



## Chautauqua Elementary Principal's Newsletter

December 2021 [ESPANOL](#)

# December at Chautauqua

### **Celebrations!**

Here at Chautauqua, we continue to find innovative ways to celebrate safely with your children. This Friday we will continue our traditions with our Annual Sing Along, with Covid protocols in place. We will have 4 separate, 20 minute assemblies in the gym, with 6 foot distance, sitting in classroom groups, doors open to the outside, and masks, of course. We also won't have families attend this year, so we can limit the number of people in the space.



With our safety protocols in place, we have been able to continue of our wonderful programs- Robotics in 5th grade, Sound waves study in 1st grade, Owl study with Nature Center guests in 2nd grade, Guest Speakers in the library (in person, outside and via zoom), Bee focused Action Network in 3rd, Multi-age Themes, Geology in 4th, project playtime in preschool and kindergarten, classroom volunteers and more! Each grade continues with their science units and thematic studies that engage students and we take time for students to play with each other and be outside.

### **Interventions**

We also have targeted interventions going strong in reading and math for students that need additional support, as well as Social-Emotional support groups. We appreciate your

continuing to help your kids at home. Reading with them is the most important thing you can do, and some basic math facts practice (work on those multiplication tables in 3rd and up!).

## Art Around the School!

As I move around the school, I notice the amazing art happening in classrooms, in art, Spanish, and clubs. We value student creativity and team building!



**Nature information from the Vashon Nature Center!** About Owls

[Owls on Vashon](#) [Buhos en Vashon](#)

## Volunteers!

Interested in volunteering?

[Complete paperwork on our website.](#)

We are looking for volunteers to support in our classrooms and also:

- Organize and sort our lost and found bi-weekly
- Shelve books in the library
- Work in the garden!
- Accompany classes to the forest
- Decorate bulletin boards
- Weekly wipe down of lunch seat cushions
- Bake treats for staff on special days
- Forest work parties for blackberry removal

Let us know you'd like to help by filling out [this form](#).

Another way to support: Donations to [PIE](#), [VSF](#).

And remember to pay your ASB fees [online](#) to support school activities and spring field trips.

Have a wonderful Winter Break!



Thank you for your support!

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