

Sunday Shark Update 12.15.24

Happy Sunday Sharks! We have an exciting week ahead of us. Gingerbread Transformation begins tomorrow! The kindergarten hallway has been transformed, and we are so excited to welcome our Sharks tomorrow!

This is the last week before Winter Break, and we have a lot going on! Read carefully so you are in the loop!

Kona Ice

Kona Ice will be on Campus tomorrow. If you did not pre-pay online, please make sure to utilize the money pouch to send in cash! Directions for the money pouch are on the sticker attached to the money pouch. Thank you!

PTO Spirit Night

This week, on Wednesday, December 18th, our PTO's next Spirit Night will be taking place in our parking lot. Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a pizza from North River Pizza Company. They will be set up starting at 5:00 p.m. and will stay open until supplies run out or 8:00 p.m., whatever comes first. They are generously donating 10% of sales back to Harvey. Closer to that day, you can pre-order at NorthRiverPizza.com/menu.

Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit Kindergarten!

Wednesday, Dec. 18 will be a NUT Day for our Sharks. They are encouraged to wear their holiday attire to get a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Your Shark will also receive a little gift from Santa and Mrs. Claus. If for any reason you do NOT want your Shark to participate, please let me know.

Class Book Exchange

Please see the flyer below for our Class Book Exchange!

Class Book Exchange

Dear Families,

To help us celebrate the holidays, our class will be doing a class book exchange! Each child should bring in one wrapped book by

Thursday, December

19th Book Exchange Guidelines

- 📖 New or gently used.
- 📖 If buying new, please do not spend more than \$5.
- 📖 Non gender specific.
- 📖 Wrapped in wrapping paper.
- 📖 Write your child's name and year on the inside cover AND on the wrapping paper.
- 📖 Talk to your child about giving to others! The point of our exchange is to show kindness to our classmates!

If you are able to donate/purchase a second book in case there is a student in need please let me know!

Thank you so much for your support,
Mr. Bernaert



ZooTampa Field Trip

Our 2nd field trip payment is due December 18th. Here is the link to pay online: <https://manateeschools.revtrak.net/elementary-schools/harvey-elementary/#/f/harvey-es-kindergarten-zoo-tampa-field-trip-february-6-2024>

We do not limit the number of chaperones for this trip! We hope you can join us! Please read through the chaperone information carefully as it has changed from previous years.

Polar Express Movie Day/NUT Day for Mr. Clark

We are excited to celebrate the holidays with a Pajama Party and Movie Day on Friday, Dec. 20th.

We will watch The Polar Express. Your child may wear their pajamas to school and pack slippers, robe, blanket, and small pillow in their backpack or in a separate bag.

The rest of the school is also having a NUT Day to help one of our teacher Sharks. Less than a month ago, the wife of one of our 3rd grade teachers, Mr. Clark, received a sudden and unsuspected diagnosis of stage 4 cancer that has spread throughout her body. This news has obviously impacted their family in many ways and one of them is that Mrs. Clark is no longer able to work. We are encouraging students to bring in \$1 or more to assist the Clark family with their immediate expenses. All donations received will go directly to them.

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Winter Break

Winter break begins Dec. 23rd. Students return Jan. 6th!

PTO Winter Break Spirit Night

Our PTO is hosting a Spirit Day at DEFY Trampoline Park in Bradenton! Join fellow Harvey Sharks for an awesome time as we take over the park together on Friday, January 3 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. DEFY is generously donating 20% of all admission sales back to the school! Don't forget to wear your Harvey gear!

Mystery Reader

A Mystery Reader is a surprise reader that comes to our class on a day that fits your schedule! You choose a children's book to read to the class and plan a craft/activity that goes along with the book! I am happy to help you! You will be responsible for planning the book, craft, and materials for 19 students. However, I have LOTS of materials so before you purchase anything, reach out to see if I have

what you need. I will be there to help the whole time and will help facilitate. Sign up for a month and let me know a day that works for you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FACA92AAAF4C34-52301403-mystery>

Classroom Volunteers

If you are available to volunteer for our classroom, either in person in our classroom or helping from your home, please sign up below! I will be in contact to see how you would like to volunteer!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FACA92AAAF4C34-52304266-volunteers>

Classroom Website

All important links, documents, information, etc. can be found on my classroom website! Please let this be your first go to for information! Bookmark it on your phone!

www.mrbteaches.com

Class Snack Amazon Wishlist Link

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25TYVOSAEIAV8?ref_=wl_share

Parent Report Card Guide

https://www.manateeschools.net/cms/lib/FL02202357/Centricity/Domain/1130/Kinder_Parent_Guide_2023-2024.pdf

Dismissal

Reminder that Dismissal changes are due in PMK by 2:15 PM!

Important Dates:

*12/16- Kona Ice- \$3

*12/18- 2nd field trip payment due and Kindergarten NUT Day- Dress for Santa and Mrs. Claus

*12/19- Class Book Exchange

*12/20- Kindergarten Pajama and Movie Day

Academics for this Week

Phonics & Handwriting

This week we will focus on adding and deleting sounds in words. We will review letters we have learned and sounds.

Red Words (high frequency words)

Play- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTd7cP3xAnA>

Reading Workshop/Guided Reading

This week we will be reading a LOT of gingerbread stories! The kids will come into a surprise on Monday as we transform our hall into a gingerbread house! SHHHH...It's a secret! Please don't tell your child about the surprise!

Writing

We are learning what writers do! Writers:

1. Think
2. Draw
3. Label
4. Write

We are now learning that writers write sentences! Writers write sentences by:

- Sound out words by saying them slow like a turtle. Then write the sounds they hear.
- Put a finger space between each word
- Begin the sentence with an uppercase letter and end it with a period.

We will focus on opinion writing and discuss the difference between facts and opinions. We will talk about that an opinion is something we think or feel and that our opinions are personal and something we don't have to agree on.

Math

We started our addition topic this week and the kids are doing great with it! We've learned a few different strategies for help us add such as drawing pictures, counting pictures, using counters and our fingers. We will continue with addition next week as well.

Science

In science we are continuing with properties of matter.

Social Studies

In Social studies we will learn about holidays around the world and how other people celebrate the holidays. *Please let me know if there is a holiday other than Christmas that you celebrate!

Sunday Call-out from Administration

Good evening, Harvey Elementary families,

I hope this message finds everyone ready for these last five days of school prior to Winter Break. We had some excitement on campus last week as the district's prize patrol surprised Mrs. Nova with the news that she is a top four finalist for the Educator of the Year award for Manatee County. We are excited to be able to celebrate this honor with Mrs. Nova and support her as she moves forward in the process for the finalists.

Please remember that we will have Kona Ice on campus tomorrow, Monday, December 16th in the afternoon. If you would like for your child to have this icy treat tomorrow, be sure to send in \$3 unless you have pre-paid online.

Also, this week, on Wednesday, December 18th, our PTO's next Spirit Night will be taking place in our parking lot. Take a night off from cooking and enjoy a pizza from North River Pizza Company. They will be set up starting at 5:00 p.m. and will stay open until supplies run out or 8:00 p.m., whatever comes first. They are generously donating 10% of sales back to Harvey. Closer to that day, you can pre-order at NorthRiverPizza.com/menu.

Then, this Friday, December 20th, we will have a special NUT day (No Uniform Today day) on campus to support a member of our Harvey family. Less than a month ago, the wife of one of our 3rd grade teachers, Mr. Clark, received a sudden and unsuspected diagnosis of stage 4 cancer that has spread throughout her body. This news has obviously impacted their family in many ways and one of them is that Mrs. Clark is no longer able to work. We are encouraging students to bring in \$1 or more to assist the Clark family with their immediate expenses. All donations received will go directly to them.

Next, our winter break is near. Our break for students begins on Monday, December 23rd. Students will return to school on Monday, January 6th.

Lastly, you may want to mark your calendar for this fun way to finish out Winter Break and bounce into the New Year. Our PTO is hosting a Spirit Day at DEFY Trampoline Park in Bradenton! Join fellow Harvey Sharks for an awesome time as we take over the park together on Friday, January 3 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. DEFY is generously donating 20% of all admission sales back to the school! Don't forget to wear your Harvey gear!

Thank you and have a great week, Sharks!