

Messages from Mittineague



News from Mrs. Paier... Class of 2029

Welcome to third grade! We are off to a great start to the school year! I am so excited to work with each and every one of you. I hope you all enjoyed open house. It was wonderful to see so many families attend. Look over all of the papers you have received that night and let me know if you have any questions.

Things to remember: snacks need to be healthy and peanut free! Join and check Classtag daily and empty and check communication folders daily (even on Friday).

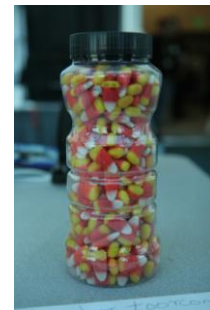
We have started math homework and the first week was very productive! Your child will have math homework every night Monday-Thursday. I am hopeful that it is a stress free situation for you at home. I am here to work with you and your child. Please don't hesitate to email or Classtag me at any point in time if you have any questions or concerns.

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This is just a reminder that Mittineague School will practice the evacuation drill procedures this Friday, October 11th. (weather permitting)
The students will be away from the school for a very limited amount of time. As always, we are asking the WSPD if they will provide traffic coverage for us during this time.

Math News from Mrs. Lancour:

We will be rolling out our monthly Estimation problems this month! We had such a great response at Open House with all of the estimation jars that we decided to include it in our math area regularly. Students will take a guess on how many items are included in the jar. Each day I will reveal one clue that may help students fine tune their answers. By Friday, the last clue will be revealed and the answer will be given. You can do simple activities like this at home too - see if they can estimate how many pieces of ziti are in the box, or how many they'll eat in their bowl. How many Cheerios are in the bag? Maybe they can even estimate how many lego pieces are in the box (or scattered over the carpet!!!).

In class we're working on building computation skills and getting a solid foundation on number sense. So much of what we do in math is based around making sense of our number system, being able to work with numbers, understand place value, and round numbers to help with mental math, which is why we're pushing estimation so much. If we estimate the answer to a problem first, then when we get our actual answer, we can see if it even makes sense! Let's see if these estimation jars can help build some of that foundational number sense!!!



For your
Calendar

October 8
Banking

October 11
Evacuation Drill

October 14
No School

October 15
Banking

October 22
Banking

October 24
Mobile Dentist



News from the Counselor:...

"Operation Santa" Application Now Available

Applications are currently being accepted for the "Operation Santa" program sponsored by the West Springfield Park & Recreation Department. This program distributes food baskets, toys, or gift certificates to families in need in West Springfield. The toys and gifts are available to children ages 15 and younger in families where the holiday season might be less joyful without this assistance. Townspeople, along with businesses and community groups, are among those who contribute to this program. Applications with income guidelines are available for pick up at the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club, West Springfield Senior Center, Principal's Office of all West Springfield Public Schools, St. Thomas School, the Municipal Office Building Reception Area, and the Park & Recreation Department Office.

This year, the food baskets and gifts will be delivered on Saturday, December 14th, using the services of Townspeople and High School Students. Deadline to submit an application is November 8, 2019.

Those people to whom gifts will be distributed must have a responsible adult home at the address written on the application on Saturday morning, December 14th, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested in submitting or completing an application to the "Operation Santa" program, please reach out to me and I will be glad to help in any way I can. Applications are available here at Mittineague Elementary School.

Thanks,
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School Adjustment Counselor
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PTO

The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 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

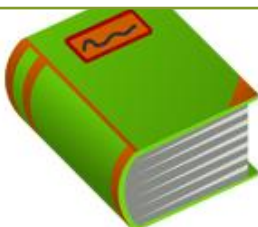
Mittineague School has been re-enrolled in the A+ Rewards program at Stop and Shop! Our school code is: 05059. Please support our school by enrolling.

Word of the Week helpful

"Giving or ready to give help; useful"

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Kindness starts with one..."



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