Field Trips:
- Grade 8 will have a visit from Roseland Cottage on January 3.
- Kindergarten will have a visit from Sally Rogers, a performing artist, who will explore the “Science of Sound” on January 23.
- On January 24, there will be a parent information night here at EES for students interested in attending Woodstock Academy. Leila Bowen will be presenting information about courses and schedules.
- Grades 6-8 will be attending Energize CT in New Haven on February 9.
- On February 13, grades 4-8 will be going to Jorgensen Center for Performing Arts at UConn to see TAO Drummers.

Virtual Field Trips:
- Grades K and 4: January 9, Maryland Historical Society, Then and Now
- Grade K: February 23, Toledo Zoo, Arctic Animals
- Grades PK and K, March 28, Durham Museum, All Aboard
- Grades K and 1, April 10, Don Harrington Discovery Center of Amarillo, Science Live! - Unseen Forces: Physics at Work

Eastford Readiness Program:
The Readiness Program currently has 17 students. There are 9 students in the process of registering for next year. The Eastford Readiness Program will be hosting a Winter Wonderland celebration on January 30. This is open to all Eastford children aged birth to 5 years old and their families.

Readiness Council Updates:
The Council will meet again on January 8. They will be sending out their annual Readiness Survey in the next few weeks to all families with children aged birth through 4 to give information about the program and encourage registration.

Principal Goals:
1. Support teachers in developing effective classroom management techniques and assist them in planning for rigorous instruction and active engagement of students.
2. Support staff in developing and communicating school-wide positive behavioral supports to improve students’ social-emotional and academic competencies.
Professional Development:

- On January 27, Charlie Kernan will be attending a training workshop for sixth grade teachers on the use of MathBrainius software. This is a pilot study offered through the Neag School of Education at UConn. Participating districts will receive free, district-wide access to the MathBrainius software and online reporting system for the 2018-19 school year. MathBrainius is a tool to help students develop complex problem solving skills through engaging Socratic dialog and captivating 3D environments.
- I continue to meet with mentor Principal, Michael Larkin, on a monthly basis and will attend a training workshop for new administrators on January 18 on SBAC testing administration.
- In November and December seven staff members received PMT refresher training. In December, four new staff members received initial PMT training and in January three more new staff are scheduled to attend initial PMT training.

BASP:
On January 10 we will be visited by the Licensing Division of the Office of Early Childhood. The purpose of this annual visit is to ensure compliance with the health and safety requirements for license exempt programs.

Special Events:
Due to inclement weather in December, the PTO sponsored NED Show has been rescheduled for January 16, 2018. NED is a cartoon character whose name is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best. The NED Show engages students of all ages by using humor, storytelling, audience participation and yo-yo and magic tricks to motivate and inspire students to become “Champions at school and in life.”

Community:

- Volunteers from the Congregational Church of Eastford offered an afterschool Board Games activity for students in grades 1 and 2. Volunteers also continue to assist with our afterschool homework club on a daily basis.
- The Eastford Food Pantry, Baptist Church and Woodstock Fire Department very generously supported some local families with holiday items, meal packages and gift cards. Receiving families were very appreciative of the community’s generosity.

Fundraisers:

- The PTO sponsored Giving Tree again raised a significant amount of money which will be used to support families in need throughout the year.