



# Mrs. Turner's First Grade Ribbiting News

Lee Expressive Arts School

December 1, 2017

## Important Dates

**Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Narrative Writing  
Celebration  
11:20 AM

**Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Mrs. Turner is away at  
a training

**Wed., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Walking Trip to  
Chancellor's House  
11:20-1:00

**Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Sponsored Family  
Movie Night

**Wed., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**  
All School Spelling Bee  
1:00

**Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> to Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
No School  
Winter Break

**Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
PTA Meeting  
6:00 PM

**Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
MLK Day  
No School

### Writing Celebration

We are eager to share our published narratives with family and friends. Please join us for a writing celebration on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:20. The children will read their published narratives to family members. If you would like to eat lunch with your child, you can join them in the gym at 11:00. We hope to see you there!

### Dine to Donate

The next PTA Dine to Donate event is at Shakespeare's Pizza on December 14<sup>th</sup>. This is the first grade specific dine to donate so all proceeds raised will go to the first grade. You will need to show a flyer for it to count. Flyers will be sent home closer to the date.

### Winter Fairy Tale Performance

Please plan to join us at 9:45 AM on December 21<sup>st</sup> to see your child perform in a Cinderella ballet. We will also sing songs from Hansel and Gretel Opera. Then we will come back to our classroom where we will perform fairy tale Reader's theater/shadow puppet plays. It is a very important and exciting performance. If you are unable to attend, please plan to send a grandparent or good friend. It will be an amazing performance! It is always such a magical experience!

### Pizza Hut Book-It Program

If you completed the November reading goal please remember to send your record sheet to school ASAP. I will send home the December record sheet and the pizza certificate in homework folders next week.

### Capstone Interactive

If you are looking for a digital reading resource please be sure to look at the flyer in folders this week. This is a great resource to access at home. It provides ebooks for children. It even has the option of having the book read aloud and the words highlighted.

### Paper Towel Tubes

We are collecting paper towel tubes to use later in math. If your family has paper towel tubes please send them in with your child.

### Spelling Bee

We will have our class spelling bee on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have 3 students represent our class in the all school spelling bee on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

# What is happening in our classroom

**Reading:** We are working on reading fluently and with expression. Reading fluently means that our speed of reading is the same as our speaking. Reading with expression means that we are showing the feelings of the book in our voice.

**Word Work:** We are reviewing the short e sound (pen, hen, ten).

**Writing:** We are wrapping up our narrative writing unit. We hope you will join us on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:20 for a writing celebration. The children are eager to share their writing pieces with family and friends.

**Math:** We are currently exploring measurement. We are comparing the length of objects and learning how to measure objects.

**Health:** We continued our unit about bones and muscles. This week, we learned about the bones that protect vital organs in our body.

**CPS Zoo Animal:** We learned about the cheetah this week.

**Integration:** We are kicking off our major integration cycle about story elements through the study of fairy tales. The integration cycle is a special time of learning because children receive additional art and music minutes. During these minutes, I will be team teaching with the music and art specialists!



Send in those Boxtops for Education. Our PTA sends these in and we make several hundred dollars each year from all those dimes adding up! The November submission day is quickly approaching. So please send in any BoxTops your family has saved.

Be sure to follow our class on Twitter, @LeeRoom101. We tweet several pictures and daily dinner table talk questions during the week. These are to encourage families and children to discuss what they learned during our time at school.

I am so excited to announce that our classroom website is up and running! You can access our classroom newsletters, specials schedule, and much more through the website. I do my best to update the website each week! You can visit our site by going to the Lee webpage then click on my name under staff directory.

## Questions? Concerns?

Please call me at school at 214-3530. I am always here by 7:25 and I stay until 3:15 (usually later, but always til then). Email is also a great way to contact me. I read it several times a day.

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