



Mrs. Turner's First Grade Ribbiting News

Lee Expressive Arts School

October 6, 2017

Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 9th
Dental Health
Screening

Thurs., Oct. 12th
Panda Express
Fundraiser
11 AM to 9 PM

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

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

Friday, Oct. 20th
Picture Retake Day

Tuesday, Oct. 31st
Fall Festival

Daum Museum Field Trip

We had a great time at the Daum Museum in Sedalia. I hope your child came home excited to share the different artwork they viewed and sketched. Our first graders were wonderful ambassadors of Lee!

Upcoming PTA Fundraisers

Friday Movie Night Change

The Friday Movie Night has been rescheduled for next Friday, October 13th at 6:30 PM. We hope your family will join us to watch Hocus Pocus. Admission is free. There will be concessions available for purchase.

Lee Dine Out Fundraiser

We hope your family will join us for the Panda Express Fundraiser on Thursday, October 12th from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. 20% of event sales will be donated to our school. Come join us for dinner. Who doesn't love a night of zero dishes!

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.

Mystery Reader

If you are interested in being a mystery reader for our classroom please feel free to contact me to set up a date and time for you to visit. A mystery reader is a great way for us to work together to show children how fun and important reading is. When you come as a mystery reader, you are a guest reader in our classroom. You are welcome to bring your own picture book to read aloud to the class. The children really enjoy mystery readers!

Reading: The children are adding weekly poems to the poetry books during literacy stations. The poems are perfect practice fluency and expression while reading. It also reinforces our short vowel sound and word wall work. **Please be on the lookout for just right books to come home in backpacks in the next few weeks.** Children will need to read their book on the evening it comes home and return it to school the following morning.

Word Work: We reviewed the short u sound like in the words cup, bus, duck.

Writing: We learned there is a process for writing. This week, we worked on rereading our stories and deciding if we should add our classmates wonderings (questions) to provide more detail in our 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 are also working on using 10 frames to add and subtract. Be sure to have your child share what a ten frame is!

Science: We started a study of light and sound. Children are eager to build instruments using recycled items. However, before we can build instruments we have to study how sound is made. This week, we realized that in order for sound to occur there has to be vibrations.

CPS Zoo Animal: We studied the octopus this week. We were really shocked to learn that octopuses could squeeze into tight spaces because they have NO bones!

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.

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### **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.**

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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.

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