

The Monthly Hoot

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Upcoming Happenings

- February 14th -Valentine's Day Carnation fundraiser
- February 15th -100th day (if we have no snow days)
- Feb 19th to 23rd -No School Midwinter Break




News From the Office


January has brought the cold weather! Please remember to send all kiddos with cold weather gear as we do go outside every day! Have you met the new additions to our school? Our principal, Mr. Anderson, our new second grade teacher, Mr. P(Paolillo), and our new fluffy "Educational Ambassadors" from Hunter Hollow Bunny B&B. Ask your kiddo if they have met yet!

Don't forget...
February 2nd is
Groundhog Day!





Carnation order forms due Feb 7th



Cafeteria Corner

February 2024			
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<https://www.truxtonacademy.org/breakfast-lunch-menu>

We've been having a blast here in kindergarten, working hard and diving into lots of exciting topics and projects. Can't wait to share with you what we'll be learning in the upcoming month. Check it out!

ELA Highlights:

- We're diving into decoding consonant digraphs and reviewing letter names.
- Students are also practicing segmenting consonant clusters and answering comprehension questions in complete sentences.
- We're also tackling tricky words to enhance our reading skills.

Math Updates:

- In math, we'll be focusing on composing and decomposing the number 10.
- Students will explore finding number partners for 10 and using their knowledge of composing shapes to plan and design a playground.
- Additionally, we'll be working on counting, reading, and writing numbers from 11 to 20, as well as counting within 100.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates and progress in our learning journey!

This month the second grade class has continued learning all about ancient Greek history and culture. We've also been studying the newly hatched Brook Trout and keeping track of their growth. More animal excitement came to second grade as we had the privilege of being the first class at TACS to host two adorable bunnies in our classroom for a week! We're now getting started on money math skills and how to find the total value of assorted change.

4th grade has been working hard on these Mid-Year Assessments! Students have enjoyed learning about WAVES (in liquids, for sounds, and light) for our Science unit. Our guest presenter this month included a unit exploring light and sound. In Social Studies, we are exploring how NY featured in the American Revolution and fight for independence from British rule. Our CKLA unit is gaining an understanding of the rise of Islam and life in the Middle East during the 600-700 CE timeline. Our i-Ready Math is heading into a remedial lesson on telling time (with analog clocks, and both Arabic and Roman numerals), after spending a few weeks MASTERING division. (In the coming month - we will be diving into fractions!) 4th grade will be hosting the bunny ambassadors next week, and we have enrolled in the Schoolyard Sugaring contest for NY Maple Syrup - happening this spring!

First grade just finished studying about the Mayans and Aztecs, so we did a unit on corn and potatoes. We also learned about hurricanes. We are comparing problems in math using data. We are beginning our fourth reader and will start our third PBL on cultural recipes soon.

Third Grade has been busy with Multiplication and Division Facts. They will investigate further with how to use their Multiplication knowledge as they learn about the area of two dimensional figures. We also started a Circle of Life Unit in Science, as we learn about the various life cycles of many animals. This is perfect timing with the presence of the annual trout hatching at Truxton. Students will observe the trout as they develop.

Last, but not least, students will be delving into the History of Truxton in Social Studies. We will be learning about the establishment of the town and the changes it has experienced. We are excited to be able to use both primary and secondary resources as we go on this historical adventure!

5/6 update: Science: students are currently learning about water on Earth, it's role in our weather and different storm types. ELA: we just finished our winter assessments and are continuing to work hard through comprehension and fluency. We will be starting a novel study in ELA of Percy Jackson to bring about our History unit coming up on Ancient Greece. Please continue to have students complete their nightly reading homework and reading logs due every Friday. This is part of their grade!

SCA: Thank you to everyone who made our winter basket fundraiser a huge success!! Going forward, all SCA meetings will be held the 1st Monday of the month at 3:30 pm in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see you February 5, 2024!



Music: In Music class, students have started our pirate unit! Every week, they receive a musical clue to where the pirate treasure is hidden and mark it on their maps. By the Spring, we will have discovered the treasure's location and can dig it up outside! As they solve the pirate clues they are learning how to read notes, follow musical rhythms, and play songs on the piano. We hope each student will have a mastery of music reading and a solid understanding of playing piano by the end of the unit.



Field Lessons:

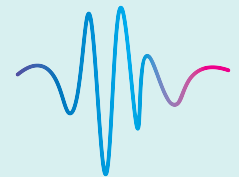
On Campus Guest Field Lessons this month!

- Lights & Sounds with Mr. Scalici
- Snakes with Mrs. Davidson

- 2nd Grade Greek Parthenon with Mr. Richmond

A Big Thank you to them for coming and sharing their knowledge and expertise with us!

Also a big thank you to Hunter Hollow Bunny B&B for allowing Pickles and Humble to spend time with us!



Physical Education:

This month in PE we...

- Enjoyed having SUNY ESF Men's Basketball players show us some skills for our basketball unit!
- had Yoga with Mrs. Masters!
- We welcomed our new PE Student Teacher Mr. Ruckert! He will be with us until March!
- We had some fun Sledding!
- Chasing, Fleeing & Dodging Unit (Tag games) is always a favorite unit!
- We earned a Free Choice Day!



Rural Life Lab:

Did you know there's a committee that helps carry out the agriculture initiatives at Truxton Academy? We're meeting soon. Email jamie.smart@truxtonacademy.org for more details.

As the days slowly get longer, our outside world is still in winter slumber but we are busy planning the summer garden, maple season, and animal lessons. Ask your student what signs they see of our trout shifting to the fry stage of development. Two classrooms are doing a fantastic job of daily feeding, monitoring, and water testing.

Our grow tower students are taking on more responsibility as they manage water and nutrients. They have some pollinated seed pods - ask your 2nd graders how they pretended to be insects!

