

Elmer Eagle News

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November/December

ISSUE



Reminders from the Office

Please remember to inform our office of any changes that may occur throughout the school year, such as telephone numbers. It is important that our office has the most up-to-date information logged in our computer system. Information and communication is key in ensuring the safety and security of your children here at Elmer Elementary School. **Our Lost and Found is growing.** Please check for clothing that may belong to your child. It's located in our Front Foyer.

1st Grade Corner

We are growing by leaps and bounds! We are reading a lot of informational texts, completing hands-on investigations, and participating in interactive lessons on the whiteboard. We are up to eight spelling words a week and are reading our baggie books every night. Practice those math facts! By now your child should know all +0, +1, +2, and +3 sums to ten. November's test will cover the 4+ and 5+ facts and December's will cover 6+, 7+, 8+, 9+, and 10+. Another important math skill is skip counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's: a great sing-song activity for those long road trips. In Social Studies we are learning about Fall and Winter Holidays, Customs, and Traditions. Share your own special family stories with your child this holiday season. Our next Science Unit will be Animals.

2nd Grade Corner

Catching Up With Second Grade

We hope your child is enjoying his/ her Second Grade year so far. The students have been working hard and learning many new skills.

In Social Studies we have just finished a unit on communities. The students learned about community rules, community helpers, and the different types of communities. They are now learning about Energy and Magnets in science. They are learning about the different types of energy, such as heat, light, and sound.

In Math, we teachers would like to stress the importance of having your child review his/her math facts to 10. We are on lesson five in our new Journeys Reading Series. Our Journey Reading Series is a skills- based program concentrating on comprehension, spelling, phonics, and vocabulary. Students work as a whole group to read the main story or anchor text, and then practice reading strategies during small group instruction.

Students are also immersed in lessons in grammar and writing.

It is important that your child read every night and practice decoding skills and comprehension: Have your child read a couple of pages and then ask your child a few questions to make sure your child is understanding the story.

As the end of the third month of school approaches, your child should be fully acclimated and understand all rules and procedures of his/ her classroom. However, if any problems or questions should arise, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

BSI Corner

Basic Skills News

Our First Grade Foundations Students are currently learning to "tap" the sounds to read and spell words. They will say each sound separately, and then blend the sounds together. Language Arts Students are learning to bring background knowledge of a topic to an informational text to help them understand it. We are practicing to read with fluency and expression.

Our First Grade Math students are working with hands-on materials to learn subtraction and beginning strategies for math facts. Please practice Math Vocabulary words with your child by having him/her explain. **Second Grade Math** students are also using hands-on learning while working on Place Value, Regrouping, Two-Digit Addition and Math Facts. Please practice Math Vocabulary words by explaining them.

Mrs. Poolake & Mrs. Snyder

FUTURE EVENTS

Book Fair 11-2 to 11-4



Picture Make-up Day

11/16



Author Spotlight Assembly

11/4



Happy Thanksgiving

½ day 11/25



December 16th ½ Day

In-Service

Parent/Teacher Conferences

December 13th -15th - ½ Days



Author Spotlight Assembly

12/9



Polar Express Assembly

12/16



Believe!

Winter Recess

12/24 - 1/2



Principal

Daniel F. Bruce
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School Nurse

Tracie Ewing
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Ext. 3204

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Keyanah West
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Jason Ragan - Music
Ext. 3243

Kathy Passmore - Library
Ext. 4664

Janice Chassier - Art
Ext. 3244

Robert Hall- G & T
Ext. 3232

Irene Krawiec - Gym
Ext. 3246

Eileen Miller Technology
Ext. 3256

Joyce Moskalow - Spanish
Ext. 3136

Updates from Guidance

Guidance News

October and November are busy months! Thank you for supporting your child and our school by participating in our WEEK of RESPECT, Red Ribbon Week, and International Stand Up to Bullying Day. The students have been learning about INTEGRITY. Our veterans, whom we honored, are examples of people with INTEGRITY. It is important to always tell the truth and be honest. We also created a Web of Gratitude. Your child can tie a string on our web symbolizing why he/she is grateful.

If you would like to discuss these programs or have any concerns, please contact me at tprobasco@pittsgrove.net OR Elmer School M,T,W, OR Norma School, TH,F.

-- P. Patience, R. Respect, I. Integrity, D. Diligence, E. Empathy -- P.R.I.D.E. STARTS AT HOME
Mrs. Probasco ~ Guidance Counselor

Nurse News



**NURES'S NEWS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
2016-2017**

- ✚ November is time for all the great healthy foods that our great farms provide. Apples, pumpkins, sweet potatoes for example are some the healthy food choices we can make. Foods high in vitamins help energy levels stay up and boost the immune system. They also help to provide us with fiber in our diets, so important for good digestion.
- ✚ Thank you for dressing your child in warm hats, coats and proper shoes.
- ✚ Please remind your child not to share combs, brushes or hats or accessories. This helps to keep the lice away. Check your child's head daily, especially if itchy!!
- ✚ With the change of weather cold and flu may flare up. Please see your doctor for the flu vaccine, especially if your child has Asthma. Thank you for bringing in proof of flu vaccine.
- ✚ Please see nurse if your child has Asthma and needs an Asthma Action Plan for school.
- ✚ If your child is ill please do not forget to call the Main Office to report the absence.
- ✚ Upcoming events: November "Coins for the Heart." To help families in need around the holiday season. More information will be coming your way.
- ✚ Please contact the Nurse's Office @856-358-6761 ext. # 4772 ask for Mrs. Ewing
- ✚ I would be happy to help you with any questions or concerns you may have.

Mrs. T. Ewing, RN, BA, CSN



Special Education News

MD Program

As the first trimester draws to a close, our class has settled in and following our routines very well. We are doing great with letter identification and sounds, as well as learning some new sight words. Some of us are now working on writing complete sentences, as others are writing their names independently! Excitement is growing as we approach the holiday season, and we are looking forward to a promising New Year!

Sincerely, Amanda Lodge ~ Sp. Education Teacher

1st Grade Special Education

Happy Fall, everyone! As the holiday season quickly approaches, our first graders' enthusiasm for learning continues to grow! We will be busy with our parent/teacher conferences, thanksgiving projects, ornament making party, and Christmas party! Thank you again for taking the time to visit our classrooms during American Education Week! Mrs. Lafond and I so enjoy working with your children!

Sincerely, Annette Scholl ~ Sp. Education Teacher

Cool Websites . . .
check these out!

Math Practice:

xtramath.org

coolmath-games.com

Reading Practice:

disneydigitalbooks.go.com

www.spinandspell.com

<http://www.starfall.com>

Just for Fun:

kids.nationalgeographic.com

www.sproutonline.com/games

www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/

pbskids.org

Media Center's Website -
pittsgrove.oncoursesystems.com/websites/12104704

For Parents/Guardians:

readingrockets.org

scholastic.com/parents/

Special Education News (continued)

2nd Grade Special Education

Mr. Driscoll ICR Class are Brrrrrr-illiant workers. We have been working with two-digit addition with our My Math program and are building our addition strategies. With Language Arts we are working on narrative and informative writing. We are also working with nouns. In Science we are working with Energy and Magnets. For Social Studies we are learning about the history of Thanksgiving.

Why did they let the turkey join the band?

Because he had the drumsticks.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. Driscoll, Sp. Education Teacher

A Message from your Principal

Dear Elmer Elementary Family:

It's hard to believe that the months of September and October are a memory and we're fully immersed in our school year. Elmer Elementary has a flurry of activities and events planned for the months of November and December.

An important event is Parent/Teacher Conferences, which will take place December 13th - 15th. These conferences are an important milestone in your child's educational year. It's an opportunity to discuss social, emotional, and academic progress. Elmer Elementary will have half-days during this week. We hope to see you then.

American Education Week was celebrated the week of November 17th. This week presented all with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individual educators who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. A big thank you to all parents/guardians who participated. *"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."* -- Albert Einstein

We celebrated Veterans Day on November 18th with a special ceremony for our local Veterans. We had over 45 Veterans come and be celebrated with our students expressing their thanks through songs and words of thank you and encouragement! A big Thank You to our students and staff for all of their hard work preparing for the program. Remember to thank a Veteran!

As the holidays approach us, it is a time to reflect on how a year has gone by, a chance to reconnect with friends, and time to spend with our families. Whatever it is you do during this holiday season, the Elmer Elementary Staff would like to wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday.

Cordially, Daniel F. Bruce ~ Principal

