



Mars Hill Elementary January Newsletter

What's Happening In...

We are excited for the new year in Kindergarten! Midyear assessments are in full swing. In math, we are busy learning how to decompose numbers through 10, as well as learning about 3D shapes. We are reading fun and interactive winter stories such as "The Mitten". We are also learning how we can change the world - just like Martin Luther King Junior!

First grade is excited to learn about character traits. We will be studying informational text about Martin Luther King, Jr. and other historical leaders, to help us understand several different character traits. Our classes are also looking forward to resuming our visits to the Mars Hill Public Library!

Second grade is so excited about being back at school with all of our friends! In January, students are busy learning about the place value of three digit numbers, Arctic animals and different types of weather.



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

Third graders have hit the ground running in 2023! We are learning about area, perimeter and character traits. We will wrap up this month by taking our check-ins.

A Note From P.E. Class

The American Heart Association annual 'Kids Heart Challenge' is coming up February 6-10 for all students in Mr. Austin's PE Classes. Envelopes have been sent home with students. You may also sign up at:

heart.org/KHC

Thank you for your support!



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Also this month, Asheville Buncombe Youth Soccer Association (ABYSA) will be coming to MHES the week of January 17th for 'Soccer in Schools'! Students will play fun games and learn soccer skills!





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This month, fourth graders are continuing to learn about North Carolina's rich history. We are also learning about customs and cultures native to our region. In Math, we are beginning our fractions unit and continuing to work on our multiplication fluency. Additionally, we are learning about electricity and interactions with different matter. We are working hard during this time of testing and benchmarks for the middle of the year!

In January, fifth grade students will continue working on multiplying and dividing whole numbers. We are continuing with a weather unit in science and will have our third Muddy Sneakers Day this month! In ELA, students are continuing to work on reading for deep understanding with focus on higher level thinking skills. We are also including word work to increase vocabulary. In social studies, we are focusing on how various people, events, and ideas have helped shape our country.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **January 13: Awards Day**
Kindergarten 9:15
First Grade 8:30
Second Grade 10:00
Third Grade: 10:45
Fourth Grade 2:00
Fifth Grade 12:45
- **January 13: 'January Jam' School Dance** (permission slips & money due no later than 1/12)
- **January 16: NO SCHOOL** - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- **January 27: Last day to order personalized yearbooks** (last day to order non-personalized yearbooks is 2/24). All orders must be placed online at Jostens.com