
Harold Martin School

December 8, 2006

Parent Flash

The cold weather comes just in time for the holiday concerts next week. I hope to see you there and join in the festivities. Here are the dates and times once again:

December 11th will be the concert date for **grades 2 and 3**.

December 12th will be the date for the **kindergarten and 1st** grade concert.

The concerts will be held in the HMS multi-purpose room at **1:45** in the afternoon.



Don't forget to sign and return report card envelopes.

Thank you.

And not to dwell on the **cold weather**—please help your student remember to bring **hats and mittens** to school every day. If the temperature is 20 degrees or warmer, and there is no wind chill factor, recess will be outside.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Bill Carozza
Principal



Today at 2 PM everyone at Harold Martin School stopped what they were doing and picked up a book to read. Everywhere you looked in the school, everyone was reading.

This was in response to an invitation from First Lady, Susan Lynch to participate in Scholastic Read for 2007. Last year, more than 1 million students and 24,000 teachers participated in this world wide reading day.

Ask your student what he/she read today. It was a fun experience.





**The
Big
Picture**

Kindergarteners have been looking at **texture**, describing objects as **hard or soft, shiny or dull, and smooth or bumpy**. Students practiced writing their names on textured surfaces and created a picture with multiple texture rubbings. Students also imprinted their own textures onto earth clay.

First graders have also been studying **texture**, distinguishing between ‘**texture see**’ and ‘**texture feel**.’ After reading *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle, students invented their own mixed-up animal from texture rubbings. Students used watercolor pencils to show ‘**texture see**’ in an observational drawing of a squash.

Second graders have been exploring alternative painting techniques as well as working on several fall projects. Students made **transparent** watercolor apple prints as a background for an **opaque** Indian corn dot painting (created with Q-tips and toothbrushes). After making Native American pinch pots from clay, students painted their pinch pot using a feather.

Third graders created a **mixed media collage** of their dream tree house. Using watercolors, students mixed color opposites to create different types of browns for the tree, and then used a variety of **media** to construct their tree houses. Currently students are working on a project inspired by **Gustav Klimt**, an artist who is known for his use of **pattern**, bright **colors**, and gold in his paintings.



The **Silver Palette** is a team award one class earns each month for meeting the expectations in the art room. Congratulations to **Mrs. Kaplan’s first grade class** for earning the October Silver Palette! Great work!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Adult night out! The Hopkinton Recreation Department will be giving parents a night out to shop for Christmas or go on that overdue date. Youth in grades 1-6 are welcome to come to Columbia Hall (14 Maple Street, Contoocook) from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM on Friday December 15th for a pizza party, games, and some classic holiday movies. Cost is \$10 if you pre-register or \$12 at the door (forms available online at www.hopkinton-nh.gov and click on “Recreation”). Space is limited and forms MUST be filled out whether you are pre-registering or registering at the door. For additional information please contact the Recreation Department at 746.2915.



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