

## Goldonna Elementary and Jr High

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### From the Principal's Desk:

Parents,

As we all know, we lost our Pre-K class last year due to the lack of student enrollment. To alleviate this problem and receive our Pre-K program back, we only need 10 students, we are asking everyone to contact anyone with a child that is 2 ½ to 4 years old, have them go to Fairview Alpha Elementary for testing, and "state that their child wants to go to Goldonna for Pre-K". This is very important! The testing dates are as follows: January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and May 9<sup>th</sup>

The Christmas program went well this year and was a tremendous success. Rumors are it was the best so far and the parents really enjoyed it and appreciated it along with the community. I would like to give a shout out to Ms. Angie Johnson for leading the program and all the teachers for their hard work in making this program successful

Friendly Reminders Please be sure to check your students' folders in the lower elementary grades weekly for information going on in their classes and please to be sure to send back any papers that need to be signed and returned.

Sincerely,

Fred Dickinson

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### Elementary School News

Kindergarten: In kindergarten during January we will be studying number bonds and composing and decomposing numbers up to 10 for math. In ELA we will be doing a unit on



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### Upcoming Events:

Christmas Break-December 21-January 9th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences-  
January 17th from 3:30-6:30.  
January 18th from 8:00-12:00.

Martin Luther King Holiday-  
January 21st.

### Construction Updates:

At this time all bathrooms in both buildings are up and running. The new chillers for the cafeteria are being installed and the new faculty restroom by the cafeteria is well on its way. The new outdoor playground pavilion is expected to be erected soon, and an elementary playground bid is about to be opened. Restrooms construction in the auditorium and gymnasium are under way and should be finished soon. Our school is coming together. Thanks for your patience during this time.

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Once again THANKS for all that you do to make Goldonna the BEST school in the parish.

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Kings and Queens and another unit on Presidents and American Symbols. Don't forget to study those sight words. ~ Mrs. **Cherry**

**1st Grade** Math - Module 4 builds upon place value within 20, now focusing on the role of place value in the addition and subtraction of numbers to 40. They use a place value chart to organize units. The topic closes with the identification of 1 more, 1 less, 10 more, and 10 less, as students learn to add or subtract like units. In Topic B, students compare quantities and begin using the symbols for greater than (>) and less than (<). Students demonstrate their understanding of place value when they recognize that 18 is less than 21 since 2 tens already have a greater value than 1 ten 8 ones. To support understanding, the first lesson in the topic focuses on identifying the greater or lesser amount.

ELA - Theme and science embedded concepts of light and sound are tied into both works of fiction and non-fiction. Students will continue applying their understanding of cause and effect relationships, differentiating between non-fiction and fiction, and utilizing textual features of literature to predict, comprehend, analyze, and apply their knowledge through journal entries. Continued practice of reading and phonics/word development will occur daily. ~Mrs. Dickinson

**2nd Grade:** Second grade will be starting a new reading program when we get back to school in January!! Fountas & Pinnell reading testing has been completed and all of our students have improved. In math we will continue to work with adding and subtracting large numbers where we decompose tens and hundreds as well as compose tens and hundreds. We have a lot of work to get done in January!! ~Mrs. Walker

**3rd Grade:** Ela-- We will begin the next unit "Louisiana Expansion". We will learn about main ideas, main characters and details of a story. We will be having several writing lessons. Math--We will begin working on finding the area of a figure and how to measure area. Science-- We will begin our unit on weather and climate. Social Studies- We will continue with Louisiana Explorers. We will also begin discussing Cajuns and Creoles and their influences on Louisiana. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ~Mrs. Paul

**4th Grade:** 4th grade is continuing to study Greek mythology, and boy we are having a blast. Math is rocking along as well. Multiplication and Shapes are our things for January. In Science, we are learning about how electricity works and are creating projects showing our new found knowledge. In Social Studies, we are touring the U.S. taking it region by region. Wow, this country is so special! We are planning our end of unit ELA celebration by designing a Camp Half-Blood day that goes along with Percy Jackson. Our January will be busy, but exciting! ~Ms. Smith

**5th Grade:** In math we are adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. We are still reading the novel "The Birchbark House." We hope to start some new projects since the holidays are over! Happy New Year!

**Junior High Math:** 8th grade will continue to work on linear equations. 7th grade will continue to work on percentages. 6th grade will continue to work on dividing fractions. Practice problems are homework only when not completed at school. ~Miss. Tyler

**Junior High ELA:** We begin new novels soon. 6<sup>th</sup>- Bud Not Buddy (Jan. 11) 7<sup>th</sup>- How to Write a Memoir (Jan 28<sup>th</sup>) and 8<sup>th</sup>- Tell-Tale Heart (Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>). Remember to read at least twenty minutes each night. ~Mrs. Norman

**Junior High Science and Social Studies:**

SCIENCE –

6<sup>TH</sup> – Potential Energy & Introduction to Properties of Waves

7<sup>TH</sup> – Thermal Energy Transfer & Energy Transfer and Temperature

8<sup>TH</sup> – Geological History of Earth & Earth's Materials

SOCIAL STUDIES –

6<sup>TH</sup> – Ancient Civilizations & Ancient Greece and Rome

7<sup>TH</sup> – The Revolutionary War & Articles of Confederation

8<sup>TH</sup> –Louisiana Statehood & Battle of New Orleans

For those going to regionals for the Social Studies Fair, please remember to fix anything not correct, redo, etc. on your own time. I can help with any questions you might have.

~Ms. A. Johnson