



Mrs. Turner's First Grade Ribbiting News

Lee Expressive Arts School

November 20, 2017

Important Dates

November 22nd-24th
No School
Thanksgiving Break

Wed., Dec. 14th
Walking Trip to
Chancellor's House
11:20-1:00

Friday, Dec. 15th
PTA Sponsored
Family Movie Night

Wed., Dec. 20th
All School Spelling
Bee
1:00

Dec. 22nd to Jan. 3rd
No School
Winter Break

Tuesday, Jan. 9th
PTA Meeting
6:00 PM

Monday, Jan. 15th
MLK Day
No School

Warm Welcome!

As you all heard last week, Mr. Elsea retired. So, we are very excited to officially announce that Ms. Mary Korth-Lloyd and Ms. Mary Sue Gibson will be our principals at Lee Expressive Arts for the remainder of the current school year. They are superb principals that have many combined years of experience as administrators. It is has been very exciting to have them visit our classroom to see the learning that these amazing first graders are doing. They both have been a joy to work with and I am eager to finish the school year with them as our school leaders. They are here to support children, parents, and the staff of Lee Expressive Arts. So when you see them be sure to welcome them to Lee!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all the families that took the time to meet with me about your child's progress thus far in first grade. I really enjoyed our time together. If you need to reschedule please do so by emailing or sending a message on remind. Parent-Teacher Conferences are very important and are a key to your child's academic and social successes at school.

Winter Fairy Tale Performance

Please plan to join us at 9:45 am 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! Save the flyer in this week's folder with the details.

Pizza Hut Book-It Program

This is just a reminder to continue to read each night with your child. If your family chooses to participate in the Pizza Hut Book-It program remember to record your child's reading on the reading log and return the reading log to school by December 1. If your child meets the reading requirements, he/she will earn a certificate for a free personal pan pizza.

School Volunteers

The Lee PTA is seeking parent volunteers for several school events and/or functions. You do not have to be a PTA member to sign up for volunteering. There is a flyer in folders this week that details various events parent volunteers are needed for. If you are interested in volunteering please complete the volunteer form. I will turn these into the PTA volunteer coordinator. They will contact as more volunteer opportunities arise. Thank you for supporting the learning at Lee!

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM

Reading: The children continue to work on strengthening their retelling abilities. We are working on reading for meaning. The children are practicing using character names when they talk about what happened in the story. We are also working on making sure we have events from the beginning, middle and end.

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

Writing: We are editing our writing using a class made writing rubric. When we finish editing, we will publish our stories. It is our hope to have a writing celebration very soon!

Math: We continue to work on addition and subtraction strategies. We learned how to skip count using the number grid and calculators.

Health: We continued our study of bones.

CPS Zoo Animal: We continued our study about lions.

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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