

DECEMBER 2021

# TINY TROJAN UPDATE

Home of the Tiny Trojan!

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## PRINCIPALS CORNER

*by: Jennifer Berg*

Happy December! Just a reminder Q2 and S1 ends on 12/21.

In order to help our students in grades 3rd-11th with preparations on the ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress), the teachers have been working on writing and math interventions during our WIN (What I Need) period. They also have additional writing tasks within each of their classrooms. The ISASP requires writing in the following areas: narrative, informative/explanatory, and opinion. All students in grades K-11th are given tools needed to promote growth. The elementary interventions include both math, literacy, and writing.

At home, one of the best gifts you can give your child is the love of reading. Reading aloud to your child(ren), having them read with you or even pointing out words in stories, or listening to stories aloud are all beneficial to our youth. Writing can happen in a variety of ways, writing on paper, in sand, in shaving cream, using bath markers to write, and even having your child write notes or letters to friends or loved ones can help encourage the art of writing in your child. Journal writing has become a great tool for all ages. For mathematical skills, baking or cooking with recipes is a great tool to incorporate math into your home environment, finding all the numbers in your house, rote counting or skip counting in the car are fun ways to practice math skills, or counting money or teaching your child about investing their own money are great ways to incorporate math into your home environment.

### Important Dates

December 2nd Elementary Concert at 6:00 p.m.

December 5th SIAC Cookie Decorating at 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

December 9th JHHS Music Concert at 6:00 p.m.

December 22nd-Friday, December 31st Winter Break

January 3rd No School: Professional Development

I hope you have a fabulous December and a terrific winter break. I appreciate all your continued support for our school. Take care, ~Ms. Berg #tpride



Happy  
Holidays

# Salt Dough Ornaments

## Materials

### For the dough

- \*4 Cups all-purpose flour
- \*1 Cup table salt
- \*1 1/2 Cups warm water

### Items used to decorate:(optional)

- \*acrylic paint
- \*glitter glue
- \*paint brushes

## Tools

- \*Parchment paper & plastic wrap
- \*Rolling pin
- \*Cookie cutters
- \*straw
- \*Baking sheet



### To make the dough:

In a large mixing bowl, stir together the flour and the salt. Slowly add the water, stirring until the dough starts to come together.

Knead the dough until smooth, about 5-10 minutes. Cover the dough with plastic wrap and let it rest for 15 minutes.

### To make the ornaments:

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Divide the dough into 4 pieces. Work with one piece at a time. Roll the dough to an even thickness of 1/4". Cut shapes with cookie cutters. Transfer shapes to a parchment lined baking sheet. Use a straw to poke holes in the top of each ornament. Bake for up to 1 hour, until the ornaments look completely dry and feel hard. Cool completely. Decorate with paint and other craft materials. Thread ribbon through the hole and tie into a loop for hanging.



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

by Ase Purdy

## OLIVER THOMAS

OLIVER THOMAS WAS CHOSEN AS SECONDARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR HIS PERFORMANCE IN BAND AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP OUT AROUND THE CLASSROOM. OLIVER TAKES PART IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AS THE COLORING PAGE ARTIST. HE GETS GOOD GRADES AND TRIES HIS BEST IN SCHOOL, BEING A ROLE MODEL FOR MANY. HIS ADVICE FOR PEERS IS TO DRAW CATS EVERYDAY. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, OLIVER.



## BRIGHTON WEAR

BRIGHTON WEAR IS THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECIPIENT FOR NOVEMBER FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN CLASS. HIS ADVICE FOR HIS PEERS IS TO TRY YOUR BEST TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, BRIGHTON.



Canton Hopper (PK); Sofia Berg (K); Hayden McAdams (1st); and Kadence Bartz (2nd)



Quinn Stanley (3rd), Memphis Hastings (4th), Cole Hughes (5th), Karley Moore (6th)



Xavier Jandrisovits getting his award from Ms. Berg.



Carter Thomas getting his award from Ms. Berg.



## Christmas Word Scramble



DERIENRE \_\_\_\_\_  
RRYEM \_\_\_\_\_  
EETR \_\_\_\_\_  
ITGLHS \_\_\_\_\_  
WOSB \_\_\_\_\_  
LLESB \_\_\_\_\_  
AILYMF \_\_\_\_\_  
VLESE \_\_\_\_\_  
NTASA \_\_\_\_\_  
LIESGH \_\_\_\_\_  
NELGIJ \_\_\_\_\_  
KISTCOGN \_\_\_\_\_  
SATCIRHMS \_\_\_\_\_  
TESSEPRN \_\_\_\_\_

### WORD BANK

jingle  
elves  
bows  
family  
Christmas  
reindeer  
tree  
stocking  
bells  
merry  
lights  
Santa  
sleigh  
presents



## Christmas Acrostic Poem

In an acrostic poem you use each letter of a word to create fun phrases. Each letter in the word begins a sentence or phrase that describes the word you started with. Use the word 'Christmas' to inspire a poem about the holiday season.



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## Santa's Office

A mischievous elf wants one of Santa's cookies. Can you find the seven differences between the two pictures of Santa's office?





## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

*by Ase Purdy*

How the Grinch Stole Christmas - Dr. Suess

The Polar Express - Chris Van Allsburg

The Girl Who Saved Christmas - Matt Haig

Legacy - James Kerr

## ***Jokes***

*Where do reindeer go for coffee?  
-Star-bucks!*

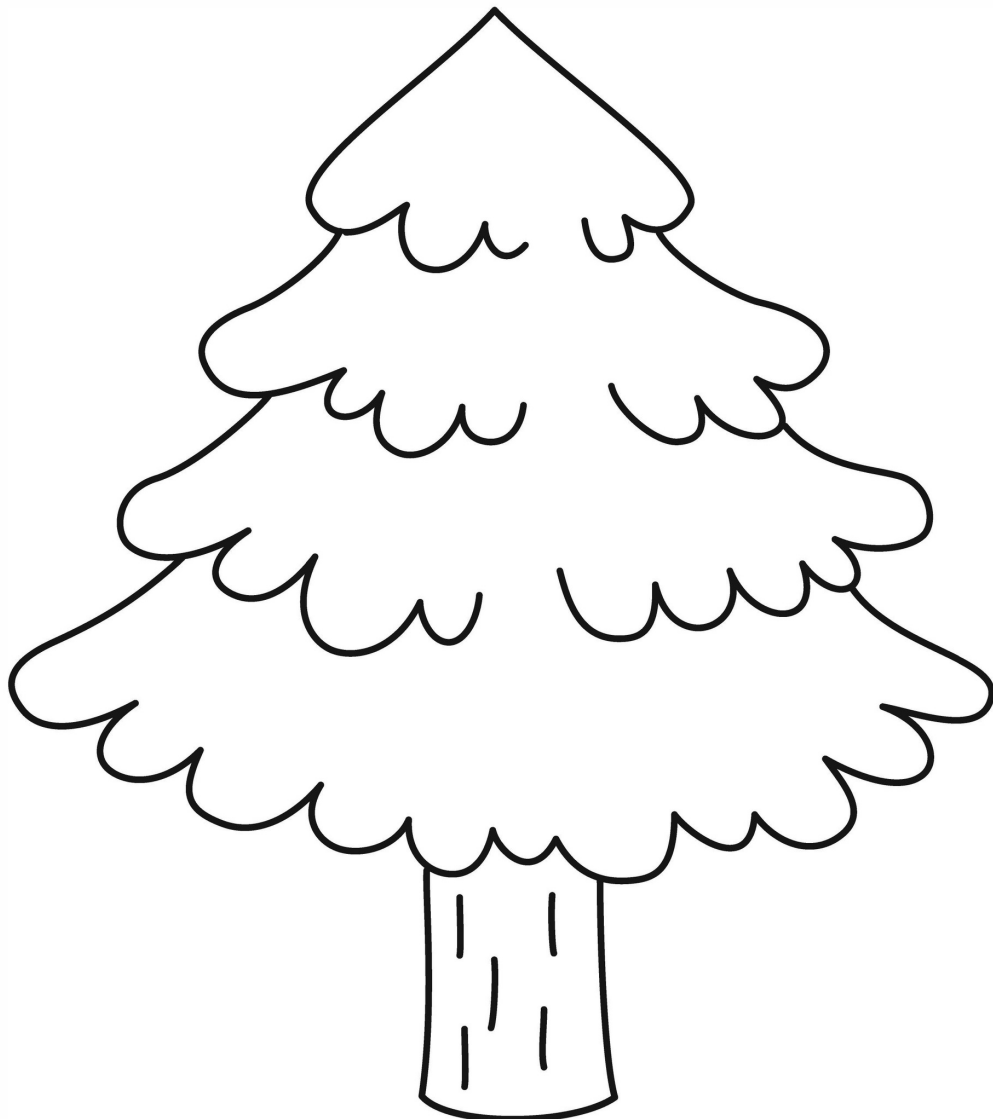
*What kind of music do elves listen to?  
-Wrap!*

*What is Santa's favorite candy?  
-Jolly Ranchers!*

*Knock, knock! Who's there? Mary. Mary  
who? Mary Christmas!*

*What do you get when you mix a  
Christmas tree with an iPad?  
-A pine-apple!*

***Let's Decorate The Christmas Tree!*** ©



**Draw a star, lights, ornaments and some presents!**



