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Thank you to all who donated to the Baby/Mitten Tree this year. Your generosity is much appreciated and resulted in giving Women's Resource Center 37 packages of diapers, 35 packs of baby wipes, along with monetary donations to buy more. Head Start received 89 hats, 75 gloves, 8 scarves, 2 pairs of socks, 1 pair of leggings, and 48 combined sets of hats/gloves to help keep children warm this season.



Happy New Year and Hope You Had a Merry Christmas!
 Student Council

Congratulations to the following spellers moving on to the SMS Bee on January 10th:

5th grade: Lucian Chan, Shana Frankart, Braden Hanner, Rachel Klein, Adelaine Wilt and alternate: Trystan Duvall;

6th grade: Josh Baker, Brock Beard, Dominic Gonzalez, Brandon Maag, Eva Mallamaci and alternate: Matthew Reuille;

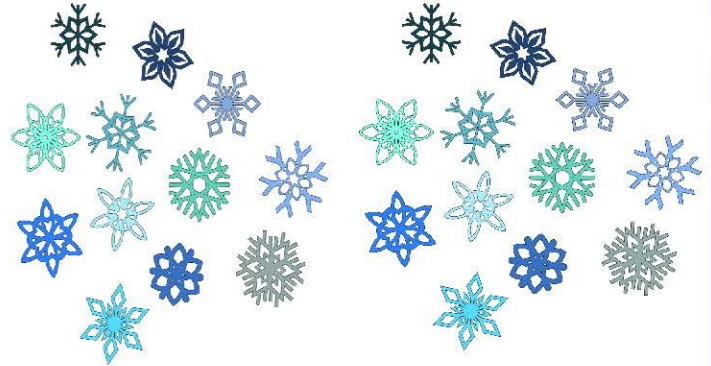
7th grade: Samantha Brzozka, Alexis Budelmeyer, Nora Conrad, Grace Griffith, Eli Schroeder and alternate: Ben Christiansen;

8th grade: Grace Barto, Gianna Kreuz, Zach Mitchell, Bryan Phung, Katie Suermann and alternate: Jon Ricker.



Kindergarteners Learn New Math Skill

Mrs. Lixey's Kindergarteners have been busy learning about symmetry! They have been making snowflakes many different ways to show how they understand symmetry. They made them with marshmallows, coffee filters, bingo dabbers, and shape pattern blocks!! They are pretty proud to have learned a new word in math!



Third Grade Attends the Ballet

The third grade attended *A 1940s Nutcracker* on Friday, December 16th at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts as part of the School Day Performance Series through the ArtsPartnership. Neos Dance Theatre's story takes a twist from the original tale by paying homage to an iconic age of film, fashion, American Christmas traditions, the industrial age, and WWII. The imaginative and authentic production featured original choreography and costumes, video, and sets reflecting our community in the 1940s. The third graders only had time to see parts of the ballet, but it was wonderful and helped them to further get into the Christmas spirit!