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Principal's Corner

There are three ways to influence your children to develop boundaries. The one I want to discuss in this issue is teaching.

You can teach boundaries. They should be explicit and clear. Because of that, your children can learn them. First don't be afraid to use the word boundary. Your child needs to understand when they choose to cross the boundary, there will be consequences. Begin early to teach your children, "you are responsible for your behavior". This means that they must accept the responsibility for their behavior. When this happens, they will no longer be able to blame the lack of accomplishment on someone else.

Your children will pass through many stages of responsibility as they grow up. As your child matures, they will earn more freedoms. That freedom comes from handling responsibility well; and is not a gift or right.

Upcoming Events

10/12 No School -
Columbus Day

10/15 Board of
Education Meeting
7:00 p.m.

10/16 SIP Day -
12:37 Dismissal

10/16 End of 1st
Quarter

Parents: Remember it is cold and flu season. We have seen an increase in students with illnesses. Please encourage good hygiene with your child(ren). Hand washing with soapy warm water, cover coughs, hand sanitizer, etc.

What's Happening in Kindergarten

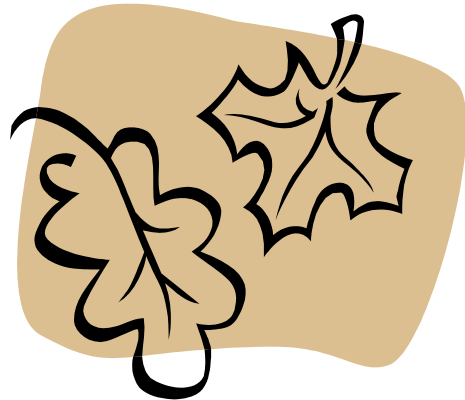
Mrs. Olson

J. Olson's Kindergarten class is still working on letters and sounds. We need to be able to recognize them, upper and lower case, and write them from memory. In Reading, we have been learning about characters and settings, letters, and putting letters together to make words. In Math, we are learning to count to twenty by ones, to 100 by fives, and to 100 by 10's.

Sorting has been a fun activity this week as we have sorted two different kinds of cereal, sea creature cookies, and buttons. Christopher Columbus didn't discover America but he was close and we really enjoyed making his ship that sailed the ocean blue. We had a great time at Grandparent's Day and are now looking forward to our Halloween party.

Mrs. Finch

We have been very busy this month! We are learning about fall and how the leaves change colors. We are looking forward to our upcoming leaf hunt. I wonder what we will find. We are working on recognizing our letters both upper and lower case. We also are making our own books about fall. We are the authors, illustrators and publishers of our books. In math we can write numbers 1-5 and we are learning to sort. Parents continue reading to you children! Reminder - please check backpacks.



What's Happening in First Grade

Mrs. Norvell

It's been busy, busy in first grade. We wrote a fabulous class story about a mean queen and a silly boy. We read about a big blue ox and next we will read our first nonfiction story. Our next spelling test will be Thursday, October 15.

In math we began addition. We are solving math stories and writing number sentences to match. This week we practiced fast facts to 1 on the computer. Parents keep reading and working with your child at home, your help is making our kids shine.

What's Happening in Second Grade

Mrs. Hartrick

October is here and lots of great things are happening in Second Grade. We began the month by celebrating Lane's birthday! We enjoyed cookies and juice. We also celebrated reaching 10 minutes of independent reading with a popcorn party. We have been working hard to build our reading stamina.

Last week in Reading and Science we began to explore the Solar System. In our reading series we read Exploring Space with an Astronaut. We have also have been learning about the moon and its phases. During Tasty Tuesday we used Oreos to make the phases of the moon. Speaking of Oreos, we will be participating in an online contest with Oreos. Students will stack Oreos twice to see how many they can stack before they fall. We will take the average and record it and put our classroom data online with schools around the country who are participating.

In math we are continuing to practice place value and writing numbers to 100. We are also starting Accelerated Math.

"Lunch is good. The bananas are my favorite. The cooks come up with good ideas for stuff to make." Colten S.

We are learning about space. It is hard to breathe in space because there is no air. There is no water or food." Lane M.

"We are learning about math. Some of us know multiplication and I know division. I knew math and multiplication since First grade." Zach H.

What's Happening in Third Grade

Mrs. Ryner

Wow! It is hard to believe that the first quarter is almost over!! Time has really flown. Students are busy trying to reach their goals for reading and AC math. Please check with your child to see how they are doing. We are finishing up our first unit in reading and getting ready to move on to the next one. In math we are working on addition with regrouping. Be sure to have your child read 20 minutes every night and practice math facts.

Letters for setting up conference times were sent home on Wednesday. If you have not returned it please do so that I can start setting times. Have a great 3 day weekend!



What's Happening in Fourth & Fifth Grade

Mrs. DeSotel

October seems to be a busy month. Fourth graders have started to plan their fall party which is scheduled for October 30th. Notes have been sent home explaining how our parties will work this year. Students will be creating an animal costume out of recyclable material and writing a short report about their animal. Also, I am beginning to schedule conferences for October 22nd and 23rd. I am looking forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress.

Fifth graders have been studying the human body. They did an experiment and created a lung out of a bottle.

Here is the material that you need: 2 balloons, (1 small and 1 large), a drinking straw, tape, scissors, small clear plastic bottle with the bottom cut off, and modeling clay. First you have to have a group of people. One person pulls the opening of the small balloon over the drinking straw and use tape to attach the balloon to the straw. Cut off the neck of the large balloon and attach it to the bottom of the bottle. Then we stretched the balloon over the bottom of the bottle and put tape around it. We put modeling clay on the top after we put the straw inside. Then when you pull the bottom it puts air in the little balloon and takes the air out when you let go, just like your lung inside your body. Then we went around the building and showed people how the lung works.

By: Dominick Foster

What's Happening in Junior High

Mrs. Walker

First quarter is almost over and most of the JH students are asking me for extra credit. Here is one option. If your child brings in this What's Happening and can answer a few fact problems I will give them extra credit points. This needs to be done by Wednesday, October 14th.

Mr. Gayton

In the 6th grade we are studying Egypt and looking at the pyramids.

In the 7th grade we are studying expansion to the west. We are taking a look at the Andrew Jackson administration and Manifest Destiny. We are discussing the "Trail of Tears."



In the 8th grade we are currently working on the Constitution of the United States. Students are required to memorize the preamble of the Constitution. We should be taking the test in the next week or so. In between we have the class take 3 quizzes prior to the test itself.

What's Happening in Junior High Cont.

Mrs. Haskins' junior high Language Arts/ Reading

A cinquain poem is a five line poem with a formula for what should be written on each line. Read some of the cinquain poems written by junior high students.

Hunting
Arrows, Cold
Shooting, Aiming, Waiting
Shooting and Hunting Deer
Deer
Jacob Nicol

Halloween
Spooktacular, Interesting
Horrorifying, Terrifying, Exciting
All Hallow's Eve Night
Boo!
Brian Worley

House
Haunted, Creepy
Terrifying, Thrilling, Exciting
A House of Terror
Spooky
Alexis Cisneros

Harvesting
Dusty, Dry
Picking, Driving, Hauling
Bringing in the crop
Collect
Author unknown

What's Happening in Resource

Mrs. Talley

We have been working on letters and sounds in kindergarten groups. We have been cutting out strips of paper to make the alphabet letters. Also, we are learning new songs for each of the letters to help us remember our letter sounds. Fourth grade groups are reading a story about a boy who goes flat. We are enjoying all the fun things Flat Stanley can do since he is flat. We are also reading stories about Wolves and learning a few new facts about them, too. Please continue to read with your child at home.

What's Happening in Title

Mrs. Tripp

1st and 2nd grade are using letter tiles to make words and write them down. They are writing their choice of ideas in the writing center and then they illustrate their story. We have a listening center to listen to stories on tape and an overhead area where they make their own sentences that they can see on the wall. Kindergarten has been using play-doh to make letters. They get on the computer to work on Wiggle Works (stories are read to them by the computer). We continue to work on Michael Haggerty. Remember to keep reading.

What's Happening in the After School Program

Mr. Gayton

The after-school program will hold an open-house on October 14, 2009. The open house will be held from 5:30 - 7:00. We invite you to come down and look at the exciting things that the students are doing. There is artwork throughout the halls and great classwork in the building.

We are excited to watch our children grow with their talents and academic endeavors.

We have openings for volunteers for the After-School program if you would like to donate an hour of your time and have your life enriched by the creativity of our hard working students and staff, please stop down town and talk to Mr. Gayton and we will discuss how we are able to use your help with the program. We would love to utilize your talents. You do not have to be there five days a week.

What's Happening in the Library

Mrs. Ryan

Psst... Read any good books lately? It's no secret that there's always something new and exciting to read in the library at Dallas City Elementary!

Once again, we are participating in the Illinois students' choice book awards. The Monarch Award goes to the best book written for kids in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award (Caudill) is given to books written for grades 4-8.

Kids read books from the list of 20 nominated titles during the year, and vote for their favorites at the end of February. Both lists have some pretty amazing books! Between now and then, you'll get to read a little review on each book here.

Since October is a spooky month, I chose Scaredy Squirrel and Nic Bishop's Spiders from the Monarch list, and Shooting the Moon and All the Lovely Bad Ones from the Caudill list.

The world is a DANGEROUS PLACE full of GERMS(!), POISON IVY(!) and SHARKS(!), according to Scaredy Squirrel, by Melanie Watt. Are you a list maker? Do you try to anticipate the worst by planning and controlling every detail of your day? Scaredy Squirrel finds that even when you've got your acorns all in a row and you're safe in your tree, sometimes the unexpected comes along and catches you by surprise!

What's Happening in P.E.

Mrs. Hall

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders have completed the Presidential Physical Fitness test with a number of students qualifying for his team (More information coming in the next weeks). Students are now learning basketball skills. All students in Pre-K through 6th grade are working on dribbling with their dominant and non-dominant hand as well as to develop ball handling skills. We are using cones practicing weaving and shifting the ball from one hand to the other. The cones act as the defensive team. We are learning how to keep the ball away from the other team. We are using the chest pass learning to control the path and the speed at which we send the ball to a teammate. Pre-K and Kindergarten are learning to roll the ball with accuracy often playing the game Hit the Pin. Seventh and eighth grade girls are working to learn jump rope skills and then to put that understanding to music, building a routine.

Spiders just about climb off the page and into your lap in Nic Bishop's fantastic photographic nonfiction book. The pages are filled with incredible shots of spiders doing what spiders do - hunting, catching prey, spinning webs, jumping, molting, fighting and more. Read amazing facts, like spider silk can be stronger than steel and can stretch twice its length (of course, Spiderman fans already know this). Younger readers will love the pictures, older kids will love the spider info.

There's nothing juicier than a scary ghost story, and All the Lovely Bad Ones by Mary Downing Hahn is sure to get your goose bumps going. When Travis and his sister Corey travel to their grandmother's supposedly haunted inn, they decide to have a little fun at the guest's expense. What they don't know is that their ghostly prank has awakened the real spirits, who are spiteful and angry. As the frightening events begin to spiral out of control, Travis and Corey must find a way to release the ghosts from their tragic past and the evil woman who tormented them.

As a kid, did you ever think that your dad could do anything? Jamie does - her dad is an Army Colonel, patriotic American, and military through and through. In Shooting the Moon by Frances O'Roark Dowell, life changes when Jamie's brother TJ decides to join the army and fight in Vietnam. Jamie expects to receive long letters from TJ about the thrill of combat, but gets a roll of undeveloped film instead, the first of many. After learning how to develop film from a soldier on the base, Jamie sees a whole new side of the war, not to mention a new side to her dad. This book makes you think about the sacrifices we make for the people we love and the things in which we believe.

The seventh and eighth grade boys are excited to use the weight room. Mr. Steve Ferneti is working with individual squads teaching them the basics and helping them to build a fitness plan to meet each individual boy's needs. We continue to stay focused on developing cardiovascular endurance by running each day.

What's Happening in Sports

Go to www.dcbulldogs.com and select activities to see all sports schedules.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Girls Basketball News

The fifth and sixth grade girls played their first game on Thursday, October 2 against Hamilton. The fifth graders were defeated, but the sixth graders were victorious. Dallas City girls on the Bulldog team are fifth graders, Kaylee Nudd, Hanna Spiekermeier and Alexis Szykalski and 6th graders Chloe Walker, Maggie Stone and Halee Hedges. Girls from LaHarpe on the Bulldog team are fifth graders Emily Detherage, Caitlyn Loving, Maddie Finch, Julissa Willdrick, Jena Banks and sixth graders Aubree Ourth, Kelsey Tanner, Sidney Pence, Brooklyn Smith, Caroline Sirtak, Mackenzi Anderson and Carissa Richardson.

The girls are wearing new uniforms this year and are looking pretty sharp. Add to the sharpness are two new T-shirts black and red that are worn with breakaway pants in black and red as well. The T-shirts are on sale and can be purchased from any of the fifth and sixth grade ball players at a cost of \$12 for Youth through Adult XL and \$15 for XXL or larger. Orders must be placed by October 9th. You should receive the shirts sometime the next week. We have seven more home games and would love to see you come support the girls and the program. The Bulldog band will be performing throughout the evening at most games and the Bulldog chorus will be singing the National Anthem. The schedule is included at the side.

Go Lady Bulldogs!



2009-2010 5/6 Girls' Basketball Game Schedule

| Date | Time | Opponent | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Thursday, Oct. 1 | 6:00 PM | Hamilton | H |
| Wednesday, Oct. 7 | 6:00 PM | Southeastern | A |
| Tuesday, Oct. 13 | 6:30 PM | Warsaw | A |
| Monday, Oct. 19 | 5:30 PM | West Central | A |
| Tuesday, Oct. 20 | 6:00 PM | Carthage | H |
| Wednesday, Oct. 21 | 6:00 PM | West Prairie | H |
| Tuesday, Oct. 27 | 6:00 PM | St. Paul (Macomb) | A |
| Thursday, Oct. 29 | 6:00 PM | Nauvoo- Colusa | H |
| Monday, Nov. 2 | 6:00 PM | St. Paul (Macomb) | H |
| Thursday, Nov. 5 | 6:00 PM | Warsaw | H |
| Tuesday, Nov. 10 | 6:00 PM | West Central | H |
| Thursday, Nov. 12 | 6:00 PM | Carthage | A |
| Saturday, Nov. 14 | 0:00 AM | St. Paul (Macomb) 5th G Trny | A |
| Thursday, Nov. 19 | 6:00 PM | Cuba | H |
| Saturday, Nov. 21 | 0:00 AM | St. Paul (Macomb) 6th G Trny | A |

What's Happening in Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast Menu - each day includes juice & milk:

10/12 No School
 10/13 Breakfast pizza
 10/14 Cereal, Pop tart
 10/15 Pancakes, syrup
 10/16 Cereal, doughnut
 10/19 Sausage gravy, biscuit
 10/20 Cereal, toast
 10/21 Breakfast pizza
 10/22 Cereal, muffin
 10/23 No School

Lunch Menu - each day includes milk:

10/12 No School
 10/13 Mexican lasagna, corn, mandarin oranges, hot rolls
 10/14 Chicken patty on bun, mashed potatoes, pineapple, cookie
 10/15 Macaroni & cheese, green beans, peaches, cake, bread & butter
 10/16 Pizza, lettuce salad, fruit cocktail
 10/19 Ham & cheese on bun, fresh veggies, banana 1/2, cookie
 10/20 Beef & noodles, green beans, applesauce, hot rolls
 10/21 Tenderloin on bun, potato rounds, apples, cookie
 10/22 Chicken noodle soup, baby carrots, cheese, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, cobbler
 10/23 No School

Other Important Information

Reminder: Students who are required to have physicals must have these turned into the office as soon as possible. October 15th is the deadline. Students who are not in compliance or do not have an appointment card on file with the office will not be able to attend school after October 15th.

Needed for the art department - Miss Scheetz would be grateful for any used burnt out light bulbs (not halogen), rolling pins, old frames & old canvasses for students to paint over.

The P.E. Department is in need of plastic bags to send student's gym clothes home in on Fridays. If you have any, please leave them in the elementary school office.

SAVE THE DATE!

PTO is planning a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 8a.m.-12 p.m. There will be a pancake breakfast, raffle, and lots of fun for the kids! If you would like to help or make a donation please contact Deanna Hartrick at school (852-3201x1019) or home (852-6076).

Community News

Cub Scouts: The Dallas City Cub Scouts will have their next Pack on October 20, 6 p.m. at Grace Bible Church in Dallas City. Boys in grades 1 through 5 can sign up for Cub Scouts at any time. For more information, please contact the Cub Master, Val Huss at 217-852-3829 or 319-470-6214, or jvhuss@frontiernet.net.

HAUNTED CORN MAZE

When: Oct 24th & 31st

Where: Roger's Pumpkin Farm

1½ Miles East of Lomax On Hwy 96

Time: 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm

Cost: \$5.00

Proceeds go to the

La Harpe Senior Girl Scouts