

SD 123 Hometown School

HOMETOWN BUZZ

December 4, 2018



How cute are our Hometown 3rd graders!?! They took a break at the PBIS Fall Festival to strike a pose!

TOMORROW is a LATE START ~ 9:30 AM

December's PTA Meeting has been cancelled ~ NO MEETING Thursday, Dec. 6th

The LEADER in ME ~ 7 Habits of Happy Kids

Hometown School's Leadership Team is reading the book, *The Leader in Me*, which describes how schools can improve school culture, home-school connections, and student achievement through the **7 Habits of Highly Effective People** (or in the case of an elementary school, the **7 Habits of Happy Kids!**).

The Seven Habits include:

#1: Be proactive: You are in charge of yourself!

#2: Begin with the end in mind: Have a plan.

#3: Put first things first: Work first, then play.

#4: Think win-win: Everybody can win!

#5: Seek first to understand, then to be understood: Listen before you speak.

#6: Synergize: Working together is better.

#7: Sharpen the saw: Balance is best.

This month, we will begin introducing these habits to our students in conjunction with our PBIS framework. We will focus on one habit each month, for the remainder of the year.

These habits will be incorporated into morning meetings, writing assignments, story problems, literacy, etc. The 7 Habits can be incorporated into home life as well! In fact, children are more likely to exercise the 7 habits when they see their value both at school and at home.

The first habit we will focus on will be **Habit #3: Put First Things First: Work First, Then Play**. We thought this might be a good habit to begin with since December is so hectic, and all of us can relate to having to prioritize things at this time of year! I have attached some resources to the weekly memo email. Please reinforce Habit #3 behaviors such as:

- Staying focused
- Being organized
- Setting priorities / doing the important things first
- Making a schedule / following the schedule

K-2 Holiday Concert

The K-2 Holiday Concert will be held on Tuesday, 12/18 at 1:30 pm. Siblings of K-2 students will be released from class to attend the concert, IF the parent sends a written note to school.

