



Happy New Year!
I hope 2018
brings you
peace, joy, love
and happiness!

This Month in Room 430

January - 2018

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? 2018 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 received. 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/Family/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.



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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 2

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?"

WORDSMITH

We have been learning and using lots of new vocabulary words. New words help us improve our comprehension and let us express ourselves better!

Ask Your Hawk: "Can you explain who an apprentice is? What do they do?"

PUZZLING

We will be learning lots of different strategies for how to multiply multi-digit numbers! Knowing the basic fast facts can really help during this unit!

Ask Your Hawk: "What is 8 x 7? 9 x 5? 12 x 12? 6 x 3? 7 x 5? 11 x 8? 5 x 6?"

EXPLORERS

Economic Explores was a great quick unit! We learned all about the circular flow model and how money moves through a market economy!

Ask Your Hawk: "What does scarcity mean? What is a Market Economy?"

FAMILY CORNER

Questions &
Comments

_____ (parent / guardian signature)