

EYES ON EASTLAKE

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Principal's Message

Dear Eastlake Families,

We would like to welcome everyone back from the winter break and hope that everyone was able to enjoy the time to relax and participate in some memorable activities with family and friends. As we move into the second half of the 2016-2017 school year, we want to welcome any families who are new to Eastlake School and trust that you will find yourselves to be part of an outstanding and supportive learning community.

Since the start of the new year, it seems that our students and staff continue to be involved in great activities. While visiting classrooms, I witness children who are engaged and excited about their learning as well as students who are eager to help one another. I am very proud of the children and teachers at Eastlake School, and I look forward to more great things in 2017.

All The Best,

Bryan Hershkowitz
Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/26 – Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off 2 pm**
5th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30 pm
PTA Mtg 7 pm
- 1/27 – School Spirit Day**
Wear Eastlake Colors
- 2/3 – School Spirit Day**
Wear your Favorite Football
Team Color
- 2/10 – School Spirit Day**
Wear Eastlake Colors
Father/Daughter Dance
- 2/14 – School Spirit Day**
Celebrate Love
Wear Pink or Red
- 2/20 – School Closed – Presidents' Day**



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Looking Ahead

Pre-School: Happy New Year and welcome back! In Ms. Bruss' class we are having fun learning about buildings and shapes. We have also been exploring winter weather and REAL snow since it has snowed a few times and we were able to bring the snow into our sand and water table! Next month we are looking forward to a study on roads. We will also be incorporating friendship and dental health. Please be sure to wear sneakers every Friday for gym!

We're off to a great start to 2017 in Miss Fairweather's class! During this chilly month, we have been keeping warm by studying clothing. We learned about different types of clothing items, clothes we wear in all types of weather and features of clothes, such as buttons and pockets. We've also been practicing buttoning and zipping our warm layers! Looking ahead, we will be learning about community helpers and buildings.

January has been an adventurous time in Ms. Gonzalez's room. We are learning many new skills and making many new friends. The first week back from break, we talked about snowmen. We haven't had enough snow to bring real snow inside for snowman, so we made fake snow inside to play with and build our own snowmen! We are now spending time joining in on Ms. Fairweather's clothing investigation. First we looked at some winter accessories. Now we're investigating a few Pete the Cat books to discover some of the smaller attributes of our clothing (like buttons and laces).

"Play is the highest form of research." ~Albert Einstein

Mrs. Safarik's class is currently working on a building theme. We have learned there are many different kinds of workers needed to build any structure. There are many shapes within buildings, like our house. We will also investigate ice and snow this month as well. We are expecting a visit from Mr. Frei. He builds fish tanks and aquariums.

Remember to dress for the weather. If you need to wear boots to school have sneakers in the children's backpack for gross motor time. Keep snacks simple and nutritious as well. Dress for school spirit day Friday, January 27th- Eastlake colors.

Kindergarten: The kindergarten students have been working hard to become Super Readers! They have learned about all of the super powers we have to help us read more fluently. To celebrate all of their hard work, we will be having a Super Hero Reading Celebration! In Writer's Workshop, we have learned how to write true stories using experiences from our own lives. We encourage you to ask your child, "What do good writers do?" Students will tell you that good writers use pictures and words to tell their story, listen for sounds to write words, put spaces between words, add labels and details, and end sentences with a period. We are very proud of the reading and writing skills the kindergarten students have developed so far. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring!

First Grade: First graders have proven to be great Word Detectives in our reading workshop!! We just started our new writers workshop and will be writing nonfiction chapter books and then on to "How To" books! They have built up so much stamina that they are reading for 45 minutes to themselves and their partners. We are so proud of them!! We will be starting fact families in math and are looking forward to great new math centers and new problems to solve in our interactive math notebook.

Second Grade: After having a relaxing holiday break, we are back to working hard and learning new things in second grade! Students are reading non-fiction books in Readers' Workshop and identifying what the book is teaching them. We just learned about adding two-digit numbers in many ways. We will extend this knowledge by using a variety of strategies to subtract 2-digit numbers. In Science, we are continuing to use the engineering process to solve problems and design tools that people need. We are also learning how technology influences our everyday lives and how it's always changing and improving over time. Second graders are working hard at writing information books by taking a closer look at their written pieces and becoming 'detectives' when checking over their work with a checklist. Children should keep reading each night to build their stamina. Make sure you are recording your minutes for Mr. H's S'more You Read Challenge! Happy New Year to all!



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Third Grade: Welcome back from Winter Break from the third grade! We have been busy learning all kinds of new and exciting things. First, we are knee deep in our new Mystery unit in Reader's Workshop. There are so many strategies that third graders are learning to help us solve the mysteries our books hold, before the crime solvers do. Third graders are also celebrating our personal narrative writing! We can't believe how much we have learned about the writing process and how much we have to say. It really is quite amazing. Once our writing celebrations are complete, we will begin our new unit on informational writing. Stay tuned for next month's update to see what new ways we have learned to write about all that we know and learn!

Math class has been especially exciting for third graders. We are actively learning our multiplication facts each day and learning how to solve very tricky word problems. Thanks to a lot of fun activities from Mrs. Baltuch, we are learning how to solve those word problems and use our understanding of multiplication all at once! In social studies, we just finished our brief unit of study on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was amazing to study all of the primary source documents and learn about how our county has changed. Dr. King really is such an inspiration for all of us. Finally, in science, we are in the middle of different investigations, following the engineering process. Third graders are learning how important each step is while building different containers and bridges. It is really fascinating to see how we all solve the same problem differently! Well, it's time to get back to work! Bundle up in this cold weather and don't forget to keep reading!



Fourth Grade: The fourth graders are off to a busy start of 2017! We are finishing up our reading workshop unit on interpreting characters. We have learned many new strategies to help us understand fictional text and have enjoyed our class read aloud, Tiger Rising. Our next reading workshop unit will focus on nonfiction text. In math, we are learning different ways to divide large numbers. We can probably teach our moms and dads a few new strategies that are different from how they learned to divide when they were little! In science, we are moving on to our unit on animals and in social studies, we will begin focusing on geography in the coming weeks.

Fifth Grade: What a great start to the new year. In reading, we started a novel study using Number the Stars. The children are learning about the Holocaust in a historical non-fiction setting. We will end our novel study with a visit from a Holocaust survivor. The children will learn first hand of the atrocities committed by the Nazis. In math, we have added, subtracted and multiplied decimals and have now moved onto dividing. Your children will be able to divide decimals by whole numbers, decimals by decimals and add zeros to the dividend. Science is all about Newton's Laws. Ask your children the difference between each law. That would certainly help prepare them for their upcoming test on forces and motion. Inauguration Day is just a couple of days away and the children have been completing a WebQuest to learn all about how our country transfers power. We have all learned a great deal about the election process in this country.



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Let's "shoot" for a great year!

2017 is off to a great start! We have officially begun our basketball unit in P.E. and will continue this for the next few weeks. On January 26 we will have our kick off event for our Jump Rope for Heart Unit. Last year we raised over \$3,000 as a school for the American Heart Association. We can't wait to see what this year will bring!

One resolution we have made for grades K-2 is learning to tie our shoes!

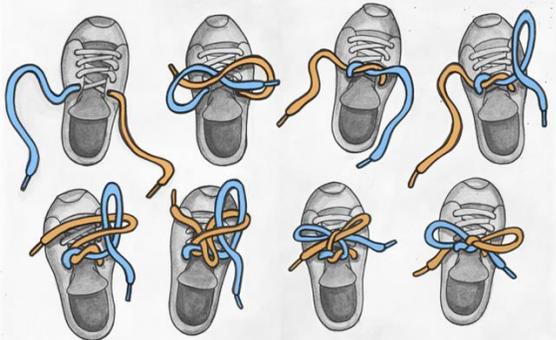
Bunny Ears Method

Fold each end of the lace into a "bunny ear." Use your thumb and pointer finger to hold the ears in each hand. Cross the bunny ears so that they look like an X in the air. Loop the bottom ear over and through the top bunny ear. Pull the bunny ears away from the shoe. This will create a knot that will secure the shoe laces.

Rhyme

Bunny ears, bunny ears, playing by a tree, criss-crossed the tree, trying to catch me.

Bunny ears, bunny ears, jumped into the hole, popped out the other side, beautiful and bold.



Notes from the music room January 2017

The Pre-school classes are learning their songs and chants about winter. Please ask your children to say "Seven Silly Squirrels" It is pretty raucous. They can explore different ways to say "It wasn't very nice."

"Seven silly squirrels were skating on the ice. Seven silly squirrels were skating on the ice. One bumped the other! It wasn't very nice. Now six silly squirrels were skating on the ice." Keep on going until none are left. This is the final line "If you go skating take my advice. If you go skating take my advice. Don't ever bump a squirrel- not even once or twice. Or you'll all go sliding on the slippery, slippery ice."

Kindergarteners are exploring high and low pitch on barred instruments. Our rhythm focus is on "music reading" using iconic notation. They are writing "long" and "short" sounds. Next we will explore more rhythm writing with the story "What will Little Bear Wear" by Else Minarek.

First graders have had a lot of experiences with rhythm. Now they can hear one or two sounds on a beat; ta (one quarter note) or ti-ti (two eighth notes). They are learning the song "Silver Moon Boat". We are using barred instruments to support our beautiful singing. Before you know it, it will be time for the Valentine's Day songs!

