

# FRASER FANFARE

## December

### January- Reading Best Practices

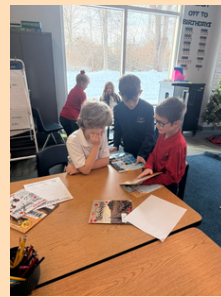
Throughout the year, the Voyager unit focuses on various aspects of reading. We cover fables and folktales, biographies and much more. Reading is a complex task for our students' brains. Thus, it is important for us to be doing best practices in the classroom to support our classroom where each student is at. Some of these best practices include our daily read aloud, book clubs, and independent reading. During read alouds, students are hearing how texts should sound when read aloud which assists with fluency. With book clubs, students have the opportunity to read books at their levels in small groups with their teacher. This assists in scaffolding students into high reading levels while keeping them engaged. Lastly, with sustained independent reading, students are able to choose a book that they want to read and read at their own pace. This also ensures that students are building reading stamina at their levels. By implementing best practices in the classroom, students become strong and confident readers.

### Upcoming Events

- 12/19 - Winter break starts
- 01/05 - School resumes
- 01/08 - CSA District Board of Directors Meeting
- 01/09 - CSA Pep Rally and Spirit Wear Day!
- 01/12 - CSA District Parent Council Meeting
- 01/22 - Family Fitness Night
- 01/23 - Spirit Wear Day
- 01/30 - Parent Council Family Movie Night

### Classroom Needs

REFER TO THE CLASSROOM WISHLIST FOR ANY NEEDS WE MAY HAVE! WE WILL KEEP IT UPDATED AS BEST AS POSSIBLE



Diving into research about their state!

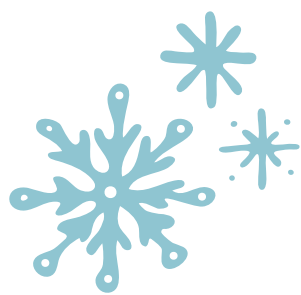
### WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

**READING:** STUDENTS WILL BEGIN LEARNING A STRATEGY CALLED RACE, WHICH SHOWS THEM HOW BEST TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR READING

**MATH:** STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON PATTERNS, MULTISTEP WORD PROBLEMS, AREA/PERIMETER, AND FACTOR PAIRS.

**WRITING:** STUDENTS WILL LEARNING NOTE-TAKING SKILLS FOR THEIR STATE. THEN TAKE WHAT THEY KNOW AND PARAPHRASE IT TO MAKE PARAGRAPHS

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** STUDENTS WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT ECONOMICS. HALFWAY THROUGH, WE WILL BE DIVING INTO SCIENCE FOR LIFE CYCLES



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### RESILIENCE

Another big shift that occurs in the Voyager years, both organically and nurtured intentionally, is the strengthening of independence, self-sufficiency, and resiliency! The mantra, "We can do hard things!" is heard often throughout our classrooms as we carry full confidence that their tasks are thoughtfully designed and aligned to balance that line of rigor for each child - not too easy, not too hard. We've been talking a lot lately about struggle - what it is and why it's crucial to our growth. One of the first things we learn as students of education is to never "steal their struggle," assuming their struggle is appropriate to their needs. Nurturing students to embrace challenges with confidence and take responsible risks with their learning are among our priorities! You can continue to reinforce this at home with language that encourages risk taking and embracing their inner courage while celebrating small gains and victories! [This article](#) dives deeper into this topic, if you're interested in learning more!

### Character Corner

It's that time of year when we reflect upon ourselves to determine what goals, mindsets, and actions we want to adopt moving into the New Year. While guiding children through this process, we're mindful that this intentionality does not come naturally! Throughout the month of January and beyond, we will be heavily focusing on setting and reflecting upon SMART goals. Building the habit of self-reflection while simultaneously fostering a growth mindset will nurture your child's responsibility, work ethic, and self-respect, all Smart Character Traits that we seek to develop within our learning family!

### Parent Partnership

Please be sure to continue to send students to school with peanut and tree nut free food!! This is incredibly important this year.

Reminder that there is absolutely no smart watches or phones aloud in school. All communication must go through the office or through teachers. We appreciate the understanding and partnership with us.



Fraser and Hector sharing their final personal narratives

## Have a great January!

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.  
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