



Exploration Academy Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

**No Before or After School
Exploration Academy:
Dec 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 or
January 1, 2** - due to no school
for Winter break

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR JANUARY

To register your child for after school for January, please fill the form out at the following web address:



<https://goo.gl/forms/jCLy2eqd2YGCRv1D2>

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

In January, we will be splitting the after school Exploration Academy into different groups with each group having a mixture of students from K-5th. We are looking forward to the change and think the kids will enjoy interacting with students from other grades.

We will begin story time with the Lamoni Public Library staff again, but this time, they will be coming to us at the school! We will also be focusing on literacy.

Twong Wells, our after school motor skills teacher, will be joining us as morning supervisor as well. He will continue to lead group games in the afternoons.

ACTIVITIES WE DID IN DECEMBER

We made play dough animals and tested how sturdy they were with and without a backbone. We got to look at different types of fur from Iowa animals. We learned about turtles. We learned why it's important to have a backbone. Students enjoyed several Christmas crafts and have a new favorite computer game called Kahoot! Students continue to work on Math and Spelling skills with Ms. Natasha in the Homework room.



JOIN US ON REMIND APP

If you haven't already, join our Exploration Academy group in Remind for important announcements, updates and changes. Sign up for our group with the following code on your smart device: Enter this number: 81010 and text: @93c997 or type in the link: <https://www.remind.com/join/93c997>

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STAFF GOODBYES

We said goodbyes to 2 of our Exploration Academy staff members that have worked with us 1st semester. Abby Jones, group leader for K-1st, will be doing student teaching next semester. And Jordan Parra, one of our morning teachers and 2nd grade group leader in the afternoon is also leaving for student teaching. Thank you both so much for the time that you spent working with our students - teaching them and caring about them. Both Jordan and Abby have been valuable team members with helpful and eager attitudes. Good luck with your student teaching and future careers working with children! You will both be great!

