



Mrs. Turner's First Grade Ribbiting News

Lee Expressive Arts School

October 13, 2017

Important Dates

Friday, Oct. 13th
Friday Movie Night
6:30 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 17th
Early Release Day
12:10 PM

Friday, Oct. 20th
Picture Retake Day

Thursday, Oct. 26th
Dental Health
Screening

Monday, Oct. 30th
No School
Teacher Work Day

Tuesday, Oct. 31st
Fall Festival

Nov. 6th-9th
Parent Teacher
Conference Week

Friday, Nov. 10th
No School

Tuesday, Nov. 14th
Literacy Night
6-7 PM

Classroom Expectations

I am still regularly having to reteach and practice everyday first grade expectations. By this time of year, I am normally able to focus most of my attention on teaching the general curriculum. I would greatly appreciate you working with your children on listening attentively and following the directions the first time they are given. It would be helpful if you had this same expectation at home.

Dental Health Screening

The Dental Health Screening that was originally scheduled for this past Monday has been postponed and rescheduled for Thursday, October 26th.

Friday Night Movie Night

Tonight, Friday, October 13th at 6:30 PM is the Lee PTA sponsored movie night. Families are invited to watch the PG movie Hocus Pocus in the school gym. Admission is free. There will be concessions available for purchase. Proceeds from the concessions will go to the PTA general funds account.

Fall Festival

The Annual Lee Fall Festival is quickly approaching. Instead of celebrating Halloween, Lee has a Fall Festival for our children. This year's theme is "Spin a Story." The children will begin the day with a parade downtown. Then we will spend our day visiting different stations our Partners in Education hosts. These stations are extensions to our theme.

The children are invited to wear costumes this day. The costume should center around the grade level theme. This year first grade's theme is Fairy Tales. Be as creative as you want with your child's costume. Home-made costumes are always encouraged.

Scholastic Book Order

There are scholastic book order flyers in folders this week. If you are interested in ordering please submit your order by Friday, October 21st. You can order online by using our class code NGX9G. Or you can complete the paper order form and return it to school with your child.

Literacy Night

Be sure to check out the flyer in this week's folder about our annual Literacy Night.

What is happening in our classroom

Reading: The children are working 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 started reviewing the short vowel o in words like cot, mop, shop.

Writing: We are working on adding details to our stories. This week, we learned about making our characters move so that our stories come to life. Be sure to ask your child how they made their characters move in their narratives.

Math: We are working on using strategies to add and subtract within totals of 10. The children focused on moving from counting all (3+2 as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) to counting on (3+2 as hold 3 in head count 4, 5). We learned that addition and subtraction is when something changes. We learned how to use a change to more diagram for addition and a change to less diagram for subtraction.

Science: We continued our study about sound and light. Next week, we will make our own instruments from recycled items. If you have recycled items please send them in with your child. Items may include cereal boxes, plastic bottles, rubber bands, toilet paper and paper towel tubes, etc. We may also need beans or rice for shakers.

School Arrival and Dismissal

Remember that the children are allowed into the building at 7:35. There is no supervision before this time. The tardy bell rings at 7:55. That is the official start time to our day. If your child is a parent drop-off in the morning and you would like to have them eat breakfast you should plan to drop them as close to 7:35 as possible. This way they have time to eat their breakfast and be ready to learn at the start of our day. All children are expected to be here by then or they will be marked absent or tardy. We will dismiss buses first this year at 2:50 and then parent pick-up will start at 3:05.

Our Specials Schedule

Monday-Dance and Music Lab

Tuesday-Art

Wednesday-Counselor or Media

Thursday-P.E. and Library Checkout

Friday-Music

*****Dance, Music, and PE require that children wear tennis shoes.*****

Lunch Schedule

Our class eats lunch each day at 11:00 to 11:20.

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! I am currently updating it daily as there are pictures from previous years. Right now, you can find the weekly newsletters. As the year progresses, I will add pictures and other important updates. 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.

-Mrs. Becca Turner

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