

Messages from Mittineague



News from Mrs. Bartolucci... Class of 2029

Greetings from Room 7! Lots of learning is happening in third grade. We just recently finished our first chapter book read aloud! The students and I thoroughly enjoyed reading, *Third Grade Angels*. The main character, Suds, learned a lot about himself by the end of the story. Ask your child to tell you all about the big message (aka theme) that the author, Jerry Spinelli, wanted us to learn about ourselves.

In math, we are rolling out our math rotations. The students have really gotten into the swing of our math routine! We are actively learning about mental math strategies and place value. We are accessing the school's Chromebooks on a daily basis and would be great if we had access to our own in the classroom. Please consider making even a small donation to our Donors Choose account

at www.donorschoose.org/Sara.Bartolucci.

Thanks for any support you can provide!

Third graders are also learning all about map language so before you pull out your GPS system, try looking at a map. Have your child locate the map key or legend. See if they can tell you where to find the compass rose and scale. Have your child explain to you how to use the scale to measure distance on a map. Have fun!

Banking has started!! A banking representative will be here on Tuesday mornings!

News from Mrs. Hogan: Class of 2031

We are off to a fantastic start in Room 4! We have been doing many read alouds and having lots of discussions about being a part of a classroom community and being a good friend. The students have been working very hard and I am so proud of them already!

In math our grade one students are diving into strategies for solving addition facts through 10. Our second graders are working on addition and subtraction strategies through 20. Some of these strategies include counting on, making a ten, or using doubles facts to help us solve.

In social studies we are learning about all of the different communities that we belong to. Our second graders will be taking this and learning more about the continents, oceans, and different landforms such as important mountains and rivers around the world. First grade will be learning all about the rights and responsibilities we have as citizens of these different communities.

Last week we began spelling homework. We will also have math a few days a week.

Please be sure to check your child's folder each night for their homework and other important notices that may go out. There will be some important reminders about picture day and snack going out on ClassTag this week. Please check in with our class!

News from P.E.:

Hello Mittineague families. We enjoyed welcoming back returning students and introducing ourselves to our new students for the 2019/2020 school year.

Physical Education got off to a great start this year with some outside activities. The children had fun practicing soccer skills, and playing cooperative games. We look forward to working on fitness, developing new skills, football passing and catching and the new Fall season.

Our P.E. lessons always include, exercise, health and nutrition, games and sports. We also stress teamwork, playing fair, and using kind, encouraging words.

For your Calendar

September 23
All School Read
Kick-off

September 27
School Pictures

October 2
Banking & PTO

October 4
Evacuation Drill

October 14
No School

October 15
Banking





Notes from Mrs. Ari... Welcome Back!!

We are off to a wonderful start in Music this year! 4th and 5th grade classes have been working on composing original songs using body percussion! Clap! Snap! Pat! Stomp! They have worked in groups and individually. It helps them learn to work as a team, play music in unison (together), and follow beats and rhythms.

Both 3rd grade classes are learning recorders using a method called Recorder Karate. Each song they master will earn them a new belt (rubber bands that attached to their recorders). Once they are in gear and have a few songs under their belt, they will be able to take them home to practice. I will remind them to always put them back in their backpack as soon as they are finished practicing (If you can to that would be great!). This way they are always ready to play recorder in music.

1st and 2nd grade classes have been learning to be active listeners. We have explored **Eric Carles I See Song** Book that goes along with a beautiful instrumental. Students have created what they imagine when they hear the beautiful violin playing with and orchestra just like Eric Carle! Bravo!

News from Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Prior:

There has been a lot of exciting things happening in the Learning Center this school year! Ms. Reid is back, but with a new name, Mrs. Joyce, but don't worry, she will answer to either name. We have a new, additional, half-time special education teacher and her name is Mrs. Prior. She comes to us with many years of teaching experience and we are so excited to have here with us this year. Most students will see a combination of both teachers for their services. We have just finished scheduling our groups and are excited to start working with our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to email either Mrs. Joyce (kreid@wsps.org) or Mrs. Prior (aprior@wsps.org).

PTO

The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2019, from 5:00-6:00. We would love to welcome even more new members! Please come if you can!!

PTO President: Robin Sayward
Co-Vice Presidents: Nancy Bowie, Anne Lacienski
Treasurer: Kristy Morrissey
Secretary: Donald Houle

Mittineague School has been re-enrolled in the A+ Rewards program at Stop and Shop! Our school code is: 05059. Please support our school by enrolling.

**Word of the Week
punctuality**

"On time, prompt; acting at the right time"

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before." - Bonnie Blair

