

Messages from Mittineague



News from Mrs. Penna... Class of 2028

Room 6 has been busy! Many students have already completed two chapter books so far this year we have been working on reading and responding to what we read every day. We are continuing to read Wonder and we are finishing a whole school read called, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. My goal is to expose the children to as many books as possible this year to help foster a true love of reading.

In math, we are finishing up our first unit on place value. Your child has learned many ways to represent numbers, understands the importance of place value when rounding, adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers. Some students are still struggling with fluency of 1 digit numbers when adding and subtracting. I will be contacting you with your child's most recent fast facts score and if it is problematic at this time I am going to ask that you do daily flashcard practice with your child at home as well.

In social studies, we are working on our unit on North America. We have finished researching Canada and we are now moving to Mexico. Throughout the unit we talked about the ways that the countries to our north and south are like the United States and ways that they are different. Your child will be taking their first social studies test next week. Part of their homework will be to study, possibly for the first time. They will have their notebooks or I will provide them with notes if note-taking has been difficult. I ask for your help in going over the notes with your child so that they are prepared for the test. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out through email or through Classtag.

Thank you to those parents who have been continuing to make sure that your child arrives to school at 8:15. Reminder, if your child needs breakfast, please have them to school for 8:05 so that they can have breakfast and come up to the classroom at 8:15.

Some students have started to use our online math program called I -ready to do math homework each day. If you would like your child to also use this online program at home, please contact me at Penna@wsps.org. I will be happy to give you login information.

News from Mrs. Canon:

Fall is in full swing! The children are in a nice routine. They know the school and classroom rules. We were in charge of cleaning the cafeteria in September and our October job is to water the plants. The children did a great job in September and are enjoying their responsibility of watering. Reading groups are starting this week! Children are excited to get new books and share their ideas with their classmates. Be sure that your child is reading every night and that they fill in ONE book each night on their log. I already have 3 children who have earned their Pizza Hut coupons. All children should be done their first log by the end of this week. Math has been exciting this year. We are doing a new program called iReady. It is a combination of paper, whiteboard, games and computer activities. I may be sending some math homework home also. I will keep you posted. Right now all second graders should be able to add and subtract within 10 without using any manipulative, including fingers. Please practice facts at home-use XtraMath or flash card, whatever works. STEM night is Thursday, October 24th. Please plan on joining us for this fun night. Reminder: PE Tuesday and Thursday-children need sneakers, also Library on Friday. Have a wonderful October!

Please remind your children to wear coats/appropriate outerwear as the temperatures in the morning have been quite cold. Please mark all coates, hoodies, etc with a name so we can be sure that these items come back home to you each day! Thank you!

For your Calendar	October 15 Banking	October 16 Grade 5 to Camp Wilder	October 15 Banking	October 22 Banking	October 24 Mobile Dentist	October 24 Family Stem Night
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News from the Nurse:...

Reminder for Health Screenings: The following state mandated screenings are completed throughout the school year:

Hearing: annually through grade 3

Vision: annually through grade 5

BMI: grades 1 and 4

Postural: grades 5

Referrals will be sent home for any screening found to be in need of further evaluation.

Please send documentation of any screenings already completed this school year to the school nurse, so that your child's medical record can be updated. If you do not want your child to participate in a screening, please notify the school nurse in writing.

Mobile Dentist: The Mobile Dentist will be coming to school on October 24, 2019. Permission forms have already been sent home. If you would like your child to participate, please return the permission form as soon as possible. If you need a form, please contact the nurse's office at 263-3373.

News from Art:

Hello, I hope everyone is enjoying the last of the temperate weather before the first frost. We have begun the month of October with a set of projects that all revolve around the important role that shape plays in art. First graders are just finishing their colorful fish projects in the vein of the great expressionist, Paul Klee. Next, they will be working with paper cutouts inspired by the late work of Henri Matisse. In his final years he found himself unable to paint due to physical ailments and instead started to use scissors and paper to explore the interplay of color and shape. These works turned out to be some of his most striking creations.

Fourth graders will be working with shape, color, and the precepts of graphic design through works inspired by the amazing animal prints of Charley Harper. The students will pick an animal of their choosing and distill it down to its essential characteristics, design and paint them in a color scheme of their choice. If you are unaware of Charley Harper please check out his work at www.charleyharperartstudio.com.

Third graders have been working with oil pastels on blue paper to create pictures of the night sky. They have included the northern lights, comets, and the myriad stars of the Milky Way to create some absolutely beautiful work. This is a great introduction to their upcoming exoplanet project.

In the local art scene, the Paradise City Arts Festival will run from Oct.12-14 in Northampton and MassMOCA in North Adams will feature the dynamic kinetic sculpture of Sarah Oppenheimer with an opening on Oct. 26.

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 school pride

"Showing happiness or satisfaction in your school's achievements or status"

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up."

Bernard Meltzer



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