



New Vision School

Where every child shines!

"Providing a loving education that nurtures the whole child emotionally, academically and spiritually."

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Fish Release

Our salmon eggs have hatched and the little fry are active and almost ready to take the grand voyage to Drano Lake!

We are looking at the first week in March for a field trip to Drano Lake (on the Washington side) where Spring Hatchery is also located.

Jennifer, from Fish and Wildlife came to the school two times, to do activities and salmon studies with the students. We all enjoyed the interactive and very hands on presentation about the watershed! The model they used was amazing and the children learned so much. The model was so relevant to our area, and what affects our local water shed. I'm so grateful to the Fish and Wildlife team for all they provide and teach.

We always miss the Salmon when they leave, but soon it will be Spring, and time for observing caterpillar larvae change and grow into beautiful butterflies. We'll be bringing our butterfly habitat into the preschool room soon enough, for daily observation and awe!



**"Love is the
only gold."
-Lord
Alfred
Tennyson**

Parents Night Off!

Miss. Kelly would like to announce that she is offering a "Parents Night Off" evening on Friday, Feb. 17th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the Mt. Hood Town Hall. Miss Kelly and the participating kiddos will play games, make art, have snacks, and just have a grand ole' time while parents can enjoy some free time for R and R or an evening on the town. Donations for Miss. Kelly's time is greatly appreciated. Please feed your child(ren) dinner before the event or send a bagged dinner with them. Kiddos can stay for the full four hours or drop in anytime between 5 and 9. All ages and siblings are welcome. Please let Miss Kelly know if your family will be participating. (Parents Night Off" is not a service of New Vision School)



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The Tooth Fairy Is Coming!

On February 23rd "A Kidz Dental Zone" staff will be joining us for a presentation about caring for your teeth. One of the dental zone members will be dressed in a tooth fairy costume. The kids will know this is not the real Tooth Fairy of course, because the real Tooth Fairy is so small. The kids will all take home a package with toothbrush, paste etc.



IGLOOS and Oceans

Have you been in the preschool room to see the progress of our enormous igloo! That's a lot of milk jugs, and we still need more to complete our construction! This is going to make an awesome play fort, and a great place to grab a good book and read.

In the Grade School, we finished our great chapter book, "Eve of the Emperor Penguin". We ended with the grand finale of having a "Book Share Conference". This was so special! As a group, we constructed discussion topics about the book that we wanted to discuss (ex. "What is your secret to happiness", "Why can penguins swim in cold water?", "Why was this book a good fit book for our class? "If you could take a magic tree house anywhere, where would you go?") We discussed these all as a group, and it was a magical conference, full of fun, food and great discussions about the book!

The children had so many questions still about penguins, that our next unit of study will be the Ocean (also a topic of study they chose as a class). We are ready to wrap up building and structures, and will be moving right along to this topic next week!

Silly Starters and Math Games

We have been starting our morning in the Grade school room with "Silly Starters". These are hilarious and have been a great way to warm up for the day. The children use a flip board to choose from possible beginnings, to start a story. It's so hilarious! They flip a chart to get all sorts of random story starters! Some examples we have written about: "Write a scary story about a library that is upside down!", "Write about what it would be like to live with a spoon, that was always sad!", "Create a journal page written by a pet that is invisible". You can only IMAGINE how funny their stories are. After we free write, we group share, and have a good laugh!

On a different note: We are adding to our repertoire of math games! The children took turns in 2 different groups last week, learning a total of 6 new math games ranging from double-digit subtraction to fact families. We are going to keep adding to our math games!

Please remember to keep practicing those addition and subtraction facts at home 0-20. Thank you!!!!