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Back From Winter Break!

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COMING UP

January Events:

3rd First day back to school
10th Fire Drill & Mc' Teacher Night
11th Early release, Spirit Day, & Leadership Assembly
12th 2nd Grade Field Trip
15th No School
22nd Spirit Day
25th Leadership Lunch

On January 3rd, we will return from Winter Break

I bet you have counted how many days off we have for winter break. This year there is only 11 ½ days. Did you know that last year we had off 13 ½ days? That was a bit more than this year! We better make our days count!

Winter break is a perfect time for us to practice our 7th Habit-Sharpen the Saw! Taking time to find balance helps us come back ready for more learning. We asked our Lion Leader Press journalist's what they planned to do over break. Many said they are going to spend time with family and cousins. Mrs. Moore was looking forward to sleeping in!

What did you do over winter break? Even though the weather is cold, there are many things we can do during the winter to Sharpen the Saw. Bundle up and play outside, in the snow making snowmen or having snowball fights. Inside we can read a book, do puzzles or games to exercise our brains. Those things are really fun!

We hope you come back to school rested and ready to learn!

(By Malcolm LaCour, Justin Woodland, and Meklit Seme)



Habits at School:

What does thinking Win-Win mean? It is not just being nice. Think Win-Win means that sometimes we have to bargain so that all sides get what they need or want.

Here are some example of thinking Win-Win: Your friend wants to play 4 square but you want to swing you might say we will swing tomorrow and do 4 square to today. Here is another example of thinking Win-Win, you and another student are fighting over a swing so you could say let's take turns, agree on a set time that each person could swing and then switch.

We asked some Line Creekers to tell us what Think Win-Win means to them. Mrs. Fischer said, "to compromise", Jackson said, "to have good sportsmanship", and Hannah said, "to have everyone win". (By: Henry Johnson)



Did You Know?

The beginning of the New Year means many people are setting goals to help them achieve things in the New Year. Here are some of Line Creek staff and students' goals:

- Mrs Hult: Have a work - life balance
- Mrs Short: Get 11,000 steps a day.
- Mrs Carlson: Go to bed on time.
- Mrs Spillman: Save my money for our trip to Europe this summer.
- Mrs Brancato: Say something positive each day.
- Mrs Bracken: Drink more H2O and go to bed earlier.
- Avery Conklin: Be more active every day.
- Liam Moore: Try to practice piano every day.
- Garrett Callahan: Not to eat too much junk food.
- Nathan Shoga: get purple Days.
- Jy'via Anderson: Get stronger.
- Jonathan Hanson: Get better at math

What is your goal this year?!

(Interviews by: Avery Conklin & Liam Moore)

Refugees

There are many refugees in, and coming to, the United States. There are even refugees at our school. Visas allow you to come into another country but can take five to ten years to get. It would be hard waiting to come to a country for ten years! Then after getting your visa it can still take up to two years (or as short as 10 days) to finally come to the United States.

We asked Mrs. Chase (Line Creek's ELL teacher) to help us understand more about refugees. Some people who are refugees came from countries like Iraq and Sudan. Many come to have a better life because of conditions in the country such as war. Mrs. Chase said, "A refugee is someone who is fleeing their country because of war, persecution or natural disaster. Often refugees flee to save their lives or their families' lives. They can travel thousands of miles to get to a refugee camp and they rarely know how long it will be before it is safe to return home. They often have no time to plan the departure or pack appropriately. Family records, professional documents, diplomas, photographs, and other precious items are often left behind. A lot of people live in countries where there is a lot of war, first they have to go to a refugee camp".

According to UN Refugee Agency Kakuma Africa they had 184,550 people living in their refugee camp in 2015. There are a lot of countries that accept refugees, not just the United States. As a matter of fact, 56 percent of the world's 21 million refugees live in just 10 countries - all in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia

We need to make sure we are kind to everyone because we don't know what they've been through. Refugees have gone through a lot and are very brave. We are lucky to have so many people from different parts of the world at Line Creek, refugees or not.

(By: Abby Foster, Lauren Criswell., Kendalyn Jones., & Monica Heuermann)

Why Reading is Important

By 4th Grade Guest Reporter: Eli Robinson

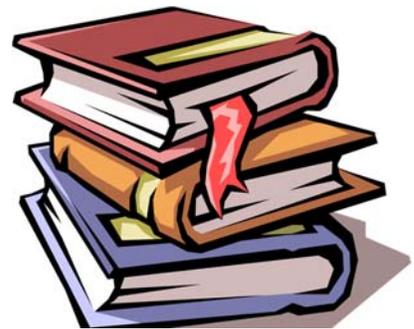
I think reading is important because books can make you smarter, books can help you relax finally books can help your memory.

According to Ms Rigos the librarian at Line Creek she said, "Reading is an excellent way to learn new vocabulary and information. When someone comes across a word they do not know in a book, they often look at the words around it for clues to its meaning. This is called using context clues. The words around the unknown word gives the reader clues to the meaning of the unknown word as well as insight into how it is properly used in a sentence. It goes without saying that you will learn more new information if you read nonfiction books, thus making you more knowledgeable or 'smarter'." Ms Rigos is an expert that is why I interviewed her.

When I want to go to sleep I read a book. Me and my mom both read when we want relax or go to sleep. There are many ways read by a fire, on the floor, in your bed. If you have something on your mind you can read to get it off your mind.

According to www.psychologytoday.com researchers found that becoming engrossed in a novel enhances connectivity in the brain and improves brain function. Interestingly, reading fiction was found to improve the reader's ability to put themselves in another person's shoes and flex the imagination in a way that is similar to the visualization of a muscle memory in sports.

Some people don't read but now you know how it can be beneficial. You should read more!



- A. Why did the dog cross the road?
- B. Why did the mouse go to the joke store?
- C. What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A. To get to the barking lot! B. Because he was cheesy! C. A gummy bear

Make a Magnetic Sand Jar

What you need:

- Open jar
- Pepper
- Paint
- Magnets

paint pepper-let dry
put pepper in jar
hold magnets above
jar
ENJOY!!!



Artwork by: Grant Tullis & Lily Moore

