



UPCOMING DATES:

*For more information consult
Chalkable or your school calendar.*

1/5/19: SSAT @ SRS

1/8/19: First day of Skiing Program;
Grades 5-8

1/10/19: First day of Skiing Program;
Grades K-4

1/21/19: SRS CLOSED
MLK JR. DAY

1/28/19—2/1/19:
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Grades K-8

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Look for the Saplings on Chalkable each month this year posted online at www.shakerroadschool.org. A classroom will be featured with updates from special events, school trips, athletics and alumni. If you have any photos of sports or school performances that you would like to share, we would love to have a copy. Hope you enjoy the articles.

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Prekindergarten 3

Hello from Marie, Jenn, and the PreK Frogs. We are very excited that the New Year brought us new classmates to join our busy group. Our days begin with the excitement of Morning Meeting and our favorite morning song. As we read stories related to our theme or just for fun, you can hear, "Read one more," and "Can you do another one?" Some of our favorite indoor activities are water play, the Turtle Game, Memory Match using the tablets, the kitchen area, and puzzles and building manipulatives.

The winter season has allowed us to practice getting in and out of our outdoor clothes. When "snowman" snow is falling we are VERY fast. So far this year we have built 10 snowmen. Just pass a PreK Frog a small ball of snow and watch it grow as they roll it until it is too heavy to push. Marie and Jenn only have to stack them up.



Our room is decorated with penguins, snowmen, and winter projects. In science we are experimenting with sprouting and planting potatoes, using water and the cold outdoor temperatures to learn about liquids and solids, and learning about the care of our fish tank and the new fish that can be seen in there.



If you stop by and we are not in our room, we may be out socializing. Walks all over campus take us to classrooms filled with older students and, in the case of Mr. Hicks' science room, a huge fish tank with a viewing window that is just our size.

We are a busy and happy group. Stop in to say hi!

Submitted by:
Marie Washburn and
Jenn Forest

Prekindergarten 3

PreK 3 Owls have been very busy welcoming new friends to our room. They are working on sharing, showing where things go, and being good role models. Our first theme together was very fun for the students and the teachers! We talked about hibernating animals and focused mostly on bears. The students made their own bears throughout the unit in various ways to express their creativity, work on fine motor skills, and follow directions.

Their favorite project was making sleeping bears in a cave and adding snow on top with cotton balls. We were able to create a bear cave in our very own classroom. The students had fun and a lot of laughs while pretending to be hibernating bears!

Along with projects and games we found many books about hibernating. The whole class voted that *Sleep Big Bear, Sleep* was their favorite book about bears. We look forward to many more fun and educational units with all of our friends!

Submitted by: Tiffany Smith and Ceil Wilson



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

First through Third Grade drama presents
Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Date: Wednesday, February 6th, 2019

Time: 6:30

Place: SRS Auditorium

Fourth and Fifth grade drama presents

The Jungle Book

Date: Tuesday, February 19th, 2019

Time: 6:30

Place: SRS Auditorium





Pre-K 4 Highlights

Walking Our Way Through The ABC's

In PreK 4, the students have been finding the letters of the alphabet in nature. On our walks, they've found sticks that look like the various letters of the alphabet. We've found the letters E, F, H, L, and a lot of Y's!

In the sand and dirt, the students demonstrate their knowledge of letters by writing their names or other letters of the week. We made O's out of the hemlock cones!

Did you know that there is an A on the swing set and a Z on the door of the playhouse? Letters are all around us!

Submitted by: Frances Witte-Holland and Tania Minery

Advisory of the Month

Last month, Mr. Hicks' advisory researched quotes that tie in with our citizenship theme of Respect. One that we found was from Jackie Robinson, who said, "I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me. All I ask is that you respect me as a human being." We like this quote because it shows that you don't have to like or dislike someone, just be nice to them. Here are some of the other quotes that we found:

"We all have different opinions, and it's okay to respect all of them."

"You can't force people to respect you, but you can refuse to tolerate their disrespect."

"It costs \$0.00 to treat someone with respect."

"Respect is for those who deserve it, not those who demand it."

"Respect is one of the greatest expressions of love."

"When I look at a person, I see a person – not a rank, not a class, not a title."

This month, as part of our discussion on Communication, we've been working on a movie that shows how students use communication in helpful ways around campus. The movie will be shown during a school meeting with 5th through 8th grade. We've found a quote we like for communication, too, attributed to James Humes: "The art of communication is the language of leadership."



Nordic Skiing

SRS has a long history of Nordic skiing, but this year we stepped up our game to compete in the league run by the New Hampshire Nordic Coaches Association. NHNCA runs all middle and high school events in the state for public and independent schools and ski clubs. Twelve students are on the SRS team this year. So far, five middle school students have competed in races at Proctor Academy and Moultonborough Academy: Rollin Hughes, Frances Butterfield, Dean Hadnot, Eve Hicks, Anya Orzechowski, and Lillian Holland. The learning curve is a bit steep for us all—skiers and coaches—but we are proud of our skiers for putting themselves out there and progressing quickly. We are also having a ton of fun!

Submitted by; Matthew Hicks







Skiing, Snowboarding, and Snow Play! Winter Fun at SRS

SRS students have a few weeks of skiing under their belts and have enjoyed the wonderful ski conditions at Loon and Mt. Sunapee. Some students attempted skiing and snowboarding for the first time, while other more experienced skiers enjoyed exploring new slopes with faculty, family, and friends. Students not participating in the ski program have opportunities to take part in winter activities on campus or on day trips off campus. Everyone is excited to have a chance to get outside and enjoy one of New England's most enjoyable pastimes: playing in the snow!

Submitted by: Patti Hicks







Here's what's up in the music department:

For our youngest kids in the infant class through grade 1, we focus on learning how to be "Tuneful, Beatful,

and Artful." Students learn how to sing alone and with others, keep a steady beat, and how to move their bodies musically. Students in the infant class all the way up to 2nd Grade are doing winter themed music activities this month. We are using the parachute to make it look like it is snowing and singing some songs about the snow. Pre-K through 2nd grade are also "plate skating," using paper plates to skate around on the carpet floors. We enjoy listening to songs in various styles and speeds and trying to "skate" along with the music.

Second grade is learning about instrument families. So far this winter, they have learned about the percussion family by playing various percussion instruments along with the book "Wendel the Narwhal" which has fun sound effects! Second grade is currently learning about string instruments and is beginning to play a little bit of ukulele.



Grades three and four are practicing reading music by learning how to play the recorder. Students in these grade levels typically learn how to sing each song and "decode" the rhythm and pitches before playing each song. They are participating in Recorder Karate, a program where the students earn a "belt" for their recorder by playing increasingly harder songs.

Middle school students are writing their own music and playing a variety of instruments. Grades five and six have just finished playing the ukulele and are now beginning to play hand drums. These grade levels will be composing a song for the drums in February. Grades seven and eight are currently writing their own Theme and Variations song. They are using Noteflight,

online music notation software which allows students to enter notes and immediately hear what they sound like.

Students are also preparing for the following performances coming up this year:

STUDENT SOLO RECITALS: MARCH 12 AND 13
ENSEMBLES CONCERT: MAY 9
SPRING FLING: JUNE 1

Submitted by: Rachel Minsinger

