



Mrs. Turner's First Grade Ribbiting News

Lee Expressive Arts School

October 27, 2017

Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 30th

No School
Teacher Work Day

Tuesday, Oct. 31st

Fall Festival

Friday, Nov. 3rd

Grade Cards Come Home

Nov. 6th-9th

Parent Teacher Conference Week

Friday, Nov. 10th

No School

Tuesday, Nov. 14th

Literacy Night
6-7 PM

Friday, Nov. 17th

Mrs. Turner is out for Training all day

November 22nd-24th

No School

Thanksgiving Break

Fall Festival

We are short on volunteers for the fall festival on **Tuesday, October 31st**. If you are available to volunteer please be sure to sign up using the link that was sent in an email on Thursday evening. If you are unable to volunteer, you are welcome to extend the invite to grandparents or other family members. Volunteers are what make our Fall Festival day such a great day of learning and fun for the children!

If you would like to volunteer please use the following link
<http://signup.com/go/eZEHSx>

Remember that the first grade costume theme is fairy tales. Costume ideas may include Goldie Locks, Three Bears, Jack, Beanstalk, Gold Harp, etc. As long as the costume has a fairy tale connection it is a go.

I've had several questions about children wearing masks to school as part of their costume. I have been told by the Fall Festival Committee that there should be no masks for safety purposes. Thank you for understanding!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Most families have signed up for a Parent-Teacher Conference. If you have not signed up please plan to do so by Wednesday, November 1st. You can sign up by using the following link <http://signup.com/go/8mttClx>. Then look for my class schedule and sign up for a time that works best for your family. If you do not sign up by Wednesday, I will assign an available time for you.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are a very important component to your child's academic and social successes at school. I love sharing all the wonderful learning your children are doing while at school! Plus, I LOVE sharing all the amazing growing these children do in first grade!

Literacy Night

Last week, there was a flyer about Literacy Night on November 14th 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.

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 began our review of the short vowel i like in pig, wig, sit. We will wrap our study next week.

Writing: We are working on adding details to our stories. We reviewed all the strategies for making our stories come to life. These include making our characters move, making our character talk, sharing our characters feelings, and sharing our characters thoughts.

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.

Health: We began our study about bones. Children will learn the importance of bones and how to keep our bones healthy.

CPS Zoo Animal: We are so excited to have the Tiger visiting us! We all believe he must be friends with Truman the Tiger. We could not believe that tiger cubs only stay with their mother for 2 years.

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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