

Hourglass Bulletin

December 2025 - Ms. Ryan - 810-632-2200 (EXT 127) - aryan@csaschool.org

Important Dates

December 5th - Hibernation Celebration

December 10th - Secret Santa Shop

December 16th - Christmas Concert

December 18th - Party Decorating After School

December 19th - Christmas Party

December 22nd - January 2nd - No School

Share Time

Our classroom's sharing theme for December is all about favorite recipes! In Tuesday Folders, students should have received instructions on how to share a special recipe they love with the class. Throughout the month, we will highlight these recipes during our sharing time, learning more about each other's favorite foods. At the end of the month, every student will take home their own **Hourglass Recipe Book**, filled with all of our class's favorite recipes—a wonderful keepsake to enjoy and share at home.

Highlights from the Hourglass Classroom:

Here is what the Hourglass students are learning this month

In December, kindergarteners will be diving into lots of exciting learning! We will be introducing the sounds k, sh, e, and others, as well as practicing new sight words, including his, go, as, she, by, do, and from. In handwriting, students will review all lowercase letters and continue working toward accurate, consistent letter formation. In writing, we'll learn how to write for real readers - creating true stories that others will enjoy, drawing detailed pictures that match the story, and writing sentences that clearly tell what happened. In math, students will show what they know from Chapters 1–6 and spend time reviewing or extending their learning; we may also begin exploring early subtraction skills. During reading, students will work on noticing patterns in their books, predicting how those patterns may change, listening closely to how books sound, using decoding strategies, and understanding what their books are mostly about. We will also begin our science unit on hibernation, adaptation, and migration, discovering how animals prepare for winter in different ways.

Character Corner

This month, our Character Corner focus is on **giving**. Giving means offering kindness, time, help, or care to others - not because we have to, but because it makes our classroom and community a better place. We will practice noticing moments when someone might need a helping hand, sharing with friends, and showing generosity through our words and actions. Students will learn that giving doesn't always mean giving *things* - sometimes the most meaningful gifts are a smile, a compliment, or taking time to help someone feel included. Throughout December, we will celebrate the joy that comes from giving and learn how even small acts can make a big difference.



November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following student(s)!:

Mrs. Brownfield - December 11th

Mrs. Ryan - December 30th

Your child can bring in a Birthday Treat or Birthday Trinket to celebrate their birthday. We have 25 students in our classroom. Please email me at least 2 days before you plan to bring treats in!

If your child has a birthday that falls outside of the school year, then we can celebrate their half birthday or any other day that you would like! Just make sure to email me!

Christmas Party:

On December 19th we will be having our Christmas Party. A sign up genius to volunteer will be sent out. We will also send out a sign up genius for item and food donations. Thank you for our partnership so we can celebrate this season together!

Christmas Concert:

We can't wait to kick off this Christmas Season with our Christmas concert on December 16th at 2:00 pm in the gym. Uniforms or Christmas Formal Attire is expected for this event. You may come visit your child after the concert IN our classroom. You are also welcome to take your child home from our classroom after this event.

Secret Santa:

On December 10th I will be taking Hourglass to our Santa Workshop. A handout and envelope will be sent home for this. Please send the money in the filled out envelope on or before this day. This is of course optional!

Proper Outerwear/Changing Weather

As we move through October the temperature will begin to drop. Please make sure to send your child in with the proper outerwear to keep them warm and dry during our changing seasons! This year, we will only stay inside for recess if it is pouring rain, or below a feels like temperature of 0 degrees, so please ensure your child has the right garments, coats, gloves, hats, boots, etc. **DON'T FORGET TO LABEL EVERYTHING!** This will make it so much easier to sort through misplaced items. **Please have a designated reusable bag that your child can put all their winter gear in.** If you would like your child to leave this gear in the classroom from day to day, please email me so I don't send it home with them each day.

