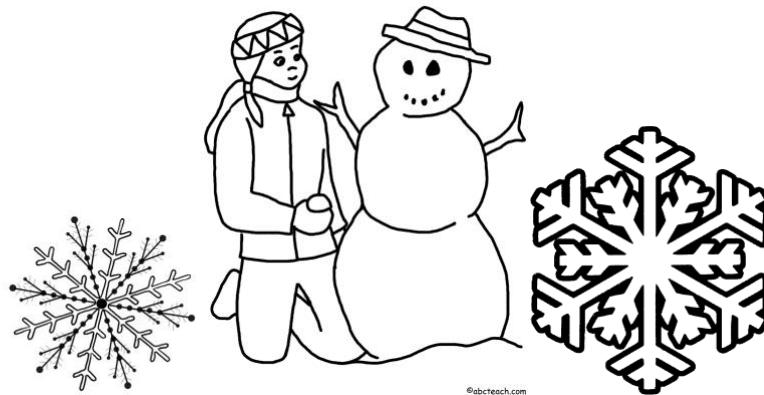


Superintendent's Update November 29, 2021

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**Hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing, cozy Thanksgiving Holiday
and is back to school rested and rejuvenated!**

It was so exciting to see our first snow! Time to gear up for fun in the winter sun!



Classrooms: The last few weeks have been busy with visits to PreK-2 classes at all three schools! I was able to read with the students, play math games, work on art projects, play music and had lots of fun with the parachute in PE! Research tells us that predictable routines and engaging content provide our students with high quality educational experiences, and I am so proud to say that our administrators, staff and teachers are focused on student well-being and academic success. The students are engaged and engaging! I will be visiting grades 3-5 over the next few months.



**Searching for sight words and playing music
with Kindergarten at HES**



AVS Turkey Trot: Tuesday was the first Turkey Trot at AVS! It was a brisk day, and the trail was muddy, but all the students were geared up to run/walk the trail and everyone had a great time! To get the trail ready, the third graders and I walked the trail with Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Stilwell, (photo below) and the 8th graders worked hard to get things set up.



: As always, we appreciate your efforts in keeping the pandemic out of our schools! Aside from an outbreak at AVS and a closure at LCS in October, we have been minimally affected by quarantines and closures, compared to other districts around us. Despite the fact that numbers in the state continue to rise, we have been able to hold school in person with few interruptions. Of course, we would like to keep this trend going! Please keep your children home if you notice COVID symptoms and let your school nurse know if you suspect an exposure.

One final request: Our nurses have taken on an incredible amount of extra work and responsibility due to the pandemic. While we are keenly aware that the pandemic has put pressure on families, please understand that the nurses are doing their very best to do what is best for all the students in their care and follow required protocols and procedures. Our nurses have been subjected to angry words from parents, guardians and in some cases, students! ***Please practice kindness whenever you have a chance to speak to one of the nurses.*** They are all dedicated, kind, thoughtful professionals who are doing their best in a difficult situation. If you do happen to have a complaint or concern, contact your school principal or the superintendent's office.

Warm wishes,

Kate