

# Messages from Mittineague



## News from Miss Shypula... Class of 2027 and 2028

Life is sweet in 4/5 grade! The students spent the month of September creating a classroom community through sharing hopes and dreams, creating classroom expectations, and engaging in team building activities and S.T.E.M. challenges! The students and I have quickly discovered the magic of being a part of a combination classroom.

In reading, the students have successfully completed the "First 20 Days" of reading workshop. The students have settled right in to using and navigating the classroom library, choosing "just right" independently reading books, and responding to their reading. As a group, the students constructed their own reading response rubric based upon their own goals and expectations for their writing. The students use this rubric daily to respond to reading and improve their responses. In the coming weeks, the students will begin reading, responding, and discussing texts in guided reading groups.

In writing, the students have been following the steps in the writing process to write small moment stories, or personal narratives! Through prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing, the students are sure to write some amazing personal narratives. Stay on the lookout for these exciting narratives!

In math, the fourth and fifth grade students began the year with a new program: iReady! The students took a diagnostic at the beginning of the school year to determine their grade level performance in each area of math (numbers and operations, algebra and algebraic thinking, measurement and data, and geometry). From this, the students set personal math goals for the month and year. Currently, the students are working on their first unit: place value. The students in fourth grade have been working on place value of whole numbers while the students in fifth grade have been working on place value of whole numbers and decimals.

## News from Mrs. Gerardi: Class of 2031 First Grade Rocks!

Happy Fall! (even though it still feels like summer) It is hard to believe that a month has already passed! We have spent much of the month focusing on rules and routines. Children are learning our four basic rules, respect for learning, respect for ourselves, respect for others and respect for property.

We are working very hard at being good classroom citizens and making good choices. We have been reading many books that have been helping us learn about friendships. Ask your child which book they have liked the best and why. Here are some of the books we have read: *Wordy Birdy*, *The Recess Queen*, *Peanut Butter and Cupcake*, *Rainbow Fish*, *Red*, and *Don't Eat Your Classmates!* We are working on *Shapes*, *Patterns in Nature* and *Good Citizens*. We have started our all school read: *The Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce Mrs. Parent. She is a paraprofessional in our classroom.

It was a pleasure meeting all of you at Open House! If you have not signed up for classtag, please consider it...It is a great way to communicate!

Looking Forward:

**Parent Teacher Conferences will be at the end of October.**

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| For your Calendar | October 2<br>Walk to School Day | October 2<br>PTO | October 4<br>Evacuation Drill | October 8<br>Banking | October 14<br>No School | October 15<br>Banking |
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### Library News:...

Welcome to Mittineague students and our school library! My name is Lisa Fonte, and I look forward to your children coming to see me for library. Students will check out a book/s and keep it for a week until their next week's visit. If you prefer your child to keep their books at school, you may send in a note to your child's teacher with that request. Some parents have a hard time tracking their child's library book at home and prefer to do this. Please encourage your child to enjoy and take care of our library materials and return them for more. When your child brings home his/her book, spend time reading together. If your child can read, listen to him/her read the book and help with the words they may not know. Talk about the illustrations. We want your child to love reading. There are no fines for overdue books, but please encourage your child to return his/her book each week. Sometimes accidents happen. If a library book is lost or damaged while checked out to your child, the book must be replaced. The book can be paid for by check or cash for the original retail price. Once the book is paid for, your child's account will be cleared and he/she may resume library checkout. You can help your child by finding a safe place for library books away from little brothers or sisters and family pets. Happy reading!

### News from Reading/Mrs. LaBonte:

Last week we had our picnic lunch to celebrate our Summers Readers.

**Congratulations to all my readers!**

Luke Bergeron  
Riley Bergeron  
Alex Bowie  
Lochlin Bowie  
Kieran Burke  
Zavier Carter  
Siobhan Cote  
Shaina Cote  
Aidan Hettrick

Elora Beninati  
Erin Devine  
Samantha Grimaldi  
Ada Lacienski  
Dylan Morrissey  
Andrew Savaria  
Lauren Savaria  
Nora Savaria  
Ella Smith

### 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

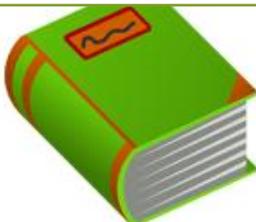
**Mittineague School has been re-enrolled in the A+ Rewards program at Stop and Shop! Our school code is: 05059. Please support our school by enrolling.**

### Word of the Week kindness

"Being Friendly,  
considerate, helping others"

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Kindness starts with one..."



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