

Wildcat World Newsletter

November 2, 2011

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November Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 31- Nov. 11- Can-A-Thon (students bring in can goods for needy families)
- ◆ Nov. 2- First Grade Fieldtrip-Zoo Atlanta
- ◆ Nov. 4- West Newton Fashion Show @ 7pm
- ◆ Nov. 4- Nov. 14- PTO Essay Contest (information will follow)
- ◆ Nov. 8- Fourth Grade Fieldtrip-Zoo Atlanta
- ◆ Nov. 11- Early Release Day @ 11:15am
- ◆ Nov. 15-PTO monthly meeting
- ◆ Nov. 16- PTO host a staff breakfast
- ◆ Nov. 17- McDonald's Spirit Night 5-8pm
- ◆ Nov. 18- Pre-K Fieldtrip-Center for Puppetry Arts
- ◆ Nov. 18- Movie and Snack Day-Cost \$1
- ◆ Nov. 22- Tree Planting Day-Volunteers needed
- ◆ Nov. 21-25-Thanksgiving Break

November Certified and Classified Employees

- ◆ Ms. Lokia Williams-Teacher
- ◆ Ms. Sarah Clower-Paraprofessional

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have just entered the second nine weeks and our students are working diligently. We would like to stress the importance of students arriving to school on time each day so that they can participate in our morning math activities. Math is a major weakness for our school. Therefore, we need your help in ensuring that students are here daily to receive the necessary support. We have several activities planned for the month of November. We ask that you continue to volunteer in our classrooms and media center. We will be planting trees Nov. 22 and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school. The holidays are fast approaching and if you are someone you know needs assistance the following will take place:

- (1) The Salvation Army will be open Nov. 3- Nov. 4, at their Service Center on Washington Street. Please fill out an application for assistance.

- (2) Club's Empty Stocking Fund will be the week of Nov. 14. These will also be taken at the Salvation Army Center. The focus of this program is on children 10 and under, and they are looking to serve a large number of families with a limited number of gifts provided for each child.

We hope that you take advantage of the abovementioned opportunities.

Our PTO continues to provide opportunities for our students to show off their talents. Beginning Nov. 4-14, our students will have an opportunity to enter an essay contest. The winners will be given \$10 Chuckie Cheese gift cards. A PTO flyer is attached with details.

Always Keeping Children First

Art

Student artwork is being featured on the website artsonia.com. If you have not been to our online gallery, check it out by searching for West Newton in the School Search box. You can also order items with the student's artwork on it. These make great holiday gifts. The deadline for ordering for Christmas is December, 14. I post new artwork weekly so be sure to check often.

The students are enjoying the clay projects and learning how to show 3-D form and texture on a 2-D surface. The students are in great need of aprons this year. They can use donated men's button-up dress shirts as smocks. They will also be able to use egg cartons to hold paint, sharpies, and Kleenex. Have a great November!

Mrs. Johns

Thank you for your continued support with Box Tops, Campbell's Labels, and Coke Points. We are having a record breaking year with the amount turned in. Later this year, all students (grades 1-12 in the state of GA) will participate in a different fitness assessment. The name of it is FITNESSGRAM. FITNESSGRAM was created

PE

more than 20 years ago by The Cooper Institute. FITNESSGRAM is based on rock-solid research. It's the only health-related fitness assessment to use criterion-referenced standards, called Healthy Fitness Zones, to determine students' fitness levels based on what is optimal for good health. I have told all students that they will participate in this. One of my concerns is that the students are not practicing their pushups at home. I have told them that each day they should do as many pushups as they can (three times). Please help them remember to practice at home.

The best thing to remember while doing pushups is to bend their elbows and try to touch their chin to the ground (without any part of the body touching). They will have a hard time improving if they only practice while they are in PE. Thank you ahead of time for helping them! Don't forget that it is also very important for your child to play/exercise for 1 hour a day. It would be great if YOU joined them. Have a great November!

Mr. Matthews

Kindergarten News- Class of 2024

The Kindergarten team is very thankful for our many achievements and goals this year! Our students have really taken off in Accelerated Reading! In **Phonics**, our goals will be focused on identifying beginning and ending sounds as well as rhyming words.

In **Reading**, our goals are to master the 4 Kindergarten Lists of High Frequency Words, cause and effect, predicting, and summarizing during our read aloud times.

In **Writing**, our goal will be to write meaningful sentences.

In **Math**, our goals will be to count to and identify numbers to 100, as well as master the standards for shapes, solids, and patterns. At home, continue to work

on handwriting, fluency/mastery of letters & sounds, numbers, and high frequency words. Please don't forget to sign and return the agenda each day. Thanks!

The Kindergarten Team



*Yearbooks are on sale!!!
\$25 soft cover
\$30 hard cover
Students will be rewarded this year for purchasing a year book.*

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of positive parents.”

First Grade News- Class of 2023

Dear Parents,
The first half of the school year is almost at a close and the students are progressing very nicely in their academics. We thank you for working with them at home on their daily sight words and reading fluency skills it shows in their work. This month we will be working on the following skills in each subject area:

Reading/Language Arts:

- Identifying Fact vs. Opinion
- Identifying Character Traits

Math:

- Identifying Solid/Plane Figures
- Identifying Fractions/Fractional Parts

Science:

- Identifying States of Matter (Liquid, Solid, Gas)

As always, the first grade team would like to thank you for working with us to help excel your child academically each and every day. We will continue to work together to provide.

First Grade Team

Second Grade News- Class of 2022

Greetings second grade parents/guardians! Welcome back from fall break! We hope you came back rejuvenated and rested as we did. Our field trip to the Atlanta Zoo is scheduled for November 7th. Please return permissions slips and \$6 donations by Friday. We will focus on many topics during the month of November. In reading we will focus on finding the main idea and supporting details, predicting and inferring and evaluating. We will review common, proper, singular and plural nouns and learn about adverbs. In math we will focus on measurement and solid figures. In Social Studies we will learn about Georgia's first people as we compare and contrast the lives of the Creek and Cherokee. Our students have a lot to learn! Thank you

for your continued support and involvement!
As we work together, our children achieve success!
Sincerely,

The Second Grade Team

Third Grade News- Class of 2021

Dear 3rd Grade Parents,

Third grade teachers have added a spelling list to the weekly homework assignments. There will be ten new words given every Monday. It will be the students' responsibility to copy these words in their homework folder. Five words will be commonly used words and the other five will be critical vocabulary words.

Students will have to use these words in a sentence correctly. Please be sure to study and review these words with your student for the assessment on Friday.

Please continue to work with your student on

Multiplication and Division. Be sure to check homework folders daily for assignments and communication from teachers. Remember to have your student read daily for at least 20 minutes and review the reading skill for the week with them.

3rd Grade Team

Fourth Grade News- Class of 2020

The fourth grade has begun new units in Science and Social Studies. In Science, we are studying weather. Students are keeping a weather journal and watching the news daily to get information. Fourth grade students are learning about French, Spanish and English explorers in Social Studies. We are reading informational text and improving our informational writing skills. The second nine weeks is off to a great start in fourth grade.

Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade News- Class of 2019

Over the past six weeks, 5th graders have been working diligently developing a personal narrative. A mock writing test was given on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Decimals, Algebra, and Fractions are the focus in math. Your child is learning to compare, add, subtract, multiply, divide, order, and convert fractions and decimals. Please encourage your child to use the resources available to review every day. Social Studies and Science continue to be integrated with all content areas. We are beginning the Civil War and we are wrapping up Earth's Structure.

Pre-K

We continue to enjoy our learning time in Pre-K. This month we will be learning about shoes, incorporating pairs, sorting, and matching into our lessons. We will end the month by discussing what it means to be thankful.

We are also exploring the parts of a story. Be sure to read with your child every night; this will strengthen and help with the development of language and literacy awareness while spending quality time with your child.

Pre-K will have a fieldtrip to the puppetry of arts on November 18th. Look for permission slips soon in your student's folders.

Thank you for your continual support.

Pre-K Team

Counselor

For bereaved children and families, this time of year can be extremely difficult. The holiday season may trigger certain feelings, including sadness or anger, related to a family member's death. It is imperative to help children through these tough times by discussing with your child the following:

- They can talk about the deceased person.
- Any feeling they have is okay.

Other ideas that might help your child process their emotions include:

- Discuss how this person made the holiday time special
- Make the person's favorite food
- Look at photo's of the person or make a scrapbook
- Create a memory box

Ms. Maria Moore

It is very important that students study multiplication facts and read for 45 minutes every night in order for skills to improve. Also, keep in mind that you can access your child's progress through Infinite Campus located on our website along with other websites to improve academic performance. Thanks for all you do!

Fifth Grade Team

ELL

The ESOL program was awarded a cooking grant! We will be integrating cooking lesson into our daily lessons. We are looking for tasty recipes that the children would enjoy. We are inviting parents to help us by sending in your favorite recipe.

Mrs. Hollier and Mrs. Hollier

Quest

The Quest Department is accepting the following donations:

Facial Tissue, glue sticks, dry erase markers, index cards.

Thank you!

Ms. McCoy

