



Tansey Times



January 2012

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 No School Christmas Break	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 PTO meeting <u>in the library</u> 5:30 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 Student of the Month Breakfast Nov & Dec 9am	18	19	20	21 UMD Basketball 1:00 pm
22	23 No School Professional Development Day	24	25	26	27 Historical Perspectives Assembly- Abraham Lincoln End of Term 2	28
29	30 Coffee Hr. 9am	31				

News From the Office:



We are pleased to welcome Ms. Arruda to the Tansey Staff. She is a reading interventionist who will work to support struggling readers and to facilitate literature circles for other students. We're happy to have her on board with us!



If your child soils his/her clothing, we will happily loan clean clothing. If your child borrows Tansey clothing, **please** launder and return them to school ASAP, so that another child can use them. We are always accepting donations of new or gently used clothing. We are in particular need of pants.



All children should be coming to school wearing appropriate outdoor wear. Children go outdoors whenever possible for recess and PE. They should have warm coats, hats, and gloves to wear outside. If you are in need of any of these items, please contact Mrs. Farias or Mrs. Homol.

**Congratulations
Mrs. Stręto's 5th Grade Class-
Gold Medalists in the 2011
Tansę Multiplication Olympics!**

All 4th and 5th students had fun participating in the Olympics last month. We are so proud of all of the children who trained in preparation for the games- getting quick and automatic with their facts!



Fit Kids

We hope that many families will join us on Saturday, January 21st as Tansey students perform

God Bless America

(led by Mr. B)

at the UMASS

Dartmouth basketball

game. The women's game (coached by Mr. Ducharme) begins at 1:00pm, and the men's game begins at 3:00. All Tansey students and 1 parent will be admitted free of charge. We will even rehearse in the VIP suite!



Pajama Day



Mrs. Considine and Jamil were cozy in their jammies.

Sara and Mrs. Homol had matching sleep masks.



TECHNOLOGY CORNER

We are thrilled to announce that with the new year, we have some exciting technology news. We will be purchasing 2 mobile labs, each with 30 laptops. This will allow students to complete online research, create presentations, and build upon work they are doing during their technology block, right in their own classrooms! Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Tansey students and families, the Fall River Public Schools! We are also hope to receive a \$5000 grant from the Greater Fall River Development Corporation. Our teachers and students look forward to enhance the curriculum.



Characters of the Month December 2011

*In the month of December, we spoke to students about **self-control**. In January, we will focus on **alertness and action**. The following students were identified as characters of the month for December.*

Self-Control

KM Gillian Tiburtino KH Jared Martins
1S Gabriella Bernardo 1D Kaden Andrade
2M Morgan Levesque 2F Kayla Melo
3N Jacob Oliveira 3B Joshua DaPonte
4NM Hailee Tavares 4M Kiera Oliveira
5S Monique Santos 5C Zackery Silva
ET Gabriel Pacheco TECH Ryan Beaulieu- DeMatos
Music Kameron DaCosta ART Autumn Williams PE Emily Pacheco
Staff Mr. Tavares



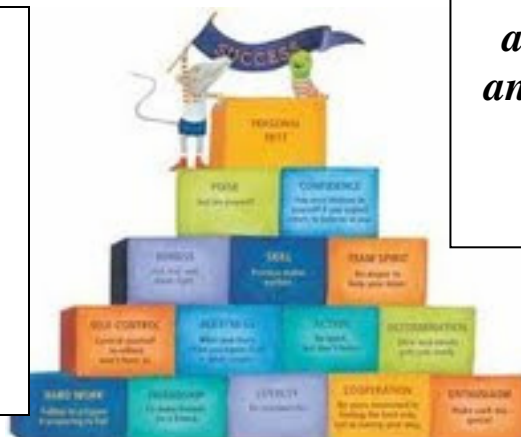
Emily and Chloe Pacheco at the Fall River Children's Holiday Parade

Student of the Month Breakfast

*Tuesday, January 17
at 9:00am for November
and December students of
the month*

“Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best you are capable of being.”

Coach John Wooden
Head Basketball
Coach UCLA





What's Happening in Class?

Kindergarten

Happy New Year K Families! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your loved ones! We will be starting the new year with a new unit in Reading Street. Our big question this unit is, "How does change affect us?" Within the unit the children will be zooming in on how to compare and contrast characters, identify the plot as well as determine the cause and effect within a story. The children will also be working on letter-sound correspondences with the following letters: Nn, Bb, Rr, Dd and Kk. The children will also be responsible for 5 new sight words: *me, with, she, see, look*. Please continue to review all previously learned sight words with your children on a daily basis. As we mentioned before knowing these words automatically will truly help them with their beginning reading skills. In Math, the children will continue work in math stations focusing on numeral identification, forward and backward counting, before and after, as well as building structure to ten. The children will also be working on solving differentiated addition, subtraction and missing addend tasks. In Science, the children will be focusing on The Five Senses. In Social Studies we will be studying Martin Luther King Jr.

Grade 2

Second grade is ringing in the new year with a review in reading. We will review the skills and strategies we have covered over the last five weeks. Then, we will move onto the comprehension skills of identifying author's purpose and drawing conclusions using the strategies of questioning and visualization to help us. Students will be applying these skills in a variety of texts, which include, fantasy and realistic fiction. In our writing unit we will be sharing our published "How To" pieces and will move onto writing essays that compare and contrast two subjects. In math, we will be working on geometry and begin our next CFL (Context for Learning Unit) Trades, Jumps and Stops. In science, we will continue to learn about and explore matter. Mr. B helped put our matter song to a guitar tune, ask your child if they are willing to sing it for you. In social studies, we will continue working on a geography unit. Be on the lookout for our "flat friends" project!! We are excited about all of the fun and exciting learning that will be taking place as we begin 2012!!

Grade 1

With 2012 upon us, the First graders are showing tremendous growth in their reading. Please continue to have your child read to you daily. Practice is the key to success! Your children will be learning what a community is during our reading unit as well as learning how to write friendly letters and brief compositions. Our math focus will continue to be on addition and subtraction facts to twenty and counting forward and backward from any given number to 100. The children will be assessed on these skills this month as Term 2 comes to an end. We will be wrapping up our Science unit on weather soon and we will be learning about Abraham Lincoln in Social Studies!

Have a wonderful and healthy New Year!

Grade 3

Happy New Year to All! During the month of January we will be wrapping up geometry and moving into place value in math. We will be problem solving with the T-Shirt Factory a concept for learning unit. Our reading time will be spent reviewing unit 2 and then moving onto unit 3. Unit three will be filled with expository text, comprehension, phonics, and vocabulary work. During writing we are finishing and sharing our "How-To" reports. Our new genre in writing will be cause and effect essays. We are still blasting through the Solar System in Science. The children will be researching planets in the classroom as well as in the tech lab. Social Studies work continues to be centered around the Native Americans, Pilgrims, and Puritans that made Massachusetts their home. We will be studying their way of life and comparing and contrasting their lifestyles. As you can see, we have a lot of great learning ahead of us! We are excited about all our work as we begin 2012!

Grade 4

Happy New Year! In math we have started working on geometry. We are classifying and quantifying shapes, identifying and drawing right, acute, and obtuse angles. We will identify and draw parallel and perpendicular lines on both two and three-dimensional shapes. We will then move to our unit on fractions, mixed numbers, and decimals. In Mrs. Martin's social studies class, we continue to explore regions - Appalachian Mountains, Southeast/Gulf, Great Lakes, and the Plains. In ELA we will explore patterns in nature. We will also be learning more about generalizations, visualizations, homophones, compound words, and possessives. We have completed our expository compositions and are now thinking about topics for our persuasive essays. In Mr. Marek's science class we are wrapping up the rocks and minerals unit and will soon be learning about weather and climate.

Art

During the month of January we will be working in a variety of areas. Some of our projects will be inspired by the winter season. We will be combining art and math in a number of projects creating number spirals and examples of Pop Art based on optical illusion. A new dimension to the art classes will involve art and technology.

PE

Happy New Year. The students in K-3 will be continuing to work on their fitness unit, while 4th and 5th grade students will be beginning a hockey unit. Mr. Ducharme would like to invite as many families as possible to attend the UMASS Dartmouth basketball game on January 21, 2012 to cheer on the Corsairs!

Music

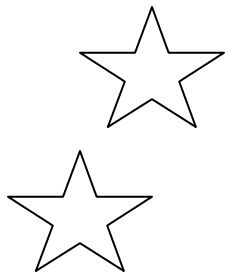
New Year Greetings from Mr. B ☺ We will bring in 2012 by listening to *Winter* from the Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi during Music in the Morning. We will continue to work on *God Bless America* in preparation for our upcoming performances on January 21st at UMASS and

Grade 5

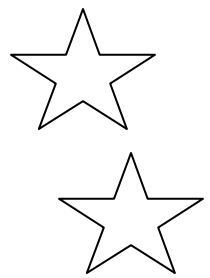
Happy New Year! As we begin the new year, the 5th graders will be completing their Geometry unit in Math. We will move on to working with fractions. In reading we will be looking at a variety of genre focusing around the theme of inventors and artists. In writing we will begin our unit on essay writing to compare and contrast a topic. In Social Studies come along with us as we embark on adventures with many explorers. During our science environment unit, we will be designing investigations to determine an organisms set of preferred environmental conditions. We will be experimenting with darkling beetles and isopods.

Tech

The New Year is bringing many new projects to our Technology classes. Students in Grade 1 will begin logging in to the Tansey Network with their User Names and Passwords for the first time. This is quite an experience for them but I am certain they are up to the challenge. Mr. Hughes and I are excited to be collaborating on a project which will integrate Art and Technology. Our first endeavor will take place early this month with Mrs. Martin's students. We have plans for several other collaborations in the future. Mr. Marek's students and Mrs. Corvelo's students were video taped just before Christmas for a FRPS video on how technology is being used in our schools. The 4th graders were working on a Cyber Hunt in conjunction with their Rocks and Minerals Science unit. A Cyber Hunt involves the students using the Internet to find specific information. The 5th graders created a presentation depicting Winter Holidays Around the World. The presentation will be on our school web site for you to view. Students in Grades 2 & 3 will begin to work in Student Google Apps to create a document and add a graphic to it.



Math Stars



Math Stars Home Hints

Sometimes the hardest part of solving a problem is just getting started. Having some steps to follow may help you.

- 1. Understand the information in the problem and what you are trying to find out.*
- 2. Try a strategy you think might help you solve the problem.*
- 3. Find the solution using that strategy or try another way until you solve the problem.*
- 4. Check back to make certain your answer makes sense.*

Kindergarten: Lylah and Anecia made 3 snowmen. Each snowman had 3 buttons. How many buttons did Lylah and Anecia use in all?

Grade One: Nathan and Joseph made snowflakes for the winter concert. Nathan made 8 snowflakes and Joseph made 5 snowflakes. How many snowflakes did the boys make?

Grade Two: Matthew made 24 snowballs and Christopher made 33 snowballs. How many more snowballs did Christopher make than Matthew?

Grade Three: Jaycee made 45 snowflakes. Elizabeth made some more snowflakes. Together they made 92 snowflakes. How many snowflakes did Elizabeth make?

Grade Four: Ms. Botelho bought 18 bags of snow melt. Each bag weighs 7 pounds. What is the total weight of all 18 bags?

Grade Five: The fifth grade students at the Charter school made 582 paper icicles to hang for the winter concert. Each class made the same amount of icicles. There are 6 fifth grade classes at the Charter school. How many paper icicles did each fifth grade class make?

Be sure to show all of your work and label your answers. Include your name and homeroom on your answer sheet. *Math Stars* questions are due to Ms. Botelho by Friday, January 6, 2012 to be eligible for a prize.

Worksheets to answer Math Stars questions are available from all teachers.

Math Night

Many families attended our Family Math Night in December. Parents learned about the math curriculum, solved word problems, played math games, and reviewed student work. Lots of fun was had by all!



Mrs. Furtado teaches Dillon and Mrs. Corvelo a 2nd grade math game.



Anecia plays *Up and Down the Ladder* with Darias and their mom.



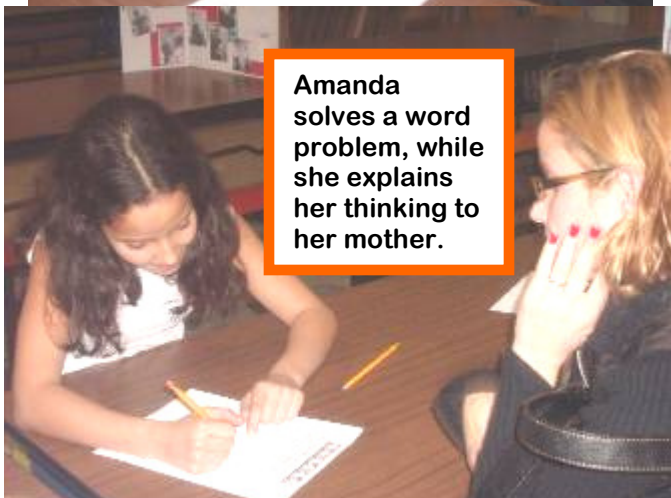
Julia and Annie were so proud of their work!



Catherine and her mom use a ratio table to solve this problem



Dakota and Nick solve a math problem together.



Amanda solves a word problem, while she explains her thinking to her mother.



Madison and her mom put their heads together!