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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Parent - Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. They will be held on Friday November 18, Monday November 21 and Tuesday November 22. There will be an early dismissal on each of these days. As a reminder, students are now dismissed at 1:30 on early dismissal days. Please make the appropriate accommodations.

Meeting with your child's teacher should help build strong parent teacher partnerships. Partnerships that are needed if you and your child's teacher are to reach the common goal of helping your child get the best education possible. Each teacher will come prepared with samples of your child's work and with ideas to help them do even better in school.

There are also ways for you to prepare for each conference. Be sure and talk with your child before the conference. Find out what they believe are their strong areas and also areas that need improvement. Find out why. Also, ask your child if there is anything they would like you to talk about with their teacher. This can help them to understand that you and their teacher are meeting together in order to help them succeed.

Before you go to the school, write notes to yourself about: personality, habits, problems, and hobbies that you feel are important for the teacher to know.

You may want to consider asking questions such as:

- How well does my child get along with others?
- Is my child working up to his or her ability?
- Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- What strengths do you see in my child?

Best Regards and Wishing a Warm and Happy Thanksgiving,

Bryan Hershkowitz
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/17 – PTA Mtg 7pm**
- 11/18 – 1:30 Dismissal K-5**
Parent Teacher Conferences
PTA Movie Night
- 11/21 – 1:30 Dismissal K-5**
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/22 – 1:30 Dismissal K-5**
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/23 – School Spirit Day – Formal Day**
1:30 Dismissal K-5
- 11/24 – School Closed – Happy Thanksgiving**
- 11/25 – School Closed**
- 12/1 – Holiday Shop**
- 12/2 – Holiday Shop with Evening Hours**
PTA Movie Night
- 12/8 – Family Math Night**
- 12/9 – School Spirit Day – Rainbow Day**
Pre-K – Navy Blue
Kindergarten – Purple
1st Grade – Green
2nd Grade – Red
3rd Grade – Yellow
4th Grade – Orange
5th Grade – Light (Viking) Blue
- 12/16 – Winter Concert**

On 1:30 Dismissal days:

Miss Bruss & Mrs. Safarik's class schedule is 9-11 for am and 11-1 for pm classes.

Ms. Fairweather's am class schedule is 9-11.

Ms. Gonzalez & Ms. Fairweather's extended day class schedule is 9-1.

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Looking Ahead

Pre-School: We enjoyed our Halloween Party and Parade in Ms. Bruss's class! Thank you to the class mom's and class parent volunteers for coming in and helping. We are looking forward to learning about Thanksgiving and we will begin a study on pets. I look forward to meeting with you for Parent Teacher Conferences. PLEASE follow the one session day schedule for FRI- WED. 11/18-11/23, AM-9-11 PM-11-1! Please remember NO CHILDREN are permitted at the conferences and please be on time! I hope everyone has a relaxing Thanksgiving Break and enjoys some great food and family time!

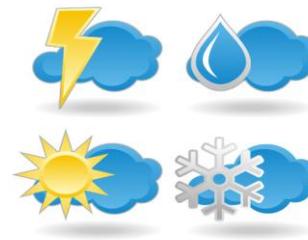
We're working hard in Miss Fairweather's room! We just finished our study on trees by investigating how trees change throughout the seasons. This past month, we also explored pumpkins. The students enjoyed completing an experiment to find out if pumpkins float. Looking ahead, we will be completing a study on Music Making. We will explore ways to make music, different types of musical instruments and making music with our voices. As the weather is becoming colder, please practice zippering jackets, as well as putting on hats, gloves and mittens. We will be practicing here at school also!

In Ms. Gonzalez's room, we are still exploring their fall theme. We enjoyed looking at pumpkins so much that we took two weeks to learn about them! We learned what you can make with a pumpkin (a jack o'lantern and pumpkin pie) and explored the inside of a pumpkin. Some students were not so thrilled about touching the slimy insides and seeds, but everyone tried it once. This week we explored another crop harvested in the fall by taking a look at corn. We saw that corn can come in many different colors and that it is used to make popcorn. We even got to put special corn cobs in the microwave to make popcorn!

Wow, it's November already. Mrs. Safarik's class is busy studying pumpkins, autumn changes, healthy foods and being thankful especially with our families. We have half days starting Friday, November 18th through Wednesday, November 23rd. So our schedules are AM 9-11 and PM 11-1. Please be prompt dropping off and picking up on these days. Please have your child wear sneakers for gross motor and outdoor activities every day. Remember keep snacks simple and nutritious. We have limited cubby spaces, so a brown bag is perfect for snack, save the lunch boxes for home. Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy your time as families.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten is doing great! We are continuing to practice the routines of our day. In reading, we are learning about all of the super powers we have to help us become better readers. You can ask your child to practice using their super reading powers when you read together each night! In math, we continue to practice writing and showing numbers 0-10. Please continue to practice counting at home, focusing on 1-25. As always, we thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at conferences!

First Grade: The first grade teachers are looking forward to meeting our parents this week and next at the conferences. We have 15 minutes to discuss your child's progress so please be prompt. We need to stay on schedule so we can meet with everyone. In the classroom we have been reading nonfiction books and will start to write informational text. We have been learning about natural resources, weather and landforms over the past two weeks. In math we have been focusing on ways to add and subtract.



Second Grade: As the leaves begin to fall and the weather gets cooler, we are warming up with knowledge in second grade! We've learned and applied many different strategies for tricky words in Reader's Workshop. In Writer's Workshop, we are planning and writing true stories about our lives. We are discovering that authors start many drafts before they decide to publish, and they use tools like pens and checklists as they develop their writing! In Math, we are building upon the place value skills we've learned over the past few months by learning different ways to add. Did you know you can add digits in any order and the answer is the same? We do now! In Social Studies, we just wrapped up our unit on communities, and in Science, we used the engineering process to complete a STEAM challenge--can you build a table to support weight using only paper and a piece of tape? We look forward to seeing second grade families at conferences!

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Third Grade: Is it November already? Third graders have been working so hard, we barely had time to notice! We are almost done our first unit in Reader's Workshop, gearing up for our celebration before Thanksgiving. Third grade readers have worked so hard in this fiction unit, that the teachers are truly thankful for such amazing students. We are still busy, busy writers, learning how to incorporate figurative language into our personal narratives as we are getting closer to publishing.

There is BIG news in third grade math this month; multiplication! Students have been eagerly awaiting the start of learning multiplication. Just like the teachers expected, third graders have worked so hard to learn models, arrays, and beginning multiplication facts. There's a lot more to do before our upcoming Thanksgiving break so we better get back to work. Oh, and Happy Thanksgiving to our Eastlake community!



Fourth Grade: In math, the fourth graders are beginning to learn different strategies we can use to solve long multiplication problems. Keep practicing those multiplication facts at home because it will make this unit (and the next one on division) much easier! In reading workshop, we are analyzing characters and working on developing thoughtful insights about our read aloud book, Tiger Rising, and our own independent books. Now that we have wrapped up our social studies unit on the presidential election, we will be moving to our study of map skills. Different types of plants and their life cycles will be our upcoming focus in science. In the meantime, we are working hard to prepare for our very first band and chorus concert next month! We can't wait to share what we've learned with you!



Fifth Grade: We are looking forward to meeting each of you during our upcoming parent-teacher conferences. The children have been learning all about how our government works, the election process and the roles of our President. The children were quite excited about recording the electoral votes as they became available. In science, we are learning all about atoms, the atomic theory and some of the elements found of the Periodic Table of Elements. On Wednesday, the children did a lab where they extracted metallic iron from various breakfast cereals. Be sure to talk with your child all about the data they recorded. In reading, the students are becoming more familiar with our new reading format. They enjoy talking and writing about the books they are reading. As we move forward in math, the children are discovering that the place value positions of numerals change their value. It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is a little over a week away, we hope you enjoy the time with your friends and family.

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Notes from The Music Room

Pre-school, K and 1st Vocal Music

Kindergarten students have been busy learning about opposites in music; high/low, fast/slow, quiet/loud, and singing songs in many languages.

First graders are learning how to tap the beat and clap the rhythm using familiar songs and chants. They have learned some traditional American songs and folk dances for Thanksgiving. After all, there were no electronic games to play back in the days of the Pilgrims!

The preschool students have been enjoying finger plays and participating in movement songs during their twenty-minute music class.

Everyone has been singing beautifully!



Please remember that Pomptonian Food Services will **not** be serving lunch on the 1:30 dismissal days. If you did not order pizza from the PTA for the days that we dismiss at 1:30, you **must** send in a lunch from home with your child.

Thank you.



K-Kids Update

Thank you to everyone who donated their Halloween Candy. We were overflowing with candy donations!!! We were able to donate to several organizations including Operation Gratitude, St. Anne's Soup Kitchen in Newark and CHOW food pantry. We are so happy this was such a successful project and plan to do it again next year. School Supply sales will be starting up after Thanksgiving. All items will be \$1 or less and will be sold on Friday's during recess. We will be collecting Toys for Tots again this year starting in December.

Mrs. Baltuch and Ms. Coen

