



*The vision of Meherrin Elementary School is to have students learn, achieve, and soar to succeed as lifelong citizens in an ever changing society.*

# The Eagle's Nest

Winter finally has arrived  
There are colder days ahead  
The temp is in the twenties  
Extra covers on the bed



Not as warm as Christmas  
In some parts of Virginia  
In the mountains snow flakes flurry  
Would like a little here for me

Don't want a snowy blizzard  
So we can't come and go  
Just want to have an inch or two  
So we can make a man of snow





1st Grade

January is here and winter is in the air. The Pre-K and Preschool classes will be learning about our new season and our new year. The students will also be participating in the annual snowball fight(using cotton balls), which is always a lot of fun! They will learn about animals that hibernate and experience what that will look and feel like. We will be continuing to focus on letters of the alphabet as well as numbers and number sense.

Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Lindsey,  
Mrs. Orsborne, Mrs. Watkinson, Mrs. Yeary

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a relaxing winter break. First grade is diving into building our reading vocabularies and using them in conversations. We continue to focus on author's purpose and writing persuasive, informative, and entertaining stories. Students challenge their skip counting and buying skills to create amounts of money using mixed coins. First grade is so excited to show their new skills!

Mrs. Graham, Mrs. VanDyke, Ms. Sweat



## Kindergarten

Happy 2017 families and welcome back to school! We will begin the year in Language Arts with Cause and Effect, Sequence of Events, and Summarizing details in the stories we read. We will also keep working hard on blending letter sounds into words. Learning to tell time to the hour will be our big focus in Math. In Science, we will discuss Seasonal Changes that happen in Winter, properties of water, and Shadows. Mid-Year Pals Testing will begin also!

Mrs. Bunn, Mrs. Priddy, Ms. Freeman

Happy New Year! Second Grade continues to excel in their academics. Brrrr it is cold outside! In Math, Second Grade is continuing to identify, create, and extend a variety of patterns such In- and-Out tables and extended numeric patterns. They also are learning to balance situations by solving problems using equality and number sentences as they learn to balance situations in life. In Social Studies, we are continuing learning about the American Indians and their contributions. During second semester, we will explore Matter in Science (What's the Matter with you)? The students continue practicing fairness, responsibility, citizenship, trustworthiness, caring, and being respectful to build good character.

We also look forward to increasing our reading comprehension and fluency as we continue our reading strategies. Please continue to read with and encourage your child to read so that he/she may reach their reading goals.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a wonderful partnership throughout the rest of the year.

Ms. Brockington, Ms. Dillard, Ms. Blowe, Ms. Sweat





## Fourth Grade News

Welcome back to an exciting start to the new year! Third graders will be learning how to count up to \$5.00 in Math class. Please encourage your child to count dollars and coins around the house or buy a play money set for even more hands-on fun! We will continue to travel in Social Studies as we discuss how the people of Greece, Rome, and West Africa adapted to their environment to meet their needs. Our next upcoming topic will be on explorers.

In Science, we will be moving through different ecosystems. We will be talking about what is included in an ecosystem and what the differences in the ecosystems are. Make sure to review your child's science notebook with them regularly.

Please remind your child to continue to write with "SWAG". We really need to work on always writing neatly!

In Reading, we will continue learning to use reference material such as the dictionary, glossary, index, and table of contents. Please check your child's reading notebook for examples of the types of questions students will have to answer on the upcoming Reading SOL test. Please take time to read with your child each day as we continue to work on reading comprehension and fluency.

Please don't forget to have your child work on math and reading skills on [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com) for additional practice to reinforce topics taught at school. Thanks for your continued support!

Mrs. Brownfield, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Darden, and Ms. Sweat

Happy New Year! The Fourth graders are ready to roll into a new year! In Reading, we will continue working on important skills such as sequencing, main idea, and cause and effect. We will also work on text/graphic features. The mid-year PALS will be administered to assess your child's reading level and to see how much progress they have made this year so far. Please make sure your child is reading nightly so they can take AR tests on books that they have read. Which homeroom will win the AR Popcorn Party? In Writing, the students will continue working on the writing process. They will also continue to work on grammar skills such as irregular verbs, helping verbs, and using possessive nouns correctly. Students will also be taking the Ganske Spelling Assessment to see how they are progressing in their spelling. In Math, students will continue working on division. We will also begin discussing patterns, equalities, and fractions. In Science, we will be discussing electricity and magnetism. In Social Studies, we will finish discussing our Jamestown unit and will begin learning all about the Virginia colony.

Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Winner, Mrs. Wise,  
Mrs. Tyner, Mrs. Austin



Happy New Year!! We are excited about 2017 in fifth grade. A new year brings new learning experiences and new goals for us. In Math, class we will be working on adding and subtracting fractions. In Science, we will learn about the layers of Earth and plate tectonics. Virginia Studies will be focused on life in the Virginia colony, how life was changing for the colonists, and the importance of agriculture. We will continue to fine-tune our reading comprehension skills and begin composing writing samples for the alternative assessment.

Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Sledge, Mrs. Tyner, Mrs. Hunt





# Librarian



Happy New Year!!!

This month students will be wrapping up with achieving their AR goals and percentages. We will also discuss our New Year's resolutions and how we plan to achieve them for the remaining of the school year.

J. Baxter



## What to do:

- \*Both you and your child should pick out something to read.*
- \*Don't be concerned if your child picks materials that are easier than their school reading books. Practice with easy books (and the comics) will improve their fluency.*
- \*If you subscribe to a children's magazine, this is a good time to get it out. There are many good children's magazines, and youngsters often get a special thrill from receiving their own mail.*
- \*Relax and enjoy while you each read your own selections.*

Even if your child is motivated to read, supporting him/her with a variety of ways and options will keep his/her momentum going. A family reading time shows that you like to read. Because you value reading, your children will too.

Mrs. Winningham and Mrs. Hinson

## Farm Fresh 1-2-3-4 For the Community

Meherrin Elementary is participating in the Farm Fresh 1-2-3-4 For the Community program year. Through this program Meherrin Elementary will earn free educational equipment for our school. Over the past 16 years Farm Fresh Food & Pharmacy has donated over \$4.45 Million Dollars of school equipment and supplies to local schools. The key tags that were distributed last year will again track spending during this school year. If you are in need of a new key tag, please let your child's teacher know. We look forward to another great year at Meherrin Elementary and thank everyone for their continued support.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. M. Winningham  
Farm Fresh School Coordinator



## Nurse Notes

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a nice holiday. Let's get 2017 off to a great start by trying to stay well. Continue good hand washing and **please keep your child home if they are not feeling well.**

If your child was given a referral to see the eye doctor this Fall, please have them fill out the back of the referral and send it back in. If you do not have vision insurance please call me. Some eye doctors will take Medicaid. We may be able to help with the cost, if you qualify for vision programs.

Mrs. Cook, School Nurse

