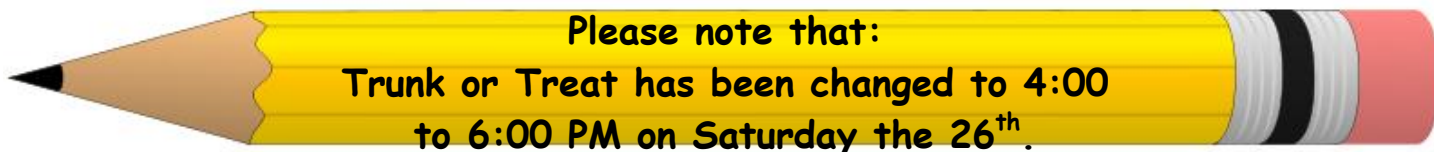


# Messages from Mittineague



## News from Mrs. Hogan... Class of 2031

I am so proud of how hard our class has been working for these first six weeks of school. They have all gotten our classroom rules and routines down and are diving into lots of new learning.

Our Reader's and Writer's Workshops are well underway. The students have been doing a great job working independently and in small groups to expand on their reading, writing, spelling, and vocabulary. Our writing focus has been personal narratives where the students write short stories about events that have happened in their own lives. In the coming weeks we will transition to creating realistic fiction stories using the story elements of character, setting, problem and solution.

In math our grade one students have been working on adding and subtracting numbers within ten. They have worked on adding in any order and also finding missing addends. Next week we will focus on knowing the different ways to make ten. Our grade two students have spent the past two weeks working on picture and bar graphs. They have read graphs and created some of their own by collecting data. Next, we will be focusing on strategies to solve multi-step word problems.

In science our first graders are learning about the changes that happen as we go from one season to the next. Some important things to practice at home are, days of the week, months of the year, and the four seasons. Our second graders have begun their unit on landforms. We have started by identifying different landforms and now will learn more about how they are formed over time through the processes of weathering and erosion.

Please continue to check your child's folder each night for their homework and other important notices that may go out. Conferences have been added to ClassTag. If you have not signed up yet but wish to meet please check if there is an available time that works for you. If there is not please send me an email or message so that we can arrange another time.

## News from Mrs. Paier: Class of 2029

We are off to a wonderful start in room 2! Lots of learning is happening in third grade. We just recently finished our all school read aloud! We all enjoyed reading, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. The main character Peter did a lot to help his little brother Fudge.

In math we have finished our first unit on mental math and place value. We are currently adding and subtracting three digit numbers. We have been using the Chromebooks on a daily basis to practice our math skills on Xtramath and iReady.

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 writing some amazing personal narratives!

Reminder, If your child needs breakfast, please drop them off at school for 8:05 so that they can have breakfast and come up to the classroom at 8:15 when the bell rings. Some students have started to use Xtramath to do math homework each night. If you would like your child to use this online program at home, please contact me at [apaier@wsps.org](mailto:apaier@wsps.org) and I will be happy to give you the login information.

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***Please do what you can to complete the online registration for your child(ren). Instructions for this process, the Returning Student Online Verification Form through the PowerSchool ParentPortal can be found on the WSPS website.***

***This information needs to be entered for all students. Thank you.***

For your Calendar	October 22 Banking	October 24 Mobile Dentist	October 24 Family Stem Night	October 25 Gr. 5 to Bear Hole	October 26 Trunk or Treat	October 29 Banking
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### News from Mrs. Joyce:...

"We can teach our children to flap their wings, but conditions have to be just right for them to fly." *Annie Campbell*

The students who work with Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Prior have been learning to fly with their math, reading, and writing. We have been reinforcing the concepts that the students have been learning in the Ready Math program. Mrs. Joyce has started to use the Lively Letters sight word reading program with students in grades 1-3 and they really seem to enjoy this new program. Mrs. Prior has been working on fact fluency with her groups and making the learning fun with the use of fun math games.

### News from Technology:

Happy STEM Week! STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. To help celebrate students will be writing their own programs using the Hour of Code and Scratch programming language. Each activity is grade level appropriate. We will be teaching them how to write their program using command blocks, loops, if than statements, and much more.

Currently third, fourth, and fifth graders have finished up their Google assessments and moved on to Internet Safety. This is one of the most important lessons we teach the students. They will learn skills that will help them navigate the Internet safely and what to do when someone is picking on them or bullying them online. Please take the time to discuss with them what they have learned and how to stay safe when they are using the internet, a phone, watching youtube, or playing games online.

First grade is continuing to on keyboard skills and working on Google Docs. Second grade is also working on Internet Safety. Make sure you ask them to share with you the Cyber 5 rules. Just a quick reminder that you can find wonderful resources and exciting activities for your child on our websites. Enjoy the fall weather!

### Notes from Mrs. Ari...

"Martina the Beautiful Cockroach", is being read throughout Mittineague School this fall. Being a Cuban Folklore Story, I wanted to incorporate a Latin American Folk Song. "La Cucaracha", meaning "the cockroach", was chosen for its importance in traditional Latin American Music. There are many different versions of the song. It has been used as an instrumental, vocal, and dance song. Some versions have silly & clever lyrics and others reference politics. Students learned a wonderful version you can find on youtube! You can listen to it together by typing "La Cucaracha by Daria". I hope you enjoy the traditional Latin American instruments such as the guiro, guitar, and maracas!

### 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

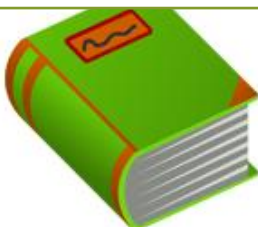
**Mittineague School has been re-enrolled in the A+ Rewards program at Stop and Shop! Our school code is: 05059. Please support our school by enrolling.**

### Word of the Week self control

"Controlling your actions and emotions"

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Never let your emotions overpower your intelligence..."



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