



Parent and Guardian Update

ZESS

January 30, 2026

Upcoming Events

Tuesday to Wednesday – Feb. 3&4 – Grades 5-10 – Mt. Washington Ski Trip

Primary (K-2): Mr. Christall -

The primary class has been learning how to ask good science questions. Students have been posing questions about animals (and receiving written answers in their science journals). "Why" questions often yield the most interesting and informative answers (Why do cats scratch the couch? Why do cats dislike water?) Encourage your children to ask some science questions this week. If you don't have the answer, don't worry... the students are getting used to the idea that they will need to wait for a complete and accurate answer to a challenging question... because their teacher often needs to go and look up the answer.

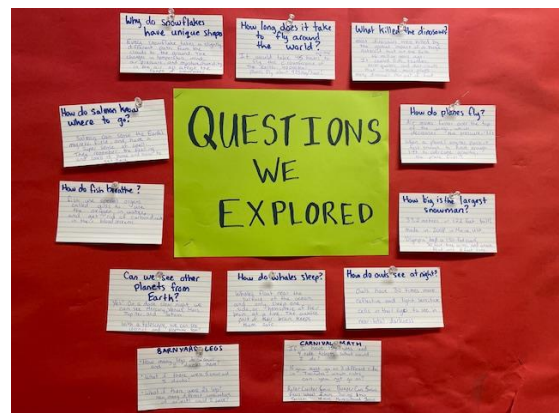
Intermediation(3-4): Ms. Curtis - This week has been full of great math moments! We have started exploring math in a new way by working in small groups to solve thinking tasks (The Thinking Classroom). This collaborative math has sparked lots of rich math discussions and boosted confidence in sharing ideas. We have also started our subtraction unit, and students are picking up the concepts of borrowing quickly, drawing on their mastered addition facts.



What is happening in class?

In reading, we are nearing the end of our novel, The Chronicles of Narnia. We are loving Mr. and Mrs. Beaver and their guiding abilities. Students have also been hard at work in their journal writing, using dictionaries to help them spell bigger and more interesting vocabulary independently.

We have also created a new bulletin board! On one side, we have a display of questions we've explored, and on the other side, each student has a spot to display work they are proud of. We hope you stop by to take a look!




Junoir (5-7): Mr. Vanden Ham - We've had another great week of learning in our class! In mathematics, students are continuing to build their skills with division, focusing on accuracy and problem-solving strategies. In language arts, we are moving forward with our cookbook writing project, where students are practicing clear instructions and thoughtful organization. In art, students are continuing their work with linocut printmaking, developing patience and attention to detail as they refine their designs. In physical education, we have started basketball, working on fundamental skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It's been wonderful to see students engaged and growing across all areas of learning.

Senior (8-10): Mr. Romyn – Students had a great time on the day trip to play basketball.



Lunch
Menu

 ZESS Hot Lunch Menu				
Monday, February 02	Tuesday, February 03	Wednesday, February 04	Thursday, February 05	Friday, February 06
Fish Hash	Pierogis	Sandwiches	Chicken Wings and Fries	No School
Mixed Vegetables	Berries	Mixed Vegetables	Berries	No School
Monday, February 09	Tuesday, February 10	Wednesday, February 11	Thursday, February 12	Friday, February 13
Chicken Caesar Wraps	Mac and Cheese	Chicken Alfredo	Sandwiches	Sausage and Rice
Berries	Yogurt	Berries	Yogurt	Berries