



# Mrs. Turner's First Grade Ribbiting News

Lee Expressive Arts School

November 3, 2017

## Important Dates

**Friday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Grade Cards Come Home

**Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Teacher Conference Week

**Thurs., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Dine to Donate at McDonald's

**Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
No School

**Tuesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Literacy Night  
6-7 PM

**Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Mrs. Turner is out for Training all day

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**  
No School  
Thanksgiving Break

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

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are next week. Please be sure to attend your child's conference. I love sharing each child's growth at school! These conferences are also very important to your child's academic successes. I look forward to seeing all of you next week! If an emergency occurs, please be sure to contact me so that we can reschedule for a different day and time.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during Parent Teacher Conferences next week! This is a great way to add great books to your home collection at reasonable prices. Every book purchased at the fair will earn our school credits. In the past, these credits have purchased our school one read books.

## Book Fair Hours

Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM  
Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM  
Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM

## Literacy Night

Last week, there was a flyer about Literacy Night on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM. This is a great time for you to clean out your book collection and update it with gently used books. You can begin sending in gently used books with your child and I will give them a punch card to keep track of how many 'new' used books they can get the night of literacy night.

## Book It

There is a recording log with this month's reading goal in folders this week. Please return by the end of the month for your child to earn a free personal pan pizza.

## Grade Cards

**Your child's grade card is in folders this week. This is a very quick glimpse into their progress. I will share a more in-depth explanation with your child's work samples at Parent Teacher Conferences. So please plan on attending your child's conference.**

## Spelling Bee

Be sure to check out the pink flyer in this week's folder. There is information about the annual school spelling bee.

# 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 will wrap our study of the short i (big, wig, sit) next week. Then we will begin our final short vowel study of u (bug, rug, gut).

**Writing:** We wrapped our study of how authors bring their stories to life and began a study of ending our stories. We learned about one type of ending this week. It is called a circular ending, which means our opening line is repeated at the end of our story.

**Math:** We continue to learn strategies for solving addition and subtraction within 10. We are teaching each other the strategies we use when approaching a problem. The children are also learning about the importance of respectful mathematical discussions. We learned we can respectfully disagree and learn from mistakes.

**Health:** We continued our study of bones.

**CPS Zoo Animal:** We continued our study about tigers.

**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.



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The next Dine to Donate is on November 9<sup>th</sup> at McDonalds. When I learn more information about which McDonalds, I will pass that information along through the remind messenger! All funds raised will go into the general Lee PTA fund to help teachers and the school.

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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