Our Pen Pals from Jefferson Middle School will be visiting our classrooms on Monday, December 19. We are looking forward to meeting them! We will be enjoying our holiday party on Tuesday, December 20, from 1:30-2:30 pm. We hope you can join us!

Unit B
Just a friendly reminder that students should bring their Home-School Folder to school every day. Please be sure to check your child’s Home-School Folder each night for important notes, homework, etc. Also, help your child clean out unnecessary paperwork in their folder on a regular basis. Thank you!

Unit C
will continue to collect gifts (unwrapped please) for the daycares. We are accepting books and puzzles appropriate for preschoolers on or before Thursday, December 15.

Baby it’s cold outside…
There have been some cold Ridgeway students at recess this week. Please remember to approve the clothing/coat selection for your student. This includes checking for appropriate hats and mittens. Remember, outside recess is 15-25 minutes long.

Unit A - Board Games, Cardstock…white and colors, Construction Paper, Stickers, paperback books for classroom libraries, Puzzles (24 -64 piece), Bubbles, Stamp pads, Paint brushes…varying sizes, masking tape.

Unit B - Indoor recess games (cards, board games or building sets) Amazon, Target, Michael’s and Hobby Lobby Gift Cards, Games to assist in math and language arts, Mechanical pencils with 0.9 lead for B-Buck purchases, Fun art supplies for the art boxes (stencils, stampers, fancy markers, paper, etc.) Mr. Sketch watercolor markers (look at Michael’s and Hobby Lobby), Playground balls, Digital Count Up Timers

Unit C- loves indoor recess games! If you are interested in giving a game as a holiday gift to a Unit C teacher, please consider our wish list: Operation (Cox, Williams), Perfection (Cox), Headbandz (Dempsey, Williams and Cox), Apples to Apples Junior (Cox, Dempsey), Pictionary Junior (Cox, Williams), Dominoes (Cox), Uno (Cox), Battleship (Dempsey), Scattergories (Dempsey), Boggle (Cox, Dempsey), Balderdash (Williams, Dempsey), or Sequence Junior (Dempsey, Cox). Unit C would also appreciate any cardstock, fun pens, and/or stickers. Specifically Mrs. Cox would love star stickers (metallic) or calendar birthday cards.

Thank you!
The Holidays are fast approaching, and many parents are beginning to think about appreciating the amazing teachers and staff here at Ridgeway. Are you curious about a teacher’s favorite candy...staff members’ favorite restaurant... the store where they like to splurge... even supplies that your teacher needs for her/his classroom? Ridgeway’s “Our Favorite Things” sheets can help you out! Each staff member filled out one of these sheets at the beginning of the school year. The sheets are all located together in a binder in the office where you can stop in and take a picture or make a copy of it. You can also find the forms on our Ridgeway PTSA Outreach Facebook group page located here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1826558210897341/files/.

Please contact Kelli Thomas at thomaskla3@gmail.com if you have any questions! We hope this makes your holiday shopping a little easier!

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Principal’s Pen

As winter begins, we need to be prepared for the possibility of snow and icy conditions. Please review the entire Emergency Procedures for Inclement Weather on pages 10-11 in the Elementary Student Handbook for Columbia Public Schools. To paraphrase, depending on hazardous weather and road conditions, Columbia Public Schools will consider the following safety measures: full school day cancellation, altered bus routes, or a two-hour delayed school start.

When a two-hour delayed school start is announced, Ridgeway will begin school at 9:50 a.m. Buses will run as usual with a two-hour delay. Students may not arrive before 9:30 a.m. as there will be no supervision. On delayed start school days, breakfast is not served and there is no morning Adventure Club. Lunch, dismissal, and afternoon Adventure Club continue as usual.

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Specialist’s Corner....

Music classes have listened and moved to the music of Gershwin, Bach, Rossini, and Copland and learned about the lives of the composers. We also identify composers’ music in our Four Corners game. Students have practiced writing rhythms on the smartboard and on paper. They are improving their recognition of specific instruments by listening carefully in the smartboard instrument game. Their knowledge of music in general is increasing through our flashcards and trivial questions. We have also sung and moved with seasonal songs.

Unit C has continued playing the recorder with partners and in groups with effective group leaders. They are also learning the "Crawdad Song" for the fifth grade Extravaganza in January.

Unit B had fun learning to dance the hoedown and reviewed facts about the orchestra in preparation for the recent concert at the Missouri theatre.

Unit A is focusing on the music alphabet with flashcards and a special game.

As the time for choir programs is fast approaching, we look forward to sharing our music with everyone soon.

Celestine Hayes--Music Specialist
Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

December 13 ~ Winter Choir Performance, 6:30
December 15 ~ Drama Club Performance
6:00 Dress Rehearsal, 7:00 Performance
December 20 ~ Unit Parties
January 6 ~ Munch and Read, 2:00-2:40
   Unit A parents are welcome to join in the fun!
January 10 ~ Parent Advisory Committee 6:00, PTSA at 6:30
January 16 ~ MLK Day ~ No School
January 26 ~ Art Fair and Talent Show 5:30-7:00

Ridgeway School Club Information
- Choir ~ Will NOT meet Tuesday, December 13.
  Will resume in February!
- Tuesday ~ Chess Club, Art Room 3:00-4:30
- Wednesday ~ Drama Club 3:00-4:00
- Wednesday ~ Paper Crafting Club, Mrs. Dempsey’s room 2:45-5:00
- Thursday ~ Computer Lab 3:00-4:00
- Thursday ~ Spelling Club 3:00-4:00
- Thursday ~ Math Club 3:00-4:00

Lost and Found
The Lost and Found rack and storage bin is overflowing with really nice coats, hats and lunchboxes! Please take a moment, look over the inventory and claim anything that belongs to your child!
Also, remember to label, label, and label your child’s coats, hats, gloves, backpacks and lunchboxes!
The Lost and Found area is located in the main entry of the school.

Student Council News!
Student Council has selected three Ridgeway Spirit Days before Winter Break.

Friday, December 16 is Pajama Day – Students may wear ‘school appropriate’ pajamas to school. Pajamas should cover shoulders and we don’t want to see any tummies please. Remember that we will still have outdoor recess as weather allows so students should wear regular shoes, no slippers.

Monday, December 19 is Funny Monday – Come to school with a joke or riddle to share. Students may wear mismatched socks, no hats.

Tuesday, December 20 is Candy Cane Day – Dress in red and white. Each student will receive a candy cane.

The Ridgeway Choir performed a wonderful first Holiday program of the season for residents and staff at Oak Towers this Thursday, December 8. Our next Holiday program will be for Ridgeway students and faculty at 10:30 on Tuesday, December 13. Also on Tuesday, December 13 we will sing for Ridgeway families and friends at 6:30 PM in our gym. Choir members should arrive by 6:15 ready to perform. Our final holiday program will be at the Downtown Optimist Club on Monday, December 19 at 12:30 PM. Choir members will eat lunch early that day. Please be sure choir members wear their choir t-shirt to each of these shows.
There will also be a choir pizza party during lunch recess on Thursday, December 15. The Downtown Optimist Club will help provide the pizza.
There will not be a Tuesday morning choir practice again until February.