of “sweet” prizes and treats.

Thank you IES teachers for making this happen!

By: J. S.



Tiger School Goals

To become better writers and problem solvers.



T., multi-age class

A Multi-age Collaboration

Mrs. D. and Ms. R.
Writing and Technology



“The program was fun!” said G. B. from Mrs. D.’s class.

Throughout the last few weeks, Mrs. D. worked with her students in understanding the parts of a letter. Students applied their newfound knowledge by writing a letter to Santa. In addition, they created a message for their Christmas card.

The multi-age students used the Twist software program to design a picture for their Christmas card. Twist software allows students to create using vector graphic images. Vector graphics uses shapes, handles, and curves to produce an image. The students modified squares, circles, arrows, and other shapes into wintery images for a holiday card.

“We were able to make Christmas objects like trees, and stocking by twisting shapes.” E., multi-age class

Mrs. D. and Ms. R. were highly impressed by the students’ imagination. Look below to see some of their impressive wintery images and cards.

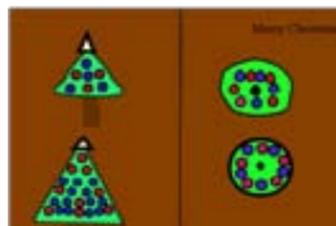


This card was created with the Twist software. Can you identify the original shapes? Ask me about the shape I transformed!

Dear _____
I know that you are moving and I want to say Merry Christmas! Gabriel you are my best friend!
Love, _____



“I twisted a square into a candy cane stripe.” K., multi-age class



“I twisted a triangle into a square. The square became a trunk of the Christmas tree.” B., multi-age class



“The bottom of the snowman’s hat was made into a hill. It was a circle.” D., multi-age class

Tiger PRIDE

Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, Excellence
1st Quarter Honor Roll Students



TerraNova Assessment

Each year DoDEA administers the TerraNova Assessments to students in grades three to six. The assessment window this year is the week of March 11 – 15, 2013. Students will test each morning beginning at 8:15 to 12 noon. As a school we are asking parents to please try and schedule any appointments outside of the testing session so your child can test on the designated days in their classroom.

Parents you play a vital role in helping your child do the best she/he can during the assessment week. Encourage your child to do their best.

Following are some Test Support Strategies for parents:

- See that your child gets plenty of sleep, at least 8 hours
- See that your child has time for a good breakfast
- See that your child arrives at school on time and is relaxed

more Snow Ball...



Tiger Clubs

German Club

Day: Tuesday
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Room 112
Grades: K-3
POC: Mrs. D.-
W.
Start Date: November 27

Book Club

Day: Monday
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Room 128
Grades: 4-6
POC: Mrs. L.,
Ms. H.
Start Date: November 5

Guitar Club

- *Guitar Club will begin Thursday, February 14, 2013.
- *Guitar Club will meet every Thursday from 2:30p.m.-3:30p.m.
- *Guitar Club is for students in grades 4-6.
- *Guitar Club requires extra practice outside of Guitar Club.
- *DO NOT join Guitar Club if you are not willing to practice outside of Guitar Club.
- *There are a few guitars available for check-out.
- *Guitar Club will meet until June 2013.
- *Guitar Club will meet in the art room, while ukulele club, lead by Mrs. Summers, will meet in the music room.
- *All students interested in joining guitar club must have a signed permission slip by parent or guardian.
- *Mrs. U. has Guitar Club permission slips.

Homework Club

Day: Mon., Tues., Thur.
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Room 207
Grades: 4-6
POC: Mrs. B.-R.
Start Date: October 15

Ukulele Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Music Room
Grades: 2-4
POC: Mrs. U.
Start Date: October 11

Tiger Health

Mrs. W., RN, BSN, School Nurse

February is Dental Health Month. It is important at the elementary age for students to learn good dental habits that they can carry through their whole lives. By the end of elementary school, most children have either good or bad dental hygiene. Most do not realize that how they care for their teeth today will affect them in the future. But, poor dental health can lead to more than just false teeth in adulthood. Gingivitis, or inflammation of the gums, over time can affect cardiac function. In a very direct way, poor dental health in childhood can lead to heart disease in the years to come.

The Dental Clinic will be coming to our school February 4th and 5th. They will be teaching proper brushing techniques and dental hygiene to our students. They will also perform dental screenings on the children of our school with signed parental permission. If you would like your child screened, please sign and return the form by Monday, February 4th. This is not a replacement to a regular checkup, but rather an extra supplemental tool for parents in understanding their children's dental health. And, it is offered free of charge! So, please remember to return those forms.



Paw Prints

Mrs. W., Information Specialist



During the month of February, Ms. W. will be showing students in grades 4-6 how to use the new library catalog program called Encore. Each of these students will be given a blue card with their user name and barcode number, which I have asked them to tape into their Agendas. This information is taken from the Aspen system and is not changeable.

The login is <http://slicclassic.dodea.edu/search~582> Please bookmark this site on your home computer or allow your child to place it into Favorites. You will be on the right page when you see the Illesheim Tiger.

- A general search word is placed in the blank
- Search Classic allows for "advance keyword search"
- Research Pro requires the specific login
- Kids Online is for younger students or students who want to subject search with help (pictures)

To personalize their searches, they must go to "My SLIC/Library Account" login with their specific name and barcode. They must also choose Illesheim as their location, or they may be looking at DOD schools all over the world! This allows them to create book lists for their own use, reserve books at Illesheim Elementary only, and to rate books they've read.

Teachers have not been introduced to the system yet. Your grade 4-6 children will be my leaders for the trial run this quarter, as I begin to check out books under the new system.

**Grab Your Hat
and Read With the Cat!**
February 25th to March 1st 2013




*Oh, The Places
You'll Go!*

Week Long Activities:

Monday, Feb. 25
8:00 Kick off Assembly: Wear a Hat Day

During the week
Guest Readers in classrooms
Partner Classes share reading activities



Friday, March 1
12:45-2:10 Assembly
Presentations and Read-a-Thon





**Dr. Seuss
Activities**

Tiger Care

Ms. L., School Counselor



This school year we have started a meeter/greeter program in each kindergarten through sixth grade classrooms for new students to Illesheim Elementary. For those of you with children in the middle/high school this is the elementary version of the student to student program.

Each classroom has two students that have been trained to orient the new student to our school. They have a checklist of various areas in the school to visit and different teachers and staff to meet. The meeter/greeters are then assigned to be the new student's buddy for the day. They are to eat with them and explain the lunchroom and recess rules, play with them at recess, and make sure that the new student is felt welcome.



PTSA

Parent~Teacher~Student Association

PTSA's Volunteers of the Month
October ~ Melissa Oakley
November ~ Donna Newsome
December ~ Kim Carlile



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Currently 171 Likes



Tiger Help

How to help my child become a better writer.

Extending Writing at Home...

Word choice is a 6+1 writing trait that is characterized by the writer using words that relay a message in a meaningful, rich way that paints a picture in the reader's mind. In fictional writing, word choice includes strong adjectives and verbs. For nonfiction writing, word choice clarifies and explains ideas. Word choice doesn't always just focus on using extravagant words. The real beauty to word choice is when writers can use everyday language in unexpected ways.

Ways to support organization at home:

- Challenge your child to complete the "No Repeat" game. Give your child a topic and have them write 10 sentences about it. The challenge is to not repeat any words that you have already used (including is, and, the...). This will force your child to think of new and different ways to express their thoughts.
- As your child is reading books, point out interesting words the author has used. Discuss what the words mean and how they help make the story richer and more interesting. Older children could make a list of interesting words they find while reading, or find examples of figurative language, similes, and other expressions authors use to convey their thoughts. Your child could categorize the words into adjectives, verbs, adverbs. Refer to this list when they are writing at home.
- Brainstorm different ways to say commonly used words (synonyms). For example, what's another way to say something was "fun?"
- Discuss experiences you've shared with your child and encourage them to use good word choice. You could even make a game out of it and see who can come up with the most interesting ways to describe the topic.



Multiage teacher, Mrs. S. offers some helpful ideas, on behalf of the writing committee, for parents to help their child improve their writing skills. (to the left)



Illesheim Elementary shows their P.R.I.D.E. by donating new or "almost new" stuffed animals to send to the families who lost their loved ones in Connecticut.



Tiger Spotlight

Ms. R. and Mrs. L.-W.
Educational Technologist and Gifted Teacher



What on Earth are you Talking About?

There was something new on the horizon at Illesheim Elementary School for the first month of the year. All the students from Sure Start and PSCD to sixth grade had the opportunity to step into the large, black dome called the planetarium. Within this lab they learned about the earth, our solar system, and astronomical objects in our galaxy. The Layered Earth and Starry Night software were used inside the planetarium to enhance the following required science standards:



Grade Level	DoDEA Science Standards
Sure Start & Kindergarten	Identify soil and Earth patterns
1	Patterns of the sun and the moon
2 & 3	Earth materials and Earth changes
4	Locate objects and planets in the solar system
5 & 6	Explain natural external and internal processes on Earth



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In addition, some of the grades attended the science lab to create layers of soil or to study rocks. Other grades used the interactive part of the Layered Earth software to experience volcanic eruptions, locate earthquakes and volcanoes, and observe a 3D computer model of types of mountains and mountain ranges. As a school we feel quite privileged to make the planetarium an integral part of our science curriculum. So.....remember to look up into our galaxy on a clear night (well, maybe this spring) and gaze at the wonder of the night sky....ready - ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one, BLAST OFF!!!



Tiger News

Soldier care packages, sent from IES, arrive Down Range.

