

Daniel Boone News

Warren County R-III School District

Believing in Better at Daniel Boone!

December NEWS
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Colder weather is here! Please be sure you dress your child appropriately for school and outdoor recess. As long as the temperature is above freezing, we will continue to send the students outside for a short 10-15 minute recess daily, so they will need a heavy coat, hat and gloves.

Cold weather also brings some coughs and sniffles. Please remember to keep your child at home if they have a fever of 100 or higher or are vomiting. A student has to be 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medicine before they can return to school.

This cold weather season is the perfect time to cozy up with a good book with your child. Reading aloud to a child or allowing them to read a simple book to you is one of the best ways to instill that love for literacy and reaffirm the importance of reading. If you are not sure of your child's current reading level, call, write a note, or email the teacher and they can provide you with the most up to date reading level for your individual child!

This is also the time of year in which some of our supplies at school start to get low. Updated school supplies make great stocking stuffers!

Our staff wishes you a joyous holiday season!

Dr. Schwierjohn

"Believing in Better!"

Mission Statement

Daniel Boone Elementary School shall provide a safe child-centered environment, involving school, home, and community, which shall help each child achieve his or her full potential.



PTO Movie Night

The PTO is hosting a Movie Night on Monday, December 12th at Daniel Boone Elementary in the cafeteria at 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy a fun family evening and watch Polar Express on the big screen with friends and schoolmates! The cost is \$3.00 per person and concessions will be available for purchase. The Holiday Shoppe will also have a preview night in the music room. The Holiday Shoppe is a kid's holiday shop where students can purchase small gifts ranging from \$0.50 to \$10.00. All proceeds from the Holiday Shoppe and the Movie Night go directly to PTO and towards a new playground for Daniel Boone! Thank you PTO for all you do!!

School Wide Assessment Time

Students at Daniel Boone take standardized assessments three times a year (beginning of the year, mid-year, and end of the year). December 12th-21st our students will be taking their mid-year assessments. These assessments give the teachers valuable data about your child's current level of progress and what skills need to be improved upon. Please be sure your child is well rested and remind them to try their best! Below are the assessments given at each grade level with a description of each test.

Kindergarten:

Reading-

LNF (Letter Naming Fluency): This is a 1 minute timed test with random upper and lower case letters. Students are scored on number of letters named correctly. An on-level score is: 38+ letters

LSF (Letter Sound Fluency): This is a 1 minute timed test with random letters. Students are scored on making the correct letter sound for each letter. An on-level score is: 21+ letter sounds

PSF (Phoneme Segmentation Fluency): This is a 1 minute timed test in which students are required to segment letter sounds with fluency. An on-level score is: 24 sounds

NWF (Nonsense Word Fluency): This is the first time kindergarteners will take this test. It is a 1 minute timed test. Students are scored on the number of sounds they can make while reading a nonsense word. The words are consonant-vowel-consonant jumbled words. The test is looking to see if students are able to come to a simple word they do not know or recognize and sound out letters (example: KAJ- students get a point for each letter sound by saying K-A-J or KAJ). An on-level score is: 19 sounds

Common Assessment: This is a much more lengthy and involved test given almost completely one-on-one with your child and their teacher. The teacher is assessing all the skills that have been covered in first and second quarter in order to report your child's progress. These scores will be reflected in the report card.

Math:

NIF (Number Identification Fluency): This is a 1 minute timed test with random numbers. Students are given a point for each number they can recognize. An on-level score is: 49 numbers

QDF (Quantity Discrimination Fluency): This is a 1 minute timed test asking students to identify which numbers are more or less. An on-level score is: 19 numbers

MNF (Missing Number Fluency): This is a 1 minute timed test asking students to fill in the missing number in a series of numbers. An on-level score is: 10 numbers

FIRST GRADE

NWF (Nonsense Word Fluency): see above for description. An on-level score is: 48 sounds

ORF (Oral Reading Fluency): This is a 1 minute timed test. Students are given a short passage to read. Each word read correctly is one point. An on-level score is: 28+ words read

Common Assessment: This is a much lengthier test but is given mostly whole group to the students. They are given a writing prompt and all the math skills covered in first grade. This test is a great tool for teachers to see what skills your child has mastered and which skills need to be of focus for the rest of the year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1st - 5:30pm: PTO Meeting (all parents are welcome)

December 12th - 6:00pm- PTO Movie Night in the cafeteria
& Holiday Shoppe preview

December 12-16th – Holiday Shoppe for students during the school day

December 14th - English Language Learners Holiday Dinner 5:00- at
Rebecca Boone Elementary

December 22nd – Second Quarter Ends, Classroom Holiday Parties and
Early Release at 12:30pm

December 23rd - January 2nd - NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

January 3rd - Classes resume

