

The Carden Chronicle



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From the Director's Desk: Ms. Ghonouie

November and December were busy months here at Carden Conservatory. We were grateful that we were able to still have a small, but moving, Veterans' Day dedication, and are hopeful to have our modified Holiday performance coming up as well. Do you ever notice how well our students behave, how hard they work and how happy they are to help others? I am always impressed with our students' behavior and character. The best part is that they are having fun, not realizing that they are building traits that will one day help them stand out in a group, in a community, in institutes of higher education and in their future careers. I am so proud of all of our students for exemplifying the Carden mission of Educating the Whole Child. Not only do our students show their academic strength on a daily basis, but are continuously demonstrating their sense of community and responsibility. Thank you to all of our amazing Carden families for working with us to instill such important values in the children. As we head deeper into the holidays, I encourage families to continue teaching their children the value of being a good citizen and the joy of helping others. We wish everyone a joyous holiday season and we look forward to what the New Year will bring.

Upcoming EVENTS

December 18 th	Holiday Performance
December 21 st - January 1 st	Winter Break (Carden will be closed)
January 4 th	Classes Resume

HAPPY
birthday

November

- 1 Mr. Wilkinson
- 2 Kirra Conway
- 3 Gavin & Olivia Wills
- 3 Sofia Stewart
- 6 Jeri Ruva-Sepulveda
- 7 Mrs. Hashin
- 9 Ms. Murga & Chloe Nguyen
- 13 Clara Davis
- 14 Xaydon Schock & Grayson Domush
- 19 Jiya Patel
- 23 Sophia Chalk & Alyssa Huynh
- 26 Priscilla Bishop

December

- 9 Isaac Luu
- 14 Hudson Gerber
- 15 Evelyn Lincoln-Parker
- 24 Maya Saade
- 27 Arya Mariano

January

- 2 Logan Kersch
- 3 RJ Tajanlangit
- 5 Ms. Vardeman
- 7 Harvey Levine
- 14 Jessica Ross
- 18 Braeden Smith
- 24 Jessica Ha
- 25 Madelyn Dawson



Preschool

The preschool children had a fun and busy couple of months of learning all about fall, Thanksgiving, and the holidays. They all enjoyed singing in our little program. The junior kindergarten class is almost done with their second language book, "The Runaway Bunny", and learned the play names and sounds for the letters "B" through "R". The children in the preprimary class and the 2/3 year old program are having fun with various art projects and learning some important skills, like following verbal directions and hand-eye coordination through those art projects. Happy Holidays!



Kindergarten: Mrs. Metz

The Kindergarten students have been working hard to increase their reading skills. They have learned blends and the long and short sounds of the vowels. They have read the "I See" book, the first reader for Kindergarten. It is exciting to see the Kindergarten students' progress each school day at the Teaching Table, in acquiring new reading skills and practicing the skills they have already learned. In November, the students learned the meaning of Thanksgiving Day and about the Pilgrims, and the Native Americans that taught them how to live in the New World. The K students had fun making paper plate tambourines filled with pinto beans and decorated with markers and stickers. They had fun using their tambourines while singing songs. For our literature unit, I read "The Little Red Hen" books to the class. The K students compared what was the same and what was different about the Red Hen stories. The books taught us the importance of everyone helping each other. The class enjoyed two fun classroom parties for Halloween and Thanksgiving. My thanks to the K parents for their donations and to Jacque Escolar-Chua (Jaxon's mom) for organizing these events. I wish all our Carden families a wonderful holiday season!



1st Grade: Ms. Vardeman

December is once again upon us, arriving in the spirit of celebration. In a month filled with celebrations around the world, we take the time to give thanks for our many blessings. First grade has been very busy during November and December. Students continue to master their vowel chart and verb conjugations, while taking time to increase vocabulary and number place value. With the celebration of Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, the children are having such fun! Singing songs along the way, displaying their creativity and sharing experiences. All of us in first grade wish you a beautiful holiday season.



2nd Grade: Mrs. Lambert

The students have thoroughly enjoyed learning the songs for the Winter Holiday performance. They have worked hard and cannot wait to show off their beautiful voices. Throughout this month we have learned about gingerbread, conifer trees and holidays around the world. We have also been focused on mastering our multiplication facts 0-4 by singing songs, coloring graphs, and completing timed practice sheets. We have continued to practice and improve our cursive writing and will soon be completing all our work in cursive! In reading, the students have been working diligently to finish our Junior Book and workbook. I wish you all a happy and relaxing holiday season, filled with family and love. See you in the New Year!

3rd Grade: Mr. Henderson

We are already in December and wrapping up an amazing 2020! The students have been mastering their multiplication facts, understanding fact families, number patterns, division, and covering some fourth grade math skills. We have also been studying the different parts of speech in Language Arts. So far we've covered sentence structure, nouns, and verbs. The other parts of speech will be covered in the upcoming months. On a weekly basis we will continue studying new spelling and vocabulary words. Third grade is an amazing journey and we remain excited about the challenges ahead! Happy Holidays!

4th Grade: Ms. Letcher

Time has flown by for us in Fourth Grade! Myself and my turkeys/elves/rein-deers cannot believe we are already in December! During November we focused on thankfulness in preparation for Thanksgiving, with wonderful class discussions and filling out our door with leaves of things we were "Tree-mendously" thankful for. Throughout November we continued to explore the natural world, including ecosystems, animal adaptations, changes in ecosystems, and even made our own snowflakes! In Social Studies we took a virtual field trip to a Chumash village and learned how to count in the Chumash language, which led to our Native Californian Tribal Project, where students are researching their own tribes and get to teach the class about their tribe after the New Year. In December, we have continued to master long division and multiple digit multiplication, as well as finally discovered what were in Mrs. Basil's Mixed-Up Files! We loved Mrs. Basil and can't wait to dive into our next book after our upcoming book report, where we will make our own files on the book. I am so thankful for our class and all of their hard work, determination, and energy during these past two months. Onward to 2021!



Ms. DeLoa

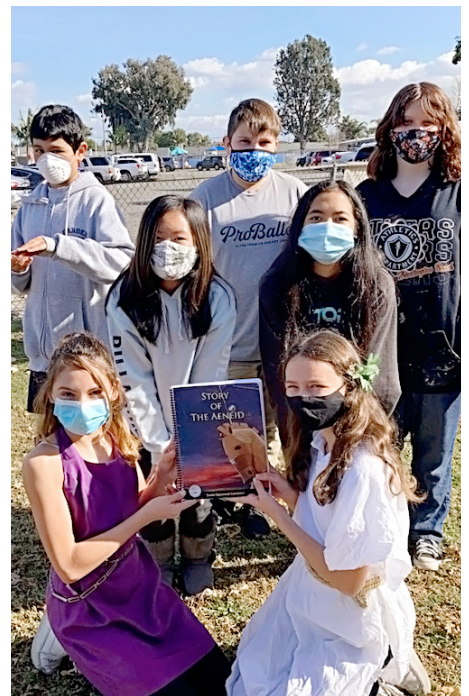
November was a very exciting month for the Jr. High. Not only did everyone have a week off of school to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, but the drama students wrote, directed, and performed their own Thanksgiving plays. I was so impressed by the quality of work they all put into these plays. Every one of my drama students went above and beyond and I was so proud of them. Great job, Jr. High! In December each junior high drama class chose a holiday song to perform. They practiced the lyrics and came up with their own choreography. I've been watching each class rehearse and again each student is doing an amazing job. The performances are on Friday, December 18th, and I am really excited to see the children perform. I hope you all have a great Christmas holiday and enjoy your two weeks off of school. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

Mrs. Hashin

Happy Holidays! This is such a busy, hectic time of year. I hope everyone is taking time to enjoy the season. Eighth grade has moved into the Jacksonian era in history. It's the first time many of them have heard about this man and how he championed the "common man." The class is also learning about the physical geography of the United States. The class is still reading *Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper in literature. The students watched the movie, which had very little to do with the book. The movie gave the students an idea of what the area looked like. One picture takes the place of a couple of paragraphs in the book. Sixth and Seventh grades have moved into an overview of China. Both classes are learning about the dynasties, inventions, and how religion affected its history. Fifth grade is continuing to learn the states and capitals. The class is learning about the different colonies and their cultures. In math, the students are getting into multiplying decimals and powers. Debate is interesting. Students are still learning how to research and differentiate between a fact and an opinion. Have a safe and fun holiday. I'll see everyone in the New Year!

Ms. Rohren

I cannot believe how fast this year is flying by! As we approach this holiday season and a new year, I want to thank you all for being so supportive and kind! This has been a trying year, but we are definitely all helping one another get through it. With the crazy fires and insanely strong winds, PE has been a bit rough to get through. However, every student has been working hard and trying their best. When the weather has been difficult to work with, we have still made sure to get a great workout indoors by playing just dance and doing core workouts, squats, step-ups, and more. In 6th grade science, we have learned about the risk of California's location along the San Andreas Fault, how earthquakes affect volcanic eruptions, and we even took a "field trip" to Hawaii to explore a volcano and went inside of a lava tube! It has definitely been an exciting two months. As for 7th grade Literature, we have now completed *Huckleberry Finn*, will finish *The Aeneid* before break, and will create and watch the two groups' films of 2 scenes within the story. They will also be turning in a short write-up describing the project, how well the group worked together, and the struggles that they faced throughout the project. We have already learned so much in these first four months of school, and I cannot wait to see how much we grow and discover in the next 6 months!



Music: Ms. Murga

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. I would like to thank all of the elementary students for their wonderful performance at our Veterans' Day Assembly. Our heartfelt thanks for all the brave and strong Veterans who attended our Assembly. Thank you for your dedication and service to our country. Time flies by so fast and we are already here in December. Christmas is fast approaching and all of the students are busy preparing for our Winter Program. We are all diligently rehearsing our songs for our Winter Program, as well as an instrumental number from our three talented students. We are looking forward to our Winter Program which will be held on Friday, December 18th at 9:00 a.m. Besides a fun and memorable program, the students continue to explore and expand their knowledge in music theory and learning about some of our great composers, particularly Ludwig van Beethoven, who was celebrating his 250th birthday on Wednesday, December 16th. I will end with two quotes by Beethoven: "Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy." ***"Music is like a dream. One that I cannot hear."*** **WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!!**

Mr. Wilkinson

Happy Holidays to all Carden families. I hope everyone has a very safe holiday and my wish to all families is to be happy and healthy. We have overcome much this year. The 8th grade Algebra class has continued to work hard, overcoming adversity and pushing themselves to be better prepared for high school and beyond. Having strong math skills will not only prepare students for high school math, but also high school physics. I am proud of their progress and their growth. 7th grade students have begun to learn more about Algebra concepts and we will have a strong focus on pre-algebra when we return from break. In science, 7th grade students have learned about the biological and geological evidence for evolution and animal classification. 6th grade math students are gaining a strong math foundation to provide them confidence in learning pre-algebra and algebra in the years to come. 5th grade students have learned about Earth's atmosphere, air and wind currents, ocean temperatures and how all of these factors affect weather.

Spanish: Ms. Garza

Happy Holidays Familia Carden! These last few weeks have passed too fast. It has been especially motivating for me, to work with all the students at home who have shown great disposition and responsibility in class. It has also been impressive how the little ones have improved their vocabulary and can say "Hello", "Good morning", "Good afternoon", and also request to go to the bathroom or go for a drink in Spanish. In addition to the above, we work with the theme of Empathy and junior high groups have created dialogues to greet each other and learn about their favorite hobbies and new ways to describe a person. Adjectives, articles, gender and the verb "To be" (Ser y estar) have been part of our class. Lastly, we will talk about Christmas traditions in Latin America and make a piñata. Thank you very much for all your support and solidarity. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo!

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