



Dates to Remember

- Friday Assemblies
- Invention Convention / Inventing Club:
Weekly at 2pm
- December 21 - January 1 - No School, Holiday Break

DECEMBER 2020

Dear Families,

I've spent my whole life in **Idaho** and although I'm not one to mourn the deep snow or count the days until spring, I am completely enjoying this longer, dryer fall. The blue skies lure us all outside even at this time of the year.

I hope the kids are getting out for some sunshine when we have it and are finding time to relax and play. Most of you are sharing that the workload at LOA is the appropriate amount or challenging, but doable. We really appreciate the **feedback** I'm gaining monthly from families and hope you will continue to share with me what we can do to keep supporting your children as they tackle online learning this school year. Please give me any further insights from the family perspective [here](#) for December AND the END of 2020! Thank you.

With our first quarter behind us, all of us are now discussing how to keep building bigger and stronger **pride within the students** so they tackle each learning day believing they can learn to and meet their full potential. With Covid concerns still around us, we want to keep hearing the children, their worries and concerns about the world, but also keep making the most of each learning day.

December brings my favorite learning opportunity for students in Grades 1-8--Invention Convention! See all information about this event and hopefully, LOA will have some risk takers who will give these a try! [2020 Lakeland Invention Convention](#)



Some families are going through difficulties and we understand that and continue to be very **flexible** with connection. I have created a tool to help families see the importance of communication when children enter a “**learning slump**”. Please read this [document](#) to learn the procedure I’m using to follow up on students who are struggling to engage or turn in work. Thank you.

Many of our students are engaging with a daily **Kindness Challenge**. See the Challenge [here](#)! And see the results per grade level [here](#). Kindness is one of four major focus areas for us at LOA. We are reminding the kids to practice the skills of gaining more and more respectfulness, responsibility, kindness, and of course, safe choices online and in life. **These are the 4Bs: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be Kind**. Thanks for including these words and modeling these along with us into your conversations about their daily growth.

Our school is also starting a fun way to bring UNITY to our at home learners. Please see the Unity Challenges for all LOA students [here](#). Join in on the fun and see yourself at a future assembly!

I asked the children to look for any kinds of **birds** they could see over Thanksgiving vacation. If you are new to the area, I encourage you to try a family outing near one of our area lakes to see bald eagles. One of my favorite areas are Wolf Lodge and Beauty Bays on CDA Lake. You are sure to **see an eagle** perching, flying, or if lucky enough, swooping in for a fish. They are majestic. There’s a great walk along CDA Lake Drive (at the end of Sherman Avenue in downtown CDA) that takes you along the lake on a paved path.



With two weeks left of school in this crazy year of 2020, I want to **thank** all of you for partnering with us as we have learned together about teaching and learning from home. We realize all families are experiencing different situations during the pandemic. What is helping no matter what you are going through is **communication** by any means that you are most comfortable with.

Please see your **teacher’s email** below and know that this is always an okay way to reach out if you have worries, questions or difficulties with any part of LOA. All teachers are sharing the many ways you can reach them. We are here to help kids make steady progress and discover their strengths and hopes for their future.

Enjoy your December and the soon to be **NEW YEAR!**

With much gratitude and wishes for a safe and happy holiday season,
Patty and all of the LOA Staff



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TECH TIPS

- [Digital Resources for Families](#)
- [Troubleshooting Chromebooks](#)
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READING CONNECTION

Check out the latest editions of Reading Connection.

These newsletters are full of helpful tips for reading success!

- [October Issue](#)
- [November Issue](#)
- [December Issue](#)



Dragon Lore

When we come together for Friday assemblies we have a name for it:
Dragon Meet

Also, what do you call a whole bunch of dragons? **A THUNDER of DRAGONS**...so on Fridays you may hear some hooping and pounding as I ask our **THUNDER** to make some noise!

Voting for a Dragon Mascot name is coming soon!!

Survey Available!

OUR DECEMBER SURVEY IS
AVAILABLE - [CLICK HERE](#) AND LET US
KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING

Lakeland Online Academy

Inventing Club

Join weekly at 2pm

Join Mrs. Spurway weekly for guidance and support in participating in this year Lakeland Invention Convention.
Weekly Google Meet Invites will be sent out by your LOA teachers!



**Identifying a Problem
and Brainstorming
Ideas**

Nov 4

Nov 09

**Researching your
problem and idea**

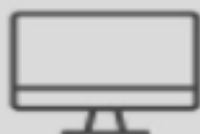


**Designing and
Drafting Blueprints**

Nov 18

Dec 02

**Making sure your
inventors journal
is complete**



**Creating a display
board worth
viewing!**

Dec 07