

Messages from Mittineague



News from Mrs. Penna:

Mrs. Penna's class continues to pick up the pace. In math, we have covered place value, rounding, adding multi-digit numbers and subtracting multi-digit numbers. We are now beginning our unit on multiplication and division. I cannot stress enough that students need to be **practicing their multiplication facts every day**. Earlier on in the year I asked many of you to purchase multiplication flash cards for your child and I also told you about a website called multiplication.com which your child can use. These tools can help. They **need** to know these basic facts.

We are continuing to read new chapter books so ask your child about the chapter book that they are reading right now; they will give you great details! We have started our science unit which is about changes to the Earth's surface.

Please be on the lookout for a project that the directions will be coming home for, next week.

Thank you to those that have been really making an effort to log on to PowerSchool to give us the emergency contact information it is mandatory that we get on each and every student. For those of you that have not yet done it, please complete the online forms. Parents have found that the step by step directions that went home have made things much easier!

Thank you to those parents that are trying your best to get your child to arrive at school as close to 8:15 as possible. It's not just being here, but being here, on time and ready to learn that is best for all! Remember that attendance matters!!!

News from Mrs. Canon: Class of 2030

Happy November! I am so proud of all these kids, they all did an amazing job dealing with all the changes that have taken place! Sometimes even wonderful things have their tough times. Please let your child know what a great job they did.

As we settle into our new routines and space, we are becoming very independent and working hard. Our reading and math groups are set up and we are doing well with our center rotations.

A blue paper with Clever login information was sent home. Please let me know if you didn't get it or you are having trouble. The children enjoy the web sites on there and are comfortable with them.

This is a busy time of year so make sure that your children are staying healthy by getting enough sleep. Also, remind them to wash their hands whenever they can. We do have some shared supplies but I try and clean things as often as I can.

Homework continues to be challenging for some. Please try to make it fun and find a routine. I will be adding math homework starting after the New Year.

In science we are learning about landforms, weathering and erosion. We are learning about how erosion can happen quickly (earthquakes, tornados) or slowly over thousand of years. Along with that unit, Ms. Sparks is doing a unit on continents and oceans. Ask your child... What continent do we live on? What is our closest ocean?

Lastly, don't forget coats. Many students are coming to school without sweatshirts and coats. Please label everything! Thank you for all your support.

For your
Calendar

November 11
No School

November 12
50th Day of School

November 12
Banking

November 19
Banking

November 21
Grade One Dress
Rehearsal

November 22
Lee Lang Luncheon



News from Mrs. Kavrakis, our Nurse:

It is important for all of us to work together during the school year in order to keep out children's learning environment a healthy one for everyone. Please review the following important information.

- Any child who is too ill to give attention in class should remain at home until he/she is completely recovered.
- A child with an elevated temperature above 100.0 degrees, vomiting, or experiencing diarrhea should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- If a child has strep throat, impetigo, conjunctivitis or any other condition requiring an antibiotic, the child should be kept home for 24 hours after starting the antibiotic.
- Every attempt should be made to schedule medication outside of school hours to avoid interruption of your child's school day (i.e.. Antibiotics).
- Injuries suffered outside of school, on weekends or in the evening, cannot be effectively evaluated and treated at school. These injuries, however, should be reported to the school nurse.
- If a child has had surgery, follow physician instructions for return to school. Please inform the school nurse of any activity restrictions.
- A child with live lice may return to school after treatment and they have been examined by the school nurse before returning to class. Children should not have long absences for lice.
- A child with a contagious disease should remain home until cleared by the doctor to return to school.
- A child who is not completely immunized for an infectious disease will have to remain home in the case of a disease outbreak.
- Current and reliable emergency numbers are essential when there is a need to contact a parent. Please contact the school with any changes in emergency information. (i.e. new telephone numbers).
- According to Massachusetts State Law, no medication can be accepted in school without a written order from a doctor. This includes non-prescription items such as cough medicine, cough drops, etc.. Any medication that is to be given at school should be brought in by a parent/guardian to the school nurse.
- The school nurse should be informed of any child with allergies, especially to food or any allergies severe enough to require medication.
- Please make sure your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Please call the office to report your child's absence(s), along with the reason for that absence.

PTO

The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019, from 5:00-6:00. We would love to welcome even more new members! Please come if you can!!

News from Technology:

Happy November! STEM week was an astounding success. Student used the Hour of Code command blocks to create various programs. First Grade programmed Elves to dance. Second grade started to create their own Minecraft World. Third grade begin programming their own video game. Fourth, and fifth grade started to learn how to program their own Doodle for Google. Once again STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. We will come back to programming during the second week of December to celebrate the Hour of Code programming challenge. Students across 180 countries will work on coding at the same time.

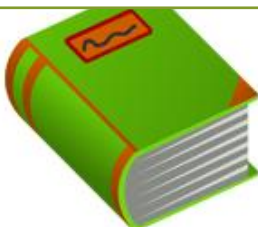
Word of the Week politeness

"showing/using good manners"

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Don't let what you can't do, stop you from doing what you can do!..."

John Wooden



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