

Quaker Farms School



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Celebrations & Events

- Kindergarten students held their annual holiday sing-a-long for parents and friends on December 18th. Parents and friends were invited to the KDG holiday classroom party following the show. Parents were also invited to attend various classroom parties and festivities in first grade and second grade during the week of December 17th.
- QFS will be celebrating Martin Luther King during the month of January with various classroom lessons and activities.
- Our monthly STAR assembly will be held on Wednesday, January 30 with a focus on diversity, Martin Luther King, and peace. Mrs. Dwyer and Ms. McArdle's classrooms will be showcased.
- Students in grades PreK-2 will participate in the *Jump Rope for Heart* event during their physical education classes beginning January 28th. Students will move from station to station where they will be engaged in a variety of jumping activities. *Jump Rope for Heart* is an event conducted nationwide to educate students about the benefits of aerobic exercise and heart health while raising funds to support the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease and stroke.

Curriculum & Instruction

- Students in grades K-2 will be taking the mid-year assessment of the STAR Assessment in the content areas of Early Literacy and Mathematics beginning the week of January 22. This universal screening tool was administered to all students at the beginning of the school year and will be administered once again at the end of the school year in order to measure student growth over time and provide teachers with data that will assist in both informing and differentiating instruction.
- Our five early intervention tutors continue to service students in grades one and two who require additional reading assistance in the areas of fluency, decoding, comprehension, phonemic awareness, and story writing along with math assistance. Students are seen 3-5 times a week in a small group based on their instructional level. Also, our tutors work with kindergarten students who need assistance with basic phonological and phonemic awareness skills as well as with letter recognition and sounds along with mathematical skills. Our goal is to increase the level of reading and mathematical abilities at an early age in order to meet grade level expectations.

Communication

- Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year will take place April 2 – April 5. Information will be sent out to the community within the next couple of months.

Facilities & Safety

- A scheduled Lock-Down Drill is scheduled for this month.

**On behalf of Quaker Farms School, I would like to
wish everyone a Happy New Year!**