



CECIL SLY COYOTE PRINTS



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Cecil Sly Families,



As we head into the winter the recent cold snap brings with it some powerful reminders. Over the years I have noticed some very simple things that will help your students at school. I've come to the conclusion that kids run at a higher temperature than we adults and don't mind the cold as much. At recess, the coats come off because they get running around and heat up quickly. The coats, hats and gloves usually are placed on the ground or next to the building. Recess is so exciting that remembering to get those warm items is no longer the first thing on their mind. The clothing ends up in lost and found. As a parent of four children myself, losing coats, gloves and hats becomes frustrating and expensive. The simple cure is to write your student's name in permanent marker on all clothing items and include lunchboxes and backpacks. This won't fix the challenge completely, but it will cure most of it. Another important reminder is to have a consistent plan for school departure every day. All walkers exit the west doors, bus riders head to the east field or gym and our Kinders exit the north (front) doors. We have done this for three years to provide the safest departure for our youngest populations and to cut down on big crowds going out the front doors. If you ever need to talk about an individual need, please give me a call. If plans change for departure, please call the office at 541 447-7675 so we have a record of that. Our goal is to support getting students out quickly and safely so they can head home or to after school programs.

My best to all of you in these closing weeks of 2013. I am proud of all that we have accomplished so far this year.

Your Principal,
Jim Bates



Class Holiday Parties

Thursday, December 19th

*Contact your child's teacher to
volunteer to help!*

Remember, store-bought treats only.

Thanks



**Winter Break
Friday Dec. 20
Through
Sunday, Jan. 5
School Resumes
Monday, Jan. 6**

**The Cecil Sly Staff wishes all our
families a wonderful holiday!
Be sure to READ!**

Change for Stryder

Cecil Sly is
collecting change
for Stryder,
through Thursday,
Dec. 19th.



The class that
collects the most money will win a
donut party!

Let's help Stryder get his dog!

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 8

3:15 Cecil Sly Library

Free Childcare is provided.

Please come and join this active group. PTO provides great support for our school. Do you have fundraising or family fun ideas? Please let us know - we love new activities. If you would like to be part of PTO but cannot make meetings, please call the school and leave your information. A PTO representative will contact you.

Many hands make for light work!

Words of Wisdom from Dear Abby

Dear Readers: Years ago, a young mother in Arlington, VA wrote my mother about a book she had received that promised to help parents prepare their children for school by expanding their vocabulary. The “secret”? Reading to them while they are small.

Children learn words by hearing them spoken in context-the more they hear, the more they absorb. Like everything else, reading is something people will do more of if they enjoy it. When a parent reads to a child, the child associates reading with pleasure.

“The Read-Aloud Handbook” by Jim Trelease became a huge best-seller when it was published. Penguin Books called it one of the 75 most important books it has published in history. The book is now in its seventh – and LAST edition and has been completely revised and updated. If you’re a parent who wants your child to succeed, a grandparent, or someone contemplating becoming a parent in the future, pick up a copy.

Love, Abby

Sly Happenings



- Thurs. Dec. 19 Class Holiday Parties
- Fri. Dec. 20 No School
Staff Development
- Dec. 23 – Jan.5 No School
Winter Break
- Mon. Jan. 6 School Resumes
- Wed. Jan. 8 PTO Meeting 3:15
School Library
Free Child Care Provided
- Fri. Jan. 10 Happy Hoppers
- Mon. Jan. 20 No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Thurs. & Fri.
Jan. 30 & 31 No School
Staff Development & Grading
- Mon. Feb. 3 3rd Quarter Begins
- Wed. Feb. 5 PTO Meeting 3:15
School Library
Free Child Care Provided
- Fri. Feb. 7 Happy Hoppers
- Mon. Feb. 17 No School
Presidents’ Day
- Fri. Feb. 28 No School
Staff Development

December’s recycling contest is

DRINK POUCHES

Recycle boxes are in the hallway by the gym.



DAILY COLOR SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Green
Wednesday	Red
Thursday	Blue
Friday	No School
Monday Jan. 6	Green
Please wear appropriate shoes on PE days.	