

Rochester 2-3 Elementary School

Communication, Empathy, Critical Thinking, Adaptability, Leadership

Board of Education Report - January, 2025

Celebrations:

- Since the last time we met, we had an exciting week of celebrations and performances prior to winter break. Students and staff had a wonderful time with our themed days, celebrating and preparing for the holidays, making little gifts to take home to their families, and seeing the high school Madrigals perform. We really could not have done it without the help of our generous PTO and all of the parents that came out during the day to help us. Thank you to everyone that gave up their time to make it a fun and exciting week for the kids, as well as the staff.
- We also had a great first week back to school. Even though it was remote, it seemed that our staff was ready to get back into the swing of things and they did a lot of great work during our Teacher Institute day. When the students came back, it was wonderful to see all of their excited and eager smiles. It's always fun seeing the building come back to life after a break.

What's Been Happening & What We're Doing:

- We are currently completing our Winter benchmark for AIMSWeb plus, and we are eager to see the growth our students have made since the Fall for reading and math.
- As part of our Rockets Read initiative, students were challenged to read 50 books (or 50 chapters) over the winter break and throughout the month of January. There will be a Blizzard Blast to celebrate their accomplishment at the end of the month.
- Upcoming Events:
 - January 17th BINGO Night (sponsored by the RES PTO) on January 17th
 - January 21st and 22nd Ag in the Classroom for our 2nd and 3rd graders
 - January 31st Blizzard Blast
 - February 14th Valentine's Day Parties

What Mr. Krepel is Reading/Listening to/Exploring:

• Failure is Not an Option: 6 Principles That Advance Student Achievement in Highly Effective Schools by Alan Blankstein