

Messages from Mittineague



The One and Only Ivan
All School Read

News from the Class of 2029...



What a wonderful start to our second grade year! We have started Reading Workshop and I have been busy getting new reading levels on all the students. Book bags will go home the end of September or the beginning of October. There will be a reading log and Pizza Hut incentive to go along with it. These second graders are wonderful mathematicians! They have really remembered their facts from first grade. We will be doing Xtramath again this year. I will be sending home papers when that is up and running. Writing is always a challenge and I thank you for working on that writing packet with your child. If you haven't done so, please send in that packet ASAP. Please be sure to check Classtag regularly or download the app so you can get notifications. It is a great way to communicate. Also, please let me know if you have changed your email address so I can update it. canon@wsps.org

Thank you all for coming and participating in our annual Open House! Attendance was fantastic! We had representation from over 90% of our families!!! What a wonderful way to show your child(ren) how important their school is to you!! It takes a village and our Mittineague family is certainly a strong one!



News from the Class of 2028 and 2029...

Second and Third Grade students in Room 2 are off to a fabulous start! Every member of our classroom community is working together to meet and exceed expectations. We have already filled our jewel jar half way, as we've been rewarded for our hard work. We're looking forward to filling the jar for a whole class prize.

In reading, we've been fostering good reading habits. We learned about how readers think about what they read and make connections to their reading. We also started practicing reading and answering questions about reading on the chromebooks. The teachers have been busy doing beginning of the year assessments so we can start our guided reading groups soon. One of our favorite parts of reading is the read aloud, **James and the Giant Peach** by Roald Dahl. We've been using this text as a great way to wind down at the end of each day, and to practice having learning conversations about a text.

In writing we have been learning about writing complete sentences that have a subject and a verb. We also started learning about story structure. We read the story Hansel and Gretel and identified the different parts of a story- exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. This is getting us ready for our unit on personal narratives.

In math, we have been working on learning some of the games that we will play throughout the year to reinforce number sense. Some games are whole group like Count Around, and others are for two-three players like addition Go Fish. We also started trying different routines for our math lessons. Mrs. Lancour joins us every day during math, and second and third graders have been breaking off to start learning their grade-level concepts. Second graders have been learning how to use a story to solve an addition or subtraction problem. Third graders reviewed place value, and learned how to order and compare four digit numbers.

In science, we have been practicing thinking like scientists and engineers. We watched a couple Mystery Doug videos, in which we learned about some extreme weather, and responded in writing to tell what we learned. We also studied the engineering design process as we prepared for our first Friday STEM activity. Overall we have had an awesome start! It's hard to believe it, but we're already 10% through the school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at: berggrun@wsps.org

For your Calendar

September 24
All School Read Kick Off

September 25
MRF Classroom Grade 4

September 28
School Pictures

October 2
Grade 4 to MRF Facility

October 8
No School

October 10
Walk/Bike to School Day



News from the Learning Center:

Welcome back! Thank you to all the families who came through our area at Open House! We had more families than ever down here in our newly-designed space. Mittineague has welcomed Ms. Reid as our new Special Education teacher, taking over for Mrs. Lancour who took over for Mrs. Lyons who retired! Are you confused yet? Ms. Reid joins us from LPVEC and has 14 years of experience in the field. Mrs. Lancour has been taking math classes and trainings to prepare for this new role as well. We are all loving our new roles and have hit the ground running with the kids. Both Ms. Reid and Mrs. Lancour, as well as our Super Paras will be in all classrooms this year as we continue to make our students the best learners they can be! We have so many at-home activities and games that we will be sending home over the course of the year. This is going to be a tremendous year, and we look forward to working with your children every day!!

P.B.I.S. News:

Our school is a PBIS school (Positive Behavior and Intervention Support) and over the past several years, we have been using the four respect rules (Respect ourselves, others, learning and property) to guide our students. We still very much believe in the tenets of those four principles, but the language has grown stale and the wording, difficult for students to connect to. So, our school is now embracing some new and fresh rules! We have also changed our Paw tickets to Super Cash to connect to our Superpowers theme! Look for all these changes when you are in our school!



PTO

The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018, from 5:00-6:00. It was wonderful to see some new faces at our last meeting!

PTO President: Robin Sayward
Co-Vice Presidents: Nancy Bowie, Anne Lacienski
Treasurer: Kim Smith
Secretary: Da' Monique Veighy

Remember...

Don't forget to clip and send in box tops and soda tabs (for Shriner's Hospital)!

Also, please don't forget to register your Stop and Shop card!



Word of the Week accepting (n.)

To be amenable, to be open to things, new ideas, people, differences

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Be a super friend... When you see someone without a smile, give him yours!"
anonymous



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