



Kipps Konnection



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No more Runnin' Roos until February.

PTA Planning Session – January 11th – 7:00pm

SOCK HOP

The Family Sock Hop will be Friday, January 28 from 7:00-8:00 in the Kipps Gym. Disc Jockey, Earl Brown, of Dynamic Sound will provide all types of dance music for the evening. **Parents must attend with their children.** There will be dancing, contests, refreshments, and possibly some other surprises!



January SCA Spirit Day will be Friday, January 28th - "P.J. Day". We will also be holding our annual "Souper Bowl" Food Drive in January. Each year we have made a huge contribution to the Food Pantry which helps many needy families get through the winter months.

February Previews:

February 8th – PTA Planning Session – 7:00pm
February 23rd – Breakfast with the Principal - 9:00am

Eating For Kipps Kids!

The winners of our random monthly drawing for a class popcorn party are Ms. Wade, Ms. Shorter and Ms. Olsen. Make sure to keep those box Tops and A+ labels coming in. If you have any questions please contact Alicia Stone at incentives@kippspta.org.

January Art -



Kindergarten art projects for January will focus on people and animals in winter. We will be painting and working with clay.

First graders will be learning about the motion of the body and how it is shown in artwork. We will be drawing and painting the body in a variety of winter activities.

Second graders will learn about the dragons of Ancient China and how they are illustrated in Chinese artwork. Students will be working with color mixing and clay.

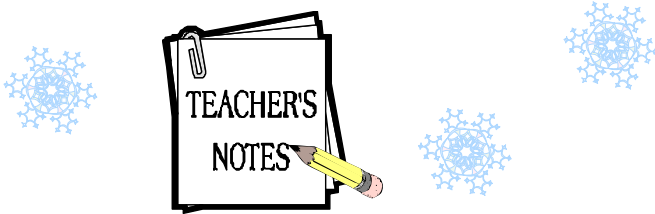
Third graders will begin the New Year in art continuing our study of Leonardo da Vinci. Students are working on a creative twist on the Mona Lisa. Have you heard of Mona Pets?

Fourth grade's study of weather will be complemented in art class with a winter landscape project centering on Anna Mary (Grandma) Moses. Students will be experimenting with watercolor techniques and learning about Moses and other Folk Artists.

Fifth graders have just completed a Faces of War project in which we looked at how four artists have expressed feelings about war. Now each class is studying a different African American artist with a unifying theme of freedom. A wide range of media and techniques will be used in this series.

Thank you,
Roselynn Hopkins





Kindergarten-

December was a busy time for the kindergarten crew! We worked really hard for weeks learning songs about December with Mrs. Katz and Mrs. Quesenberry. We gave two performances, one for school friends and one for families. We were a big hit! Another big project in December was a math "excursion" into the story of Hansel and Gretel. After reading several versions of the classic fairy tale, creating paper candy houses, and painting characters from the story, we learned a game called "The White Dove's Path" where we had to follow pattern cards to find our way "home" through the woods. Some of us made individual versions of the game to share with our families. As a finale we made little REAL candy houses to take home for the holidays.

First Grade –

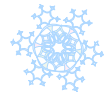
The first grade classes went ice skating at The Ice Station in Roanoke in December. All of the children (and adults) showed great perseverance during this fun and challenging field trip! What a fantastic way to experience and learn about science SOL's, such as freezing, melting, seasonal activities, as well as math (measuring temperature, using a thermometer).

Many new students have joined our first grade team. There are now about 97 first graders! This is first grade's largest class ever! Happy new year to all our Kipps friends!



Second Grade Superstars! –

For the last month, the second graders have traveled back into the past even further; to the time when the first people lived. We have studied 4 regions of the American Indians: Northwest, Southwest, Plains and Eastern Woodlands. Each second grade teacher has taught all of our second graders about one of these regions. Our second graders have been developing their own map of these regions as well as a map key to go along with their map. Along with learning about the land, we have also studied the food, clothing, transportation, jobs, and customs of some of the tribes that lived in each region. We will be enhancing this study later this school year with a trip to Wolf Creek Indian Village when the weather is warmer! During novel group time, our second graders have been reading about many different tribes and regions of the American Indians through books of non-fiction, historical fiction and legends! We hope that our Second graders are getting that "Sense of Time and Space" that Ernest Boyer writes about in THE BASIC SCHOOL.



Fifth Grade Rocks! –

Fifth grade has begun 2005 with an exploration of the properties of light and sound. We are also investigating life after the Civil War, during the period called Reconstruction. We will be taking an in-depth look at the effects of Jim Crow laws and the rights of African Americans both during and following this period.

Many of our classes are finishing the book Ghost Cadet, the story of a deceased Civil War soldier, as we begin to plan our spring trip to Lexington.

DARE will be starting soon and we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our lead instructor, Officer Self. This will be his second year teaching at Kipps and we are very happy to have him with us.

Finally, a very special Happy Birthday to several of our fifth grade teachers, Mr. Kitts on January 4 and Mrs. Evans on January 10. Happy Birthday to you both.

In Visual Arts – Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

1st Place – Hye Sim Chung
2nd Place – Kayla Criner
Honorable Mention – Lindsay Fei

In Visual Arts – 3rd – 5th Grade

1st Place – Rosa Chung
2nd Place - Lindsay Horton

In Photography – 3rd- 5th Grade

1st Place – Matthew Vaught
2nd Place – Kyle Burch

In Literature – Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

1st Place – Rachel Christian

In Literature – 3rd – 5th Grade

1st Place – Adrienne Rogers
2nd Place – Elizabeth Kim

The entries of the first place winners will now compete at the district level to be judged in January.

Congratulations to all our winners!