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Principal's Message

Dear Eastlake Families,

High Expectations and Goal Setting:

Now that it's February, I hope the goals you've set for 2017 are off to a great start. As a school we try to set goals for each classroom, each grade level, and our school as a whole. We know that setting goals is very important and we feel it is beneficial to help students learn to set and reach goals for themselves as well.

Here are some ways that you can help your child to set and achieve goals at home.

Start Small

Help your child think of a fun goal he/she could achieve within a short time. Maybe he/she could finish a book she started or complete a craft project. Little goals are a great way to get kids moving toward big goals.

Let Them Choose

It may be a good idea to let your child decide what he/she wants to achieve. Then you can help him/her make a plan. Goals may require more input from you but giving your child ownership of their goals could give them more motivation to succeed.

Be Alert to Possibilities

If your child uses a lot of "I wish" statements, this may be a good opportunity to help him/her to write down specific action steps and a timetable for accomplishing their "wish".

Applaud Effort

As your child begins to set goals and work toward them, don't forget the compliments. Praising your child's efforts and accomplishments is a great way to build positive relationships and motivate them to continue with their goal setting.

All The Best,

Bryan Hershkowitz
Principal

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Looking Ahead

Pre-School: Ms. Bruss' class is very excited to welcome our student teacher Ms. Cohen who will be with our class on Wednesdays and Fridays! We are enjoying our Road Study which we started last week but are taking a short break from to talk about love and friendship this week! We enjoyed playing games with our 5th grade buddies on Valentine's Day and we hope you enjoyed the heart that we made from scratch here at school to show our family how much we love them! We are looking forward to Spring next month! Please watch your child's folder for important parent-teacher conference information soon.

We've been working hard in Miss Fairweather's class! We recently completed our unit on community helpers. We learned about people who work in our community, the jobs they complete and the types of clothing they wear. We especially enjoyed role playing with our community helper puppets! In the spirit of Valentine's Day, we completed friendship activities, such as reading friendship books and illustrating ways to be a good friend. Next, we will begin our study on buildings. We will learn about the features of buildings and the types of buildings we find in our community.

In Ms. Gonzalez's class, we are learning all about community helpers! We have already spent some time looking at what a mailman does and the roles of police officers and firefighters. For the second half of the month, we are going to learn about medical professionals, like doctors and nurses. In honor of Dental Health Month, we'll also learn about going to the dentist. We will have visits by local community helpers so that we know what they look like in real life. Please remember to keep an eye on the weather! If it looks like it will be dry and above 32 degrees, we will try to make it out to the playground. If it is rainy or snowy and you want your child to wear heavy boots, please consider sending in a pair of shoes to wear while in class.

Mrs. Safarik's classes are studying all about roads, how roads help us in our towns and characteristics of roadways. We are practicing our manners and speaking kind words to our classmates and family. We are ending our study with learning about land transportation. Please remember if your child needs to wear boots, please put sneakers in their backpack for our gross motor activities. Keep snacks simple and of course nutritious for snack time

Kindergarten: Our Kindergarteners just celebrated the 100th day of school! It's hard to believe and we are so proud of all their accomplishments. We continue to grow as readers and writers. In Reader's Workshop the students are working hard to look at beginning and ending sounds to help them read tricky words. We know that readers don't give up!

The students just finished writing pattern books in Writer's Workshop and we are getting ready to begin a new unit learning how to write "How-To" books. In math students are learning about the numbers 11-19 and how to represent those numbers. On a final note, please continue to practice your phone number and address with your child. This is something every child needs to know. Thank you and we look forward to meeting with you next month for parent/teacher conferences.

First Grade: First graders are just finishing their Word Detective reading unit and are experts at solving hard words. They have looked for snap words, words with endings and words within words!! We are still writing nonfiction chapter books, and are sharing all the things they know about!! We celebrated Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school with so many fun activities. We just started learning about living and non living things in science and will continue with animals. We are studying Our Country in social studies and have been identifying landmarks and symbols of the United States of America.

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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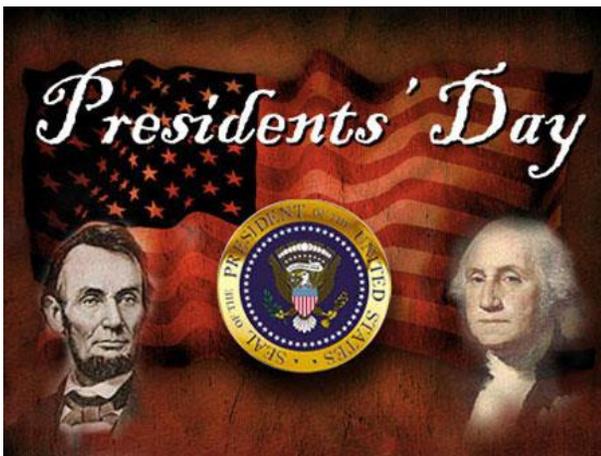
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Second Grade: Wow, we cannot believe that it is already the middle of February—second grade is certainly flying by! It's amazing to think that we have just celebrated the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day! We are so excited to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart event today

Students have been learning so much about non-fiction topics in Reading Workshop, and teaching others about topics they know a lot about in Writing Workshop. We have been extending our understanding of non-fiction text features into other subjects, too! President's Day will be a great introduction to our upcoming Social Studies unit about American symbols. We put our engineering hats on to complete a STEAM activity where we designed a Valentine's Day card holder. In Math, we are beginning to regroup three-digit numbers in both addition and subtraction. We've come a long way from recalling basic facts!

As we move closer and closer to third grade, students have been working hard to develop independent work habits and to be respectful and responsible learners. We are learning how to be more mindful of our choices. Support this work at home by reminding students to complete basic tasks independently, read directions before beginning assignments, and to listen quietly when someone is speaking. Thank you so much for your continued cooperation and support! We're excited to see what the next month will bring!



Third Grade: Third graders have been working hard this month in order to keep our minds and bodies busy during this cold weather! During Reader's Workshop, third graders have been true detectives, working hard to solve the mysteries of our books before they end. And guess what? Did you know that mystery authors put in what's called, "red herring clues" in order to distract us? Red Herring clues are what third graders have learned to be careful of. We do not want them to distract us from the real clue gathering work we must do. As you can imagine, this is very tricky work! In writing class, we have just recently celebrated our most recent personal narrative work and are now beginning our unit of study on informational writing. Third graders have spent a lot of time thinking about what we want to teach our readers about. We are really, really excited to learn how to teach each other through our informational writing!

Math class has been full of division lately! We can't believe that we have mastered our multiplication facts, and are now wrapping up division. We have learned all kinds of new math vocabulary like: quotient, dividend, divisor, and inverse operations. Who knew there was so much vocabulary work to be done in math? Third graders know now, that's for certain! We are excited about beginning our new upcoming units on area, perimeter and fractions!

Sending lots of love from third grade, we hope everyone stays bundled up and keeps raising that money for Jump Rope for Heart!



Fourth Grade: In reading workshop, the fourth grade has been exploring nonfiction text and the strategies readers use to help them understand it. We will be beginning our research projects on wacky weather within the next week or so! In math, we are studying equivalent fractions and learning how to simplify them. We are wrapping up our science unit on the adaptations of living things. Ask us about the archer fish! He has such a cool way of getting food!

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Fifth Grade: Roses are red, violets are blue, writing letters with candy hearts is so cool to do! Ask your child how conversation candy hearts can be used to write letters. We have noticed that children love to argue. We have put that to the test by having the children debate various topics while answering the 3 following questions: What is the claim being made? What are the reasons for the claim? What evidence supports the reasons? Do you know that in order to subtract fractions, they must have a common denominator? This week they are extending their fraction skills by subtracting with renaming. Our students have learned about the differences between environments, ecosystems and habitats in science. Be sure to have your child tell you all about the similarities and differences between them. America grew because of the changes in transportation and machinery. This time in our nation's history is called the Industrial Revolution. In social studies, your child will be working collaboratively to create a museum exhibit that represents one of the 5 reform movements such as: education, women's rights, mental health, temperance, and slavery. Happy Valentine's Day from the 5th grade

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/20 – School Closed – President's Day**
- 2/23 – 5th Grade Parent Mtg 6:30pm**
PTA Mtg 7pm
- 2/28 – Book Fair Set Up**
- 3/1 – Book Fair**
Parent Teacher Conferences
1:30 Dismissal Grades K-5
- 3/2 – Book Fair**
Parent Teacher Conferences
1:30 Dismissal Grades K-5
- 3/3 – Book Fair**
Parent Teacher Conferences
1:30 Dismissal Grades K-5
- 3/3 – School Spirit Day**
Dress like your favorite
Super Hero
- 3/6 – Kindergarten Registration 6-8pm**
- 3/7 – Kindergarten Registration**
9:30 – 11:30am

News from the Art Room

We are hard at work on our Design Unit and we are inspired by art and architecture from around the world. We are looking at how lines, shapes and patterns are unique to many cultures. I am working on uploading photos of our Color projects to our web gallery on www.Artsonia.com where you will be able to view them and comment on them. Parents of kindergarteners, look for information and permission slips soon so that I can get all students involved in Artsonia.

March is Youth Art Month! This would be a great time to visit an art museum.

Please contact me with questions or comments about the art program. I would love to hear from you!

Mrs. Gallagher

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Notes from the music room February 2017

The Pre-school Classes are learning their love song. Please ask to hear "Skid-a-ma-Rink" and "Love Somebody, Yes I do"

Kindergarteners and First Graders are exploring the instruments of the orchestra through the music and story of "Peter and The Wolf" Please check out some of the versions on YouTube and ask your student which instrument is playing for each character.

