



Stinger News

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Pre-school News

We have been working very hard on learning to recognize and write our names *in preschool*. We have also been learning our colors. Some ways you can work on colors is to describe things in your daily routine such as clothes, cars, and the leaves since they are beginning to change. Have fun with it and make it a game.

Kindergarten News

Mrs. Fitzwater and Mrs. Naylor

Our class is off to a fantastic start. Students have learned to write their name on every piece of paper they get even if it is a coloring sheet. In RLA they are busy learning to write and recognize the letters M, R, S, T and P. They are decorating the bulletin board outside of our room with the letters they have learned. In Math we are learning about shapes and patterns. The students are learning to work with a partner and how to work as a team. Our students get a laugh out of our drawings especially Mrs. Fitzwater's. I always tell them that if I draw something to use their imagination. Now on the other hand Mrs. Naylor is way more talented in the art department. I hope you take time to walk by our room sometime and look at the student's work. I will guarantee that none of my art work is displayed just the students.

Nutrition

Healthy Treats for Fall Events

As summer days get shorter and nights turn cooler, autumn brings a bountiful harvest. Schools and communities celebrate this colorful time of the year by hosting a variety of different activities such as fall festivals, Halloween Parties, etc. The following suggestions are ways to keep kids from loading up on candy: Fill them up with lots of healthy treats during school fall festivals or before they hit the streets to Trick-or-Treat. Try serving these snacks at their parties. They're clever enough to tempt kids' palates, but low on sugar.

Treats With Veggies

- No-bones-about-it vegetable skeleton: Veggies come in so many shapes and sizes. They make perfect building blocks. See Whitney Moss of RookieMoms.com to see the skeleton she made with carrots, celery, and other veggies for her son's party.

Treats with Fruit

- Boon-nanas: Dip peeled bananas in orange juice, then roll in shredded coconut to make white ghosts. Add small raisins or chocolate chips for eyes, then insert wood craft stick for a handle (so the ghosts can flit about hauntingly). Serve as-is or frozen.

Healthy Treats with Breads

- Sand-witches: Spook up ordinary sandwiches by making them into Halloween shapes with cookie cutters. Choose whole-wheat bread and healthy fillings such as natural (no sugar added) peanut butter, fruit preserves, turkey slices and so on.
- For the complete article, go to county edline website.



Mr. McCumbers and Mrs. Mace

Kindergarten in Mr. McCumbers' classroom has been very busy. They have been learning how to make different patterns; using colors, shapes, sounds, and movement. They have started counting 0 to 5 along with a quick poem. The class recently just created our very own math book called, "The Number Book." While we have been learning to count and make our own patterns, we have also been learning new words; like, my, to, go, am, me, I, and the. It's a great enjoyment getting to see the smile on each child's face when it lights up, after they start to read a story. Our class is looking forwards to the fall season as it approaches and moving into the new school.

The October menu for breakfast has a few changes. All Wednesday menus will be served on that Friday and the Friday menus will be served on that Wednesday. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Be looking for teacher articles highlighting student activities and projects in future newsletters.



First Grade News

Mrs. Allen

My class has been working for the last few weeks on habitats. They have read about them. They have made models of a habitat using shoeboxes, modeling clay, crayons, and other art supplies. Parents have been wonderful to send in supplies. The habitats have turned out wonderful. Currently the students are writing an informative paper about their habitats and will illustrate their paper as well.



Mrs. Hupp's first grade class has also been studying animal habitats. They all made ocean habitats. The class has been taking some different kind of tests to go along with the new grading system. They have been making accordion books to show plot, setting, characters, event and ending of a story. Sometimes they show what they have learned from the story by drawing a picture and writing a sentence.



Save the Children

One very important aspect of Save the Children is a component is called RAvFL. Each grade K-4 has devoted a 30 minute portion of the morning routine to implement RAvFL. This is a program that includes read-alouds, vocabulary enrichment, comprehension activities, and fluency-building activities. The three to four components fit together to create a unified whole. With the class as a whole being involved in the read aloud experience the love for reading will be increased, and with that love comes increased success.

Reading Tips for parents of First Graders

- ❖ **Don't Leave home without it:** Bring along a book or magazine any time your child has to wait, such as a doctor's office. Always try to fit in reading.
- ❖ **Once is not enough:** Encourage your child to re-read favorite books and poems. Re-reading helps kids read more quickly and accurately.
- ❖ **Dig Deeper into the story:** Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think Clifford did that?"
- ❖ **Be Patient:** When your child is trying to sound out an unfamiliar word, give him or her time to do so. Remind your child to look closely at the first letter or letters of the word.
- ❖ **Play word games:** Have your child sound out the word as you change it from *mat* to *fat* to *sat*; from *sat* to *sag* to *sap* and from *sap* to *sip*.
- ❖ **I read to you You read to me:** Take turns reading aloud at bedtime. Kids enjoy this special time with their parents.
- ❖ **Talk, Talk, Talk:** Talk with your child every day about school and things going on around the house. Sprinkle some interesting words into the conversation, and build on words you've talked about in the past.
- ❖ **Pick Books that are a the right level:** Help your child pick books that are not too difficult. The aim is to give them lots of successful reading experiences.

* Look for Second Grade tips in the next newsletter!

New School News

The new school is coming along. They have begun working on the floors in the classrooms and have tiled some of the floors in the bathrooms. Soon you will also see landscaping being done in front of the school. The following picture shows the welcoming entrance to the school.



Health

Tis the season... Flu season that is. Here are some basic tips about flu symptoms and ways to prevent getting the flu: Symptoms of the flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

There are many ways to protect and prevent the flu. In addition to getting vaccinated, take - and encourage your child to take - everyday steps that can help prevent the spread of germs.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Stay away from people who are sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- If someone in the household is sick, try to keep the sick person in a separate room from others in the household, if possible.
- Keep surfaces like bedside tables, surfaces in the bathroom, kitchen counters and toys for children clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant according to directions on the product label.
- Throw tissues and other disposable items used by sick persons in your household in the trash.

Second Grade News

We are working intensely in second grade. In math, we have been focusing on place value, basic math facts, and skip counting. Please have them practice every day! In reading we have been covering several reading strategies that incorporate science and social studies. It is very important that you read with your child every day. We will soon be implementing reading and math centers to enhance the learning in second grade.

Immediately after the Parent Social on October 10th at 9:30 a.m., there will be a Volunteer training. If you are not an approved volunteer and need the training please contact the school and plan on attending.



The Next PTO meeting is October 9, 2013, at 8:30. Please plan to attend and support the children!



Third Grade News

The students in the third grade classrooms have been working hard so far this year. In math, most of them have mastered the 2 and 3 multiplication facts and are starting on 4's. In science, they have been studying plant and animal systems. In reading, the students are studying synonyms and antonyms, context clues, and genre. They have been working on writing five paragraph essays. We will continue to work to make this year a success!

Even though we have several months before moving to the new school there is a project that Mr. Bugby is spearheading. For the open house of the new school, he is going to put together a video of sorts of AES past. What we need from you are any pictures, video, etc. that you may have of any activities, programs, etc. that have occurred at AES. Please note that you may send them by any method (e-mail, paper copy, memory card, etc.) However, if you send a picture that you want returned please make sure your name, phone number and address is on the back. Also with anything that is sent in, please note the year and activity that it relates to.

We appreciate any help you can give us to make this project a success.

Fourth Grade News

4th grade has a new teacher, temporarily, that is. Mrs. Maria Clothier, a GSC student, has been doing her internship with us. She has been teaching Language Arts and Social Studies under the supervision of Mrs. Freed. Mrs. Clothier has done a wonderful job teaching the students about early American Colonies, vocabulary, and elements of literature. But perhaps the most interesting project has been narrative essays titled "My Teacher's Secret Life". The students had some very intriguing ideas. Let's just say you can't believe everything you read!

Mrs. Clothier will be leaving AES October 9th, at which point she will move on to the middle school. We will miss her and send her with our best wishes. She will be an excellent teacher some day and is looking forward to having a class to call her own.



Upcoming Events !!! October dates

- 7 – 17 – Dental Clinic
- 9 - PTO Meeting 8:30
- 9 – Pre-K Parent Meeting 2:00 pm
- 10 – SAT Meetings
- 4th Grade - Parent Social
- 11 - IS Day–No School
- 14 – 18 – National School Lunch Week
- 14 – BOE Meetings – 6:30
- 17 - End of 1st 9 wks
- 18- 3rd Grade Parent Social
- 24 - Report Cards home
- 21-25 - National Bus Safety Week
- 25 – 2nd Grade Parent Social
- 29 Make-up Fall Pictures
- 29 P/T Conferences 4-7
- 31 Fall parade
- Nov. 5-8 – Book Fair
 - Parent social is taking the place of the hot chocolate days due to change in beverage.

If you have any question about any of the activities please contact the school.