

# Jr. Seahawk Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 19—Jan. 2:  
Winter Holiday Break!**

**January 3, 2006  
Back to school!**

### *Note from the Editor:*

In preparing the November and December issues of the Jr. Seahawk Newsletter, classroom reporters wrote their articles on the Internet at

[www.novemberlearning.com/blogs/mahlness/](http://www.novemberlearning.com/blogs/mahlness/)

Stop by anytime and see what the reporters are up to!

Happy Holidays, everyone!

*Mr. Ahlness*



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**Corey and Elizabeth  
Room 13, Grades 3&4**

We are learning about money in math and we are learning about facts in science.



**Nate and Delynn  
Room 19, Grade 1**

We are re-reading our writing and we do math or science before the bell rings.

We have math games. When it is someone's birthday, we sing happy birthday to them.



Stories, poems, articles, and *great* jokes from student news reporters at Arbor Heights Elementary School in Seattle, WA

Editor: Mr. Ahlness

*News from the classroom.....*

**Chelsea Christopher, & Jaylynn  
Room 15, Grade 2**

Next week we are going to make candy canes and cocoa. Last week some people from room 15 read at Tully's.

What do you call a reindeer wearing earmuffs?  
Anything you want because he can't hear you!

**Emma and Haydon  
Room 18, Grade 2**

In room 18 we are learning to sign "From a Distance". We made torn paper Santa's and wrote persuasive letters to Santa.

What does Frosty take when he is sick?

A chili pill

**Alana and Jennee  
Room 21, Grade 5**

We went to see the Nutcracker. It was at Roosevelt High School. People played the flute, sax, trumpet, clarinet, drums, guitar, and cello.

There were also tap dancers. We are doing fractions in math. And we have Powerful Writers. Jennee is going to her aunt's house on Christmas Eve. Alana is going to her aunt's house on Christmas Day.

What food do you get when you cross Frosty with a polar bear?



A brrr-grrr!

**Kwanzaa Word Search**



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 X Z L U R N I A B O Y O T P Y A R  
 C A I L I E M E K D R T I N K Z U  
 U H M T T A A R H O H G X E P A Q  
 A P A U A B S T O G K I K T J M V  
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 J V E M U H I N D I L I H A W S X  
 I W V I A B M U U K I N A R A D J  
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| BENDERA    | HERITAGE     | PURPOSE |
| BLACK      | IMANI        | RED     |
| CANDLES    | KINARA       | ROOTS   |
| COMMUNITY  | KUJICHAGULIA | SEVEN   |
| CREATIVITY | KUUMBA       | SWAHILI |
| CULTURE    | KWANZAA      | UJAMAA  |
| FAITH      | LIGHT        | UJIMA   |
| FAMILY     | MAZAO        | UMOJA   |
| FLAG       | MKEKA        | UNITY   |
| FRUIT      | MUHINDI      | ZAWADI  |

*More classroom news.....*

**Kindergarten  
Room 3**

On Monday Room 3 baked a huge batch of gingerbread babies. We took them to the kitchen and placed them in the oven. When we came back after PE to get them out they were gone! The gingerbread babies are nowhere to be found. We keep finding clues and letters but have been unsuccessful in capturing them. If you see them let one of the children in Room 3 know.

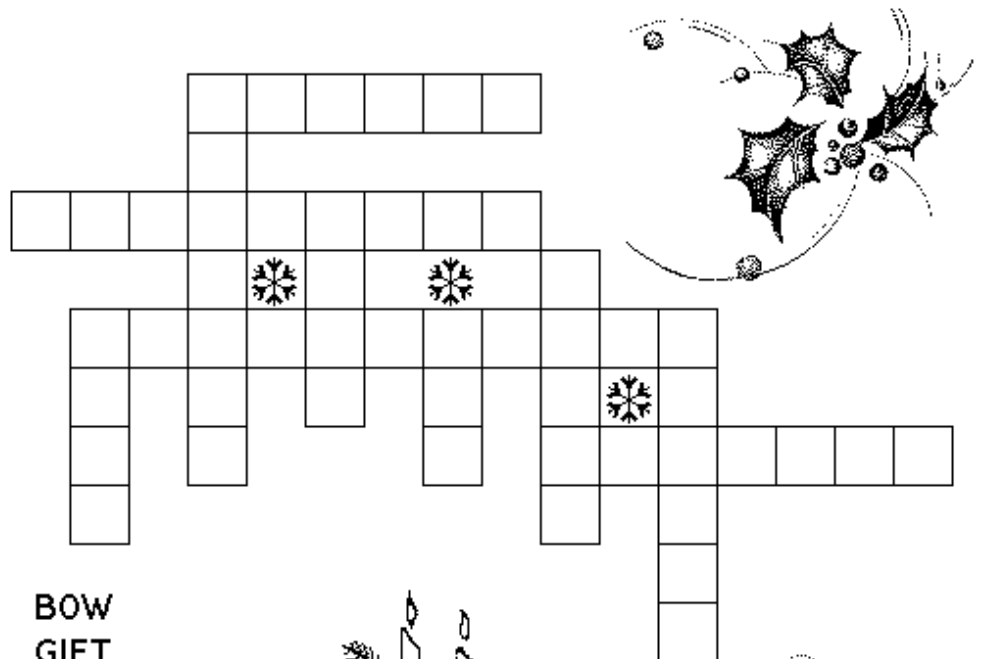


**Sydney and Sahra  
Room 9, grade 3**

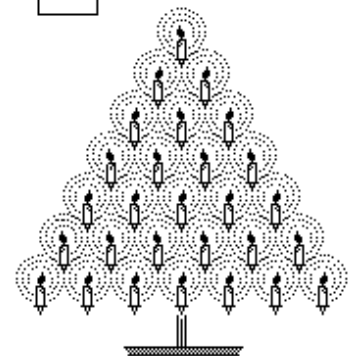
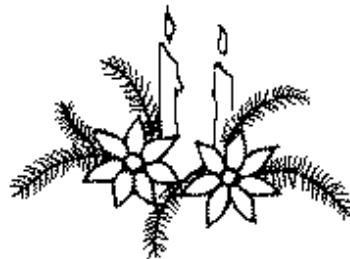
In Math we are doing regrouping, division and times. We are also learning cursive. We think cursive is fun. In reading group we are writing couplets and making poem books. We have made personal narratives and we are working on Powerful Writers almost every single day. We like our days.

**Christmas Crossword**

Make all the words fit into this crossword.  
Each word is only used once.



- BOW
- GIFT
- TREE
- PEACE
- FAMILY
- DINNER
- CANDLES
- FRIENDS
- CHRISTMAS
- GINGERBREAD



*Even more classroom news.....***Kindergarten  
Room 4**

After reading The Ginger Bread Baby by Jan Brett, strange and mysterious things were happening in Room 4. We figured out the Gingerbread Baby was loose in the school and playing tricks on us. With the help of our great parents and Mr. Larsen, we made Gingerbread houses in hopes of catching the mischievous baby. We were all surprised late Thursday afternoon when we walked into the room to see the baby trapped in the frosting, ready to gobble up. The children of Room 4 would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Vacation.

**Danielle and Jose  
Room 12, Grade 3**

In our class we are making snowflakes in art and we are going on a field trip on February 10th, 2006 to go see a ballet. We have been learning how to make change in math. Mr. Ahlness is going on a trip to Iron Springs on the Washington Coast on Winter Break. Mr. Ahlness put up Christmas lights in our classroom. We have been making lists of what we like about December besides presents.

What is an elf's favorite kind of music?

Rap!

