

NEWSLETTER

Bridge Celebration:

This January will mark our 3rd annual "Bridge" Celebration for our 1st graders at Trost. We will be celebrating the hard work that the first graders have been doing so far at Trost to learn another language. This celebration allows us to pause each winter and acknowledge the special effort all our students and families do by choosing to attend the Trost Dual Language Immersion Program. Students at Trost do double the work every day learning both academic skills and the English and Spanish language needed for learning about new ideas.

In our school language policy we have agreements about how we use language and the purpose to make sure both languages are equally valued. Our goal is that students are using the language that the teacher is teaching in both with the adults and their peers. For example in second grade math is one of the subjects taught in Spanish. The teachers use many strategies to teach students math and the Spanish language they need to do the math. The goal is that when students are working with a partner or talking to the teacher they are all speaking in Spanish. This is hard work and everyone has to be especially focused to be successful.

On Friday, January 29th at 9:00am we will hold our school assembly to welcome the first graders across "the bridge" to joining our community as bilingual members. Each grade level will share the joys and hard work of being bilingual and our first graders will walk across the bridge and join the community. We are planning a special celebration for them!

It is a great support for your child for you to continue language learning outside the time they are at school. Here are some ideas:

*Visit the Canby Public Library. They have a bilingual story time on Saturdays and currently there is also a bilingual reading club in the afternoons. Check with bilingual librarian Angelica. She is a great resource. They have many books in both languages to check out too.

*Set up a time to visit the park or have a play date with a friend of your child who speaks the other language. Sometimes there are language barriers for parents but most Trost staff would be willing to help you out if you ask!

*Learn new words or phrases together and practice them at home.

*Visit restaurants or stores where they speak the language your child is learning.

*Participate in cultural events where the new language is spoken.

*Download apps in the new language and learn with your child.

*Use the tumblebooks website to hear or read a book in Spanish or

English: <http://library.canby.k12.or.us/entries/22#elementary>

(Found on the Trost website: go to information---to students---to library resources.)



January 15th
Inservice
No School

January 18th
Martin Luther King Day
No School

January 22nd
T-BBOB Spanish Battle
2:15pm

January 29th
Bridge Assembly
9:00am

Mondays and Wednesdays
Chess Club
3:30pm

Coming soon
PTA movie night
February 11th at 6:00pm

Student Council News:

During the month of January we will be participating in our annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We will be collecting coins and other donations during the next three weeks in each classroom. Please bring coins to put in collection boxes. If you wish to donate online, our web page is here: <http://or.dojiggy.com/ng/index.cfm/13848/regPages/pledge/ceciletrostelementaryschool>

Thank you for helping us reach our goal!