



PIONEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Empowering students to become resilient, hardworking learners

Mark Your Calendar!!!!

October 2nd-5th

Pioneer Elementary Spirit Week

Oct. 5th

Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

Oct. 9th & 10th

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Oct. 11th:

3rd Grade Reiman Simmons House Field Trip

October 12th:

Popcorn Friday

October 18th:

Parson's Picture Day

October 19th:

No School

October 25th:

Pacific Science Center Family Night 5:30pm

October 23rd:

Popcorn Friday

October 26th:

Student of the Month Assembly 1:30

Popcorn Friday

October 31st:

Decorated Pumpkins Due



Building Mathematical Thinkers

Quincy students in Kindergarten through fifth grade are experiencing a new curriculum called Bridges in Mathematics. Adopted last spring, this math program equips teachers to fully implement the Washington State Math Learning Standards in a manner that is rigorous, coherent, engaging, and accessible to all learners. The curriculum focuses on developing students' deep understandings of mathematical concepts, proficiency with key skills, and ability to solve complex and novel problems. Bridges blends direct instruction, structured investigation, and open exploration. It taps into the intelligence and strengths of all students by presenting material that is linguistically, visually, and kinesthetically rich as it is mathematically powerful. Thank you to our Quincy community for supporting our schools so we can bring a high-quality math program to our students which will allow us to fulfill our Quincy Promise: All students graduate from high school and are prepared for the next step in their post-secondary education, career and life.

- Specific questions about math can be directed to your student's teacher.
- Questions about district curriculum, instruction and assessment can be answered by Dr. Amy Torrens-Harry, Quincy's Director of Teaching and Learning. She can be reached at atorrens@qsd.wednet.edu.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

The school nurses are doing vision and hearing screenings on October 9th and 10th. If your child wears glasses, please make sure he/she has them on the days of the screenings.

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Kindergarten News

Kindergarten has been busy working on learning school routines and making new friends. In science we will be learning about living and non living things while growing pumpkin plants and going on a field trip to the pumpkin patch!



First Grade News

First grade is just finishing up with three weeks of reading review and are practicing reading 10 minutes every night. Starting September 24th all first grade students will receive nightly reading homework which will be on blue paper. Our new Bridges in math curriculum has already introduced counting by 2's, 5's and 10's, recognizing numbers and extended number patterns, addition within 20, building numbers within 20 using our number rack boards and story problems, all while building number sense through various math activities. In science we have our plant kits and first graders will have the opportunity to plant seeds and learn about everything a plant needs to grow!

2nd Grade News

2nd grade is working on writing friendly letters and personal narratives. In math we are working on addition and subtraction within 20 and skip counting. We just took our NWEA tests and DIBELS testing. In science we are learning about erosion.



3rd Grade News

In reading third grade is working on comprehension, sequencing and compound words. Phonics skills are being taught along with using context clues to find the meaning of unknown words.

In math, we are working on finding the friendly number that ends in a 5 or 0. There are a lot of workplace games that are helping kids practice their addition and subtraction skills. In number corner we are showing patterns, taking surveys and creating graphs, skip counting and practicing word problems. We have the Reiman Simmons time travelers field trip coming up on October 11th from 9:20-12:20. The kids will learn about their community and what it was like to be some of the first families to settle in the Quincy Valley. The kids have a really fun morning of activities and learning ahead of them!