

# Messages from Mittineague



## News from the Class of 2026 and 2027

It's hard to believe that November is here! The students in room 8 have been busy in reading, writing, math, and science!

In reading, the students have settled into their guided reading groups, and have spent a great deal of time reading, jotting thoughts, responding, and discussing their guided reading book as a group.

In writing, the students have been following the steps in the writing process in order to plan, draft, revise, edit, and publish a personal narrative. To guide their writing, the students have been using exemplars, checklists, and a rubric. Many students chose to write about a special moment or memory from our trip to the Recycling Center or to Horace Moses State Reservation.

In math, the students in fourth grade have been working on relating multiplication & division, identifying and extending patterns, as well as reasoning and problem solving. The students in fifth grade have been working on multiplication and division strategies. As a whole class, we have been working on fluently adding & subtracting within 20 and multiplying & dividing within 144. Please encourage your child to continue to practice his/her math facts each night!

In science, the students have been following the steps in the engineering design process in order to complete S.T.E.A.M. challenges and activities. Most recently, the students asked, planned, imagined, created, & improved a tool that could be used to build a 12 in tower. As we continue to dig into our science topics, we will use this process in order to explore, discover, and understand the world around us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at [kshypula@wsps.org](mailto:kshypula@wsps.org)! THANK YOU for supporting your child's education!

## News From the Class of 2028:

Our classroom has been all aglow with Fall and Halloween spirit. We spent a majority of this week, tying the season to our learning. We enjoyed many read alouds including Diary of a Spider, Aaaarrgghh! Spider!, I'm Trying to Love Spiders, and One Halloween Night. Students wrote from the point of view of a spider and even developed an opinion piece about wanting (or not wanting) a spider as a pet. We also incorporated pumpkins into our math lesson. In small groups, we measured many aspects of small pumpkins. From weight to stem height to circumference, we noted all we could about our pumpkins. Who knew so much learning could happen with one little pumpkin!

This week, we also started using nonfiction texts to learn more about different parts of our whole school read, The One and Only Ivan. Working in small groups, students learned about gorillas, elephants, famous artists, and the history of crayons. Student learning was so evident as we read, Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla. Students connected their independent learning about gorillas with the read aloud text. We also enjoyed a few short videos about the real Ivan. The students were all smiles when the zoo keeper from Zoo Atlanta spoke about the real Ivan. He definitely has a special place in our hearts! The fictitious character, Ivan, was all about taking care of others and we can do our part, too. Look for the service project notice in their take-home folders.

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**Tuesday, November 6th is voting day! Please remember there is NO SCHOOL on that day!!**

For your Calendar

November 6  
No School  
Professional Development

November 7  
Picture Re-Takes

November 8  
Pasta Dinner/Literacy  
Night

November 12  
No School

November 13  
School Banking

November 13  
PTO Meeting  
5:00-6:00 P.M.



## News from the Class of 2030:

First grade is growing each day as we head into the holiday season.

In reading we will begin to focus on Folktales and Fairytales and the elements that make up this genre. The students are continuing to grow as readers by pointing to each word on the page and using different strategies to solve new words. In writing we are writing stories about something that has happened to them. Within these Small Moment Stories we are focusing on having a beginning, middle and ending and adding details.

In math we have spent the month of October learning all about different strategies used to solve addition and subtraction facts through 12. This month we will continue to use those strategies to work on problems through 20. As we learn these strategies we are also applying them to our story problems.

Just a reminder that we do have snack daily. Please be sure it is healthy, they only have one snack time and please no drinks other than water.

We have lots coming up this month including the 50th day of school and our annual Lee Lang Luncheon. Please be on the lookout this week for more information about each of these events. Play practice lines were also sent home on Friday. We enjoyed meeting all of you at conferences. We hope that you are finding ClassTag to be a successful way for us to communicate. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact us through ClassTag or by email at: [gerardi@wsps.org](mailto:gerardi@wsps.org) or [hogan@wsps.org](mailto:hogan@wsps.org).

## Mark your calendars!!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 8th Family Pasta Supper/Literacy Night

50th Day of School: Tuesday, November 13th

Lee Lang Play: Monday, November 19th

Thanksgiving Break:  $\frac{1}{2}$  Day Wednesday, November 21st

No school Thursday November 22nd or Friday 23rd



The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018, from 5:00-6:00. We hope to see you there!

**Please support the PTO Bake Sale for the November 6th Voting Day!! The voters always look forward to the goodies!!**



**Word of the Week**  
**politeness (n)**

Showing, using good manners

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

"Believe in yourself, listen to your gut and believe in yourselves."

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