



NORTHWOOD PTA
Empowering Our Children to Succeed



Upcoming Events



January 20th

6Pm -8pm



Quotes

An investment in Knowledge pays
the best interest

Benjamin Franklin

Education breeds Confidence

Confidence breeds hope

Hope breeds Peace

Confucius

PTA President's Message

Hello Northwood families,

Good News!!! Three of our Reflections winners have won at the North Valley Council which is at the School District level and now they will be competing against the whole Santa Clara County. Reflections is an art program and I wanted to introduce it to Northwood and I am glad that I did. This is our first year of Reflections and we have gone this far and I am very happy and proud of our Northwood students.

Winners:

1. Arjun Divekar -Kindergarten-Literature
2. Anushka Maurya-Second Grade-Film Production
3. Tryambakam Mangalam-Fifth Grade-Photography.

We had our first Box Tops contest of the year and the winners had Breakfast with the Principal and they are:

Winners

1. Khiana Gardner-4th Grade-466 Box Tops
2. Dhiya Shiva Balaji-3rd Grade-111 Box Tops
3. Ryan Hong -4th Grade-90 Box Tops

Thank you to all the students who have participated in the Box Tops contest.

Thank you to Wai Ping, Kanthi and Kateryna for helping me with the Box Tops and the Breakfast with the Principal.

I would like to thank Alina Kateryna for helping me with the facts of their countries.

Special thanks to Mr. Derrick for helping me with the Spelling Bee words.

Please treasure the PTA Newsletter every month because it has the Spelling words for the Spelling Bee on January 20th.I am including all the words including January and previous months, so that students can learn them during the winter break.

The fun facts about two different Countries every month are for the Quiz on the Multicultural event which will be in February.

Encourage your child to participate in all of these events.

This Newsletter is also available on the School's website
<http://northwood.berryessa.k12.ca.us/PTA/index.html>

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at Afshaq@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays!!!

Thank you for your support,

Afia Laiq

PTA President



Facts

- Ukraine is the official name.
- Ukraine is the one of largest countries in Europe by area at 603,628 km (233,062 sq. mi).
- The capital city is Kiev.
- Ukrainian is the official language of Ukraine. But half of the population speaks in Russian.
- The main National holiday is Independence Day (24 August). On that day, in 1991 Ukraine broke away from the Soviet Union (from the huge Russian empire).
- In February 2014, Russia made a military attempt to subjugate Ukraine again, but met with the heroic resistance of the Ukrainians. War between Ukraine and Russia is still not over.
- About 42 million people live in Ukraine now.
- Petro Poroshenko is the President of Ukraine.

Fun Facts

- Ukraine produces the largest aircraft in the world - An-225 "Mriya". It can carry 250 tons of cargo!
- Popular American Christmas melody “Carol of the Bells” was created in Ukraine (famous Ukrainian composer M. Leontovich.)
- There is a very original holiday called "Old New Year". It is celebrated on the night of 13 on January 14. Nobody works these days.

Famous People

1. Igor Sikorsky (1889 - 1972) - Ukrainian-American pioneer of aviation. In 1939 he designed and flew the first viable helicopter in the world.
2. Mykola Amosov (1913 - 2002) - Doctor of Science, Professor, a Soviet Ukrainian doctor, heart surgeon, known for his inventions of several surgical procedures for treating heart defects.

Ukrainian Words

1. Hello - Pryvit
2. Thank you - Dyakuyu
3. Welcome - Bud'laska
4. Family - Rodyna
5. Good bye - Buvay

*Students need to learn about the Flag of Ukraine by themselves.



Facts

- With an area of 92,043 square miles (238,391 square kilometers), Romania is the largest country in Southeastern Europe. It is roughly the same size as the United Kingdom and slightly smaller than the U.S. state of Oregon.
- The name “Romania” comes from the Latin word “Romanus” which means “citizen of the Roman Empire”.
- The capital city is Bucharest, was also known as Little Paris during the interwar period, because of its elegant architecture.
- In Bucharest, you’ll find the second largest building in the world, the Palace of Parliament.
- According to Top Gear, Romania is home to one of the most beautiful roads in the world: the Transfagarasan.
- Romania was the only communist country in the Warsaw Pact to violently put an end to the country’s communist reign and overthrew the government with force.
- Romania is Europe’s richest country in gold resources.
- National Day: December 1st (Great Union Day).

Fun Facts

- The real Dracula (Vlad Draculea) nicknamed Vlad Tepes (Vlad the Impaler) was a Romanian prince and military leader who fought bravely against the invading Turkish army in the mid 1400's.
- The Merry Cemetery (or the Happy Graveyard) in Maramureş, is one of the world's most unique resting places. It is famous for its over 800 colorful gravestones, decorated with colorful paintings and funny epitaphs about the deceased.
- The earliest Homo sapiens fossils, up to now, were discovered in 2002 in southwestern Romania, in the Cave of Bones. The fossils' age is estimated at 37,800 to 42,000 years old.

Famous People

- Stefan Odobleja (1902 -1978) - The creator of psycho cybernetics and the father of generalized cybernetics.
- Petrache Poenaru (1799-1875) - Invented and patented the fountain pen, which is used around the world today.

Romanian Words

- Hello – Buna
- Thank you – Multumesc
- Welcome – Bine ai venit
- Family – Familie
- Good bye – La revedere

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These word lists are the complete set of words for all the Grades for Spelling Bee on January 20th. Kindergarten- 3rd Grade will be having a written Spelling bee whereas Fourth and Fifth Grade will have to spell it out.

<u>Kindergarten words</u>	<u>First Grade Words</u>	<u>Second Grade words</u>	<u>Third Grade Words</u>
Bake	Spell	Limit	Locker
Hike	Beach	Amount	Caterpillar
Bow	Towel	Grown	Puddle
Here	Tiger	Focus	Secret
Task	Home	Correct	Hoping
Stray	Laugh	Reflect	Scream
Make	Every	Balance	Checked
Late	Pretty	Famous	Element
Page	Think	Branch	Value
Lamp	Quiet	Bright	Thought
Coat	Glass	Random	Wrinkle
Down	Quack	Reward	Valiant
Kick	Patch	Wrinkle	Difcicult
Jump	Frame	Canopy	Postpone
Race	Trace	Beagle	Astronaut
Lump	House	Earth	Discard
Stow	Know	Agree	Luxury
Mask	First	Enemy	Curious
Bone	Back	Wonder	Whisper
Land	Again	Award	Notice
Boat	Before	Stream	Wealthy
Three	Learn	Field	Mention
Lawn	After	Aware	Scholar
Room	Funny	Parade	Afternoon
Deep	Great	Center	Question

Fourth and Fifth Grade Words

<u>Fourth Grade Words</u>	<u>Fifth Grade Words</u>
Peninsula	Conspicuous
Exaggerate	Eloquent
Obedient	Splendor
Obstacle	Segregate
Pedestrian	Sanctuary
Cannon	Technique
Composite	Extravagant
Tropical	Approximate
Absolute	Articulate
Equator	Subscription
Recommend	Etiquette
Scariest	Furlough
Chemistry	Toboggan
Announcer	Miscellaneous
Squander	Impuissance

Students need to learn the meaning of the above words

Fourth & Fifth Grade Words

The following words are with meaning and are for both Fourth and Fifth Grade students. Altogether they are 150 words for both Fourth and Fifth Grade students including the words above.

1. Abhor- hate	2. Abstemious- self denying; refraining from indulging
3. Bigot- narrow-minded, prejudiced person	4. Blithe- free-spirited; carefree
5. Counterfeit -fake; false	6. Crepuscular -active at dawn and dusk
7. Enfranchise- give voting rights	8. Enunciation -clear pronunciation; accent; articulation
9. Hamper- hinder; obstruct	10. Headstrong -stubborn; willful
11. Kindle -to start fire	12. Lackluster- dull; monotonous; bland
13. Noxious- harmful; poisonous; lethal	14. Objective- unbiased; not subjective
15. Placid -calm; peaceful	16. Pliable -flexible; not stubborn
17. Remuneration- payment for work done	18. Rescind- retract; repeal
19. Talisman- lucky charm	20. Temper- to moderate; soften
21. Abrasive - rough; coarse; harsh	22. Abstruse- difficult to understand; obscure
23. Bilk -cheat; defraud	24. Blunderbuss -1. ancient weapon (type of gun); 2. a clumsy person
25. Covert- hidden; undercover	26. Cringe -recoil; flinch; shy away
27. Engender -cause	28. Envenom -to cause bitterness and bad feeling
29. Hangar -storage area (like garage) for a plane	30. Hedonism- self indulgence; pleasure-seeking

31. Knotty -complex; difficult to solve	32. Laconic -using few words; brief; to the point
33. Nuance- something subtle; a fine shade of meaning	34. Oblique -indirect; slanting
35. Plagiarism -taking credit for someone else's writing or ideas	36. Plumage - feathers of a bird
37. Renown- fame	38. Resignation - acceptance of fate
39. Tangent -going off the main subject	40. Tenacious - stubborn; resolute; holding firm to a purpose
41. Abasement- humiliation; degradation	42. Accolade- tribute; honor; praise
43. Billowing -swelling; fluttering; waving	44. Bolster support; prop up
45. Cower -recoil in fear or servility; shrink away from	46. Cryptic puzzling; enigmatic
47. Enhance -improve; make better or clearer	48. Ephemeral short-lived
49. Harangue -noisy, attacking speech	50. Hedonist a pleasure seeker
51. Labyrinth- a maze	52. Lamentation expression of regret or sorrow
53. Nullify- to counter; make unimportant	54. Obliterate destroy; demolish; eradicate
55. Plaintiff -petitioner (in court of law)	56. Plummet fall suddenly and steeply
57. Replete- full	58. Resolution -determination
59. Tangible- can be touched	60. Tentative- not certain
61. Abrogate- cancel; deny; repeal	62. Acquiesce- to agree to; give in to
63. Blasphemy- speech which offends religious sentiments	64. Bombast- arrogant, pompous language
65. Credible- believable	66. Curtail -cut short
67. Enigma -puzzle; mystery	68. Epicure- someone who appreciates good food and drink
69. Harbingers- indicators; bringers of warnings	70. Heed- listen to
71. Labyrinthine- complicated; highly convoluted	72. Lampoon -ridicule; spoof
73. Nuzzle -cuddle; snuggle	74. Oblivious- totally unaware
75. Plaudit -statement giving strong praise	76. Podium- raised platform
77. Reprehensible- shameful; very bad	78. Resonant- echoing
79. Tardy- slow; late; overdue; delayed	80. Tenuous -flimsy; not solid
81. Absolution- forgiveness; pardon; release	82. Abstain- desist; go without; withdraw
83. Blatant- obvious	84. Credulous- gullible; ready to believe anything
85. Creditable- praiseworthy	86. Enshroud- cover
87. Ensconce- establish firmly in a position	88. Haughtiness -arrogance; pride
89. Hasten- hurry; accelerate; rush	90. Lachrymose- tearful; sad
91. Laceration- a cut	92. Obscure- deliberately make something difficult to understand
93. Obdurate- stubborn	94. Plausible- can be believed; reasonable

95. Reprieve- a respite; postponement of a sentence	96. Tawdry- of little value; gaudy
97. Plethora -an excess	98. Repudiate- shun; eschew
99. Tedium -boredom	100. Exasperated -frustrated; annoyed
101. Cacophony -discordant loud noises	102. Epistolary - concerned with letters; through correspondence
103. Pragmatist -practical person; one who is concerned with usefulness	104. Obsequious - servile; submissive
105. Saccharin- falsely sweet	106. Equivocate - speak ambiguously; avoid telling the truth
107. Sacrosanct- very holy; inviolable	108. Obstreperous- noisy and boisterous
109. Traverse- to move across	110. Revere- worship
111. Altruism -putting others first; being self-sacrificing	112. Brusque- blunt; abrupt
113. Exculpate -free someone from blame; pardon; acquit	114. Etymology- the study of word origins
115. Precarious- unstable; risky	116. Hypochondriac-a person obsessed with health; having imaginary illnesses
117. Sagacious -wise	118. Extraneous-irrelevant
119. Trepidation- fear	120. Unequivocal-clear; obvious
121. Exegesis- scholarly explanation or interpretation	122. Extrapolate-extend; predict on the basis of known data
123. Loquacious -talkative	124. Paradigm- 1. example; 2. model; 3. way of looking at things
125. Idiosyncrasy - a personal peculiarity; something unique to an individual	126. Fallacious- false
127. Euphony - pleasant sounds	128. Procrastinate- delay; put off
129. Euphemism- a polite phrase to cover something unpleasant	130. Antagonism- hostility; strong opposition
131. Antediluvian- outdated; prehistoric; very old-fashioned	132. Prodigious- very large
133. Serendipity- fortunate coincidence; unsought discovery	134. Chicanery-trickery
135. Dilettante- person who dabbles in a subject without serious study	