

# EYES ON EASTLAKE

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## *Principal's Message*

Dear Parents,

Parent - Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. They will be held on Friday November 17, Monday November 20 and Tuesday November 21. There will be an early dismissal on each of these days. Additionally, we will have an early dismissal on Wednesday November 22. As a reminder, students are 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. These partnerships 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

## **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, Mrs. Pepe & Ms. Fairweather's extended day class schedule is 9-1.**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**11/17 – 1:30 Dismissal K-5**

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

**11/20 - 1:30 Dismissal K-5**

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**11/21 - 1:30 Dismissal K-5**

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**11/22 – 1:30 Dismissal K-5**

**11/23 & 11/24 – School Closed**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**11/30 – PTA Mtg – 7pm**

**12/1 – School Picture Re-Takes**

**12/6 – Holiday Shop Set-Up**

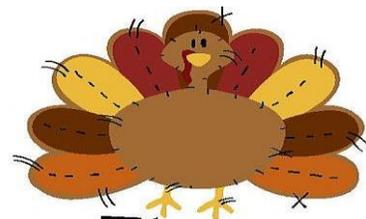
**12/7 – Holiday Shop**

**12/8 – Holiday Shop**

**12/12 – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade All Day Rehearsal**

**12/13 – Winter Concert**

**12/15 – School Spirit Day – Super Hero Day**



# Happy Thanksgiving

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## Looking Ahead

**Pre-School:** We had a great time learning all about Pumpkins last month! Some of our favorite highlights were working with our 4th grade buddies on Pumpkin Math and the Pumpkin Patch here at school! We have begun a Clothing Study which the children are super excited about having a theme for each day! I am looking forward to meeting with all of you for parent teacher conferences. I would like to wish everyone who celebrates a Happy Thanksgiving! Ms. Bruss

We're working hard in Miss Fairweather's room! We just started our new unit on Clothing. We will be learning about the types of clothes, clothing we wear for different seasons and features of clothes. We are enjoying our fun theme days to go along with this study! Please consult the letter sent home to check our upcoming theme days. As colder weather is approaching, please practice zipping jackets and putting on hats and mittens.



Ms. Gonzalez's class is spending November investigating all things fall! They learned about pumpkins and got to use their senses to find out what's in a pumpkin. They also learned about the different colors that apples can be and read a book about Johnny Appleseed. We are practicing all of our play skills both in the classroom and outside. This month has been a little bit wet or cold. This means we can't always get to the playground. The class does try to go for walks as often as possible, and it's so much fun! Please remember to check the weather each day. This time of year the weather changes a lot, so layers are best.

Mrs. Safarik's class is very busy with the clothing study. We colored t-shirts our favorite color, felt different types of fabrics and created a collage with the different fabrics. And we have more creative projects to do as well. We are having a lot of fun dressing for the different days of the month. We have many half days this month, please check your calendars It will be great to see all you parents at Parent Teachers conferences. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

**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:** We are looking forward to meeting with you this week and next at parent teacher conferences. We have just started our second unit in reading called "Word Detectives". We will be looking closely to solve tricky words in our texts. Please ask your child when they come home some strategies they are learning. We are finishing up our "Small Moments" narrative writing workshop and will heading into "How To" books, which are always a favorite.



**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 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 strategies 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 wrapped up our unit on communities, and in Science, we used the engineering process to complete a STEAM challenge. 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 full steam ahead in our first unit in Reader's Workshop. 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 different strategies for when we get writer's block. Students have learned to think of people or places that really matter to them. We are getting closer and closer to publishing our personal narratives!

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:** The two fourth grade classes had an awesome time completing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Activity with our GRO teacher, Mrs. Cave! The students had to work together in groups to stack cups using only a rubber band and string. For certain challenges, they even had to figure out a way to "communicate" without talking! They did a fantastic job and certainly enjoyed themselves! In math, we are diving into our multiplication unit. The students are strongly encouraged to keep practicing their facts consistently at home! In reading, we are utilizing our notebooks in various ways with the objective of reflecting on what we have read and referring to the text. We will continue to practice "Stop and Jot", where we think about what we've read and demonstrate comprehension! The fourth grade teachers are excited to meet with parents at our upcoming conferences, and we wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

**Fifth Grade:** Holy cow...it's November already!! We are looking forward to meeting with each of you during parent-teacher conferences. We have been very busy in our reading groups analyzing nonfiction texts. We have also been learning and incorporating new vocabulary in our writing. We just finished our unit on division and are now moving on to decimals. The concept is a bit tricky but the children seem to have grasped the fact that the further away a number is from the decimal point the smaller it is. We are learning all about the branches and functions of our government and then we'll be moving on to learning about our democracy's foundation, the Constitution and Bill of Rights. In science, the children will demonstrate their understanding and use the steps of the design process to find and solve problems as they have a Unit 1 Lesson 2 quiz scheduled for next Wednesday, November 22nd. A study guide has been distributed, so please remind your children to make time to study in order to achieve the results they desire. Happy Thanksgiving everyone. We hope you are spending the holiday with those that make you the happiest!!

## November Art News

We will complete 3 units of study during the school year: Color, Design & Portrait  
We are finishing up the Color Unit, where we focused on color theory, vocabulary, mixing color and painting. During the Design Unit, we will look at the Elements of Art (Line, Shape, Color) and Art and Cultures from around the world. Our Portrait Unit will concentrate on a progression of skills to develop portrait drawing abilities.

To encourage creativity at home, try keeping simple craft materials on hand. Papers, markers, colored pencils, scissors and glue are all you need to let a little creativity run wild, and there are numerous craft kits that you can do together or your child can do on their own. Take advantage of visiting an art museum during school breaks, or look into art classes through local arts organizations if you want a broader experience for your child.

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## 10 WAYS TO MAKE READING FUN FOR YOUR CHILD

1. Read aloud together. Bring stories to life by using gestures and different voices for characters.
2. Create a comfortable reading spot that your child helps to arrange and decorate.
3. Make reading time special. Turn off the TV and limit other distractions.
4. Provide reading-related surprises. Let your child stay up a little late to finish a chapter or a book, or turnout the lights and let your child read by flashlight.
5. Give books as gifts. Choose ones that you think your child will enjoy.
6. Start a home library. Devote all or part of a bookshelf as a place where your child can keep books.
7. Share some laughs. Take turns reading to each other from a book of jokes or a humorous story.
8. Encourage everyone to read while waiting for appointments or riding in the car, or at other “down” times.

9. If your child is interested in learning to do something new, have him/her find out more by reading about it.

10. Share your excitement about books and reading. Talk about things you’ve read and why you enjoyed them.

**REMEMBER:** Positive reinforcement helps. Praise your child for every reading achievement.

