



Mrs. Turner's First Grade Ribbiting News

Lee Expressive Arts School

September 22, 2017

Important Dates

Wed., Sept. 20th
Tie-Dye T-shirts

Monday, Sept. 25th
No School
Teacher
Collaboration Day

Friday, Oct. 6th
Trip to Daum
Museum in Sedalia

Monday, Oct. 9th
Dental Health
Screening

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

Friday, Oct. 20th
Picture Retake Day

Tuesday, Oct. 31st
Fall Festival

Daum Museum Field Trip

The first grade classes will be going to the Daum Museum in Sedalia on Friday, October 6th. We will leave Lee at 8 AM and return around 1 PM. Be sure to checkout the field trip form in this week's folder because it includes important information about the trip. Please fill out and return the field trip form.

Lego Club

If you are interested in child being in Lego Club this year please see the flyer in this week's folder. There is an application form that must be filled out and returned. I know spots are limited so be sure to return the forms ASAP.

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.

Read-A-Thon

Please return completed Read-A-Thon sheets and pledges to school by September 29th! I hope your family enjoyed participating in the PTA fundraiser. This is a great way to avoid doing fundraisers that require children to sell items like magazines and gift wrap.

May Box

I have noticed a growing trend in children bringing toys and trinkets from home. Please encourage your child to leave these items at home as they do not help us concentrate on our daily learning. A first grade policy is that children will be asked to put the item away. If a teacher sees the item out of the child's backpack again, it will be stored in a "May Box." Children will only be able to get the items back at the end of the year or if a parent is able to come in after school to retrieve the item. Best practice is to leave those items at home.

Reading: Reading groups are in full swing! Each child has met with their reading group at least twice this week to work on targeted skills. **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.

Writing: We wrapped up our study about opening lines (first sentence). Children now know what a sound lead (Peck, peck, peck.), conversation lead (One day I went to the park with my friends.), and question lead (Do you ever go to Stephen's Lake?) are and they are using these leads in their daily writing.

Math: We are beginning to learn strategies for adding and subtracting within 10. The children are currently learning about pairs of numbers that make 10 (0 and 10, 1 and 9, 2 and 8, 3 and 7, 4 and 6, 5 and 5)

Science: We finished our time with the walrus. We can't wait to find out our new animal.

Social Studies: We learned about families this week. We discussed differences and similarities among families. We also drew family portraits to show who is in our family.

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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