Come Play and Learn

Can you believe it? We have just finished our fourth week of the 21st Century Afterschool Program! Students are having fun as they engage in learning activities that are enhanced by enthusiastic staff. We have had a few bumps in the road, but with the help of our Lead LSP, Janice and the flexibility of staff and students we are off to a FANTASTIC start!

Parent and family involvement plays an important part in your child’s afterschool learning success. Please let Janice Hadley know if you are interested in volunteering in our 21st Century Afterschool Program.

Family Challenges:

Fun ways to continue learning after the afterschool program! Ideas for questions to ask your child or ways to learn at home:

Your child learned that tuttu means caribou in Inupiaq. What other animals can you and your child name in Inupiaq?

Ask your child about the Battle of the Books books they have been reading.

Teach your child a game that you played when you were young.

Powerful Words

How many words can you make out of the word pumpkin?

Reminders

Pick up time is 5pm  |  Fun Friday: November 14  |  No afterschool program October 21-23
Family Event

We had a fantastic turn out for the Family Event held on Friday, October 3. 30 students along with 16 parents enjoyed a power point presentation by Terry and the Orange group, a yummy dinner, and a chance to bounce through the Boot Camp blow up obstacle course.

Super Saturday

Our first Super Saturday of the year was October 4, 2014. We were lucky to get the opportunity to share the joys of reading and writing with Alaskan authors Marc Cameron and Vicky Otte. Children and adults alike were delighted to create a group story with the fascinating authors. Activities included laughing along with the story The Day The Crayons Quit and learning the various forms that story telling can take.

Kat’s Corner

I had a wonderful time meeting and learning with the amazing students that take part in the 21st Century Afterschool Program. I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and warm welcome that I received from the JNES family. I look forward to working with you to create a HUGELY successful afterschool program with you this year. As always please feel free to offer suggestions and ideas that will enhance this wonderful learning opportunity.

Thanks-Kat   kats@serrc.org
Reports from Our Fearless Tutors

As I walk around and assist teachers I have noticed total engagement within the classrooms. Students are excited with the activities and eager to share with me what they are doing. I am super happy to report that we have not had any behavior issues during the last month in the program. Students are being respectful and very little complaining is going on. We are holding strong at 60 and do not lack for students to fill the spots. – Mrs. Hadley

We are practicing catching and throwing balls as well as partner exercises. We have been playing focus games that are about calming our bodies and being aware of others. – Ms. Ariel

Students completed a sentence frame to share what character they will be for Halloween. Our participants have also been writing in their journals. – Ms. Lynda

We learned how to sing the Inupiaq Achaga and we learned about our hands and fingers with the finger song. Students also learned how to count to 31 in Inupiaq and the Inupiaq names for colors.- Ms. Helen

Keep in Mind

- No Afterschool sessions from Dec 19-Jan. 5.
- It’s getting cold kids need their mittens and hats.
- The flu is bad this year; encourage your child to wash their hands.

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November/December 2014
We are happy to announce that Compass is up and running! A big 21st Century thanks to all of the people who made this happen. All of our students will benefit greatly!

Coming Soon...
- Keep an eye out for upcoming 21st Century Afterschool Program articles in the Arctic Sounder
- Keep an ear out for upcoming radio programs featuring our students on KOTZ.

Family Challenges:
Fun ways to continue learning with your child after the afterschool program.

- Bake cookies together and surprise a neighbor with a treat. While you are following a recipe your child will practice measuring, reading, following directions and patience.

- Your child has been working on balancing and jumping with feet together. Bundle up and have a hopping contest outside. Count your jumps in Inupiaq for an added challenge.

- Write and mail or deliver thank you cards. Everyone loves to get mail. Surprise someone with a random thank you— you will be making their day.

How many winter words can you make using the letter w? So far I have
1. winter
2. snow
3. swan
During my visit earlier this month I spent time interviewing students to find out what they like about the afterschool program. Students are overwhelmingly excited about snacks, crafts, physical activities, and spending time with their friends. During my visit I saw students attentively involved with a wide variety of learning activities presented by enthusiastic tutors.

Notes from our tutors

I enjoy so very much, the student connections I have made through our program. The program connects me more to the school community outside of my classroom.~Ms. Lynda

This month both Kindergarten and first grade students learned about the Iditarod. We read a story about Balto. Students colored a picture depicting dogs pulling sleds in a race and were given the opportunity to write a sentence describing the event taking place in their picture. ~Ms. B
Family Fun Challenge

Although the winter has been a bit odd take a moment or two to enjoy the sunshine and what little snow you can find.

Cold Molds
Loan the kids your Bundt cake pans, cupcake tins, cookie cutters and any other fun shaped molds from your kitchen. Use them to pack the snow in and turn over to make cool snow castles.

Target Practice
Use sidewalk chalk to draw a target on an outside wall. Fill a bucket with snowballs and toss to score. Just like an archery target, draw the concentric circles in different colors to denote various point values. Play until the snow erases the target!

Soccer Skills
Ask your child to teach you how to kick with the banana part of your foot.

Living Room Dog Sledding
Build a pretend dog sled out of chairs, pillows, cardboard boxes or anything around your house. Then climb into your dog sled and go on a grand adventure.

“This is the best day I have ever had!” ~ KP said by a 21st Century student during the Valentine’s Day themed Super Saturday

Up Coming Events

• 60 day attendance any day now!
• Virtual Field Trip with Alaska Zoo March 5-6
• Iditarod starts March 7