



Happy New Year!
I hope 2017
brings you
peace, joy, love
and happiness!

This Month in Room 430

January - 2017

Hiawatha Elementary School - 1900 Jolly Rd., Okemos, MI 48864

Did you make a
New Year's
resolution?
Mine is to
exercise more!



Dear Room 430 Families,

How are we already a month into this new year? 2017 is zooming by! Just think... your 4th grader is officially half way through the year! They have certainly been an AWESOME group and have reached many goals. But we are not done yet! There is so much more to do, discuss, and learn! With the new semester, the bar gets higher, the expectations increase, and things get a bit more difficult. But I know your hawk is up for the challenge!

THANK YOU!

I was completely overwhelmed and amazed at the kindness of Room 430 this holiday season. I received so many wonderful and amazing gifts. Some of them were beautiful and others were delicious! I especially want to take a moment to thank all of the Room 430 families who contributed to the more than generous gift cards. I have already begun putting them to use purchasing some much needed items for Room 430 as well as a few much *wanted* items for Mr. C! Truly, thank you all so much!

REPORT CARDS

Report cards were sent home with your hawk today in a small manila envelope. Please keep in mind that report cards are simply one form of feedback that we use to communicate your hawk's progress. I do hope you look at it with your hawk and take time to discuss what areas they were successful in and what areas they can continue working on during the last half of the year. Please note the grading scale descriptions -

- 1 - Experiences difficulty and needs improvement
- 2 - Making progress but experiences difficulty
- 3 - Performs at expected level
- 4 - Exceeds expected level

We will have a chance to talk in more detail about report cards at your hawk's Teacher/Parent/Student conference this spring, but if you have any immediate questions, please feel free to e-mail or stop by Room 430 after school. Please note that as a general rule for 4th grade, 4s in behavior are often reserved for 2nd semester. We hold students to high standards and challenge them to meet those expectations all year long.

Mr. C.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Scholastic Scholars

It's time for another round of Scholastic Scholars Stations! We get to engage with different types of texts in lots of different ways!

Ask Your Hawk: "What station do you like the best? Why?"

PAINTING with words

We have been hard at work writing our own "I Have a Dream" speeches! We are focusing on including strong reasons supported with evidence.

Ask Your Hawk: "Can you show me your draft on google classroom?"

PUZZLING

It's time to show what we know about multiplying multi-digit numbers! Friday (02/03/17) is our Unit 5 SWYK and we are definitely ready!

Ask Your Hawk: "What is 38×104 ? 28×45 ? What method did you use?"



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STUDENT CORNER

What is one part of your report card that you are proud of? Why?

(student signature)

Turn in by Friday, February 3rd

EXPLORERS

Earth Explorers has been exciting! We have been learning all about maps and globes and the advantages and disadvantages of both!

Ask Your Hawk: "What does relative location mean? Give a US example."

FAMILY CORNER

Questions &
Comments

(parent / guardian signature)