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Principal's Newsletter

Charter Oak Primary School **John E. Wetterauer**

http://www.psd150.org/charteroak

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Nov. 24 – Grandparent's Day
Nov. 26-30 – Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 10 – Professional Learning Day-School dismisses @ 1:45 p.m.
Dec. 17 – Winter Holiday Room Parties @ 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 – Jan. 4 – Winter Break

Word of the week

The word for the week of November 24th is: GENEROUS
The word for the week of December 1st is: GOODWILL

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day will be Monday, November 24th. A reception with coffee, juice and baked goods will be served at 9:15 a.m. The Kindergarten-4th grade program will begin at 9:30 a.m. Classroom visits will end at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will not be served this year.

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE CHARTER OAK STAFF, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING FILLED WITH MUCH HAPPINESS AND PEACE!

I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK THE CHARTER OAK COMMUNITY FOR THEIR VERY GENEROUS DONATION OF BAKED GOODS FOR OUR RECENT BAKE SALE. IN ADDITION I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE "MOMS" THAT DONATED THEIR TIME. The 2nd BAKE SALE WAS ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS!!

2009-2010 Charter Oak Uniform Policy

Parents, please see the attached uniform policy for the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the policy.

Young Authors

Students need to begin working on their Young Author manuscripts. ***They will be due on Friday, January 9th***. All students in grades Kindergarten through 4th are encouraged to participate. Listed below are the guidelines:
Students may receive adult help in the following areas:

- Proofreading
- Typing
- Binding

The following should originate with the Young Author:

* Idea and composition of the story, poem or play.
* Idea and execution of the illustrations.
* Manuscripts should be in book form with a cover and pages securely attached.
* Books authored and/or illustrated by more than two children will not be accepted.
* Dictation books may be typed or handwritten by adults, but must be in the student's own language.
* Length is to be determined by the author.
* Computer generated illustrations are acceptable.
* Students may include an "About the Author" page at the end of the book.
* All books must contain a MANUSRIPT INDENTIFICATION CARD (available from teacher) GLUED ON THE INSIDE COVER OF THE BOOK.

ACORN

Subscription forms for the student produced school newspaper will be sent home after the Thanksgiving break. The cost for the entire year will be $1.25.

Helpful Websites

Parents, if you need extra resources to help your child become a better reader, please visit the following website:
www.opencourtresources.com
Also, you can Google "Open Court Vocabulary" for more websites.

Parking Lot Safety

If you use the parking lot to pick up or drop off your child, please do not block the way for other cars to pass. If parking on Timberedge Dr., PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK SIDE STREETS or have your children run across the street to meet you. This is very dangerous. Thank you for your cooperation and please remember,

this is for the children's safety.

Picture Person Needed

Charter Oak is still in need of Picture Persons for the following classrooms:
Mrs. Stepping-Room 101, Mrs. Gutierrez-Room 202, Mr. Hagan-Room 204, Mrs. Lamie-Room 205 and Ms. Roach-Room 206. Please contact Chad Fidler at 339-5358 to help.

Bell Ringers

Charter Oak Brownie Troop 4296 will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Tuesday, November 25th from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Macy's Department Store located at Northwood's Mall.

Richwoods Craft Show

The annual Richwoods High School Craft Show will be Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be over 200 craft booths consisting of homemade crafts including holiday decorations, jewelry, gourmet foods and baked items.

New Revised Accelerated Reader Points

Please see the attached sheet regarding the changes that have been made concerning Accelerated Reader (A.R.). Please note that in order for your child to earn their goal, they must maintain 85% test accuracy. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Fundraiser Winners

Top Seller

Nadia -91 boxes

Top Class Sellers

Kindergarten

Nadia -91 boxes

1st grade

Hope -50 boxes

2nd grade

Mitchell -44 boxes

3rd grade

Samantha -36 boxes

4th grade

Kade -50 boxes

NIE Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following Charter Oak students for having their work selected as a winner in the **Newspaper In Education Essay Contest**

2nd grade Winners

1st place-Madi-Ms. Chave's class

2nd place-Christopher -Ms. Chave's class

3rd place-Maggie -Ms. Chave's class

4th grade Winners

3rd place-Karlie -Ms. Roach's class

Great job students and teachers. You make the Charter Oak community very proud!!

Winter Coats

Parents, please make sure that your children come to school with a winter coat, gloves, hat and boots (when we have snow.) Weather permitting; your child will be outside for recess, so it is imperative that they come to school dressed appropriately. In addition, please mark all of your children's winter clothing with their name. On days when your child will wear boots, please make sure they also bring shoes to wear inside the building.

Homework Heroes

Please see the attached page for a listing of 2nd grading period midterm Homework Heroes.