

# Mrs. Turner's First Grade Ribbiting News

Lee Expressive Arts School

September 29, 2017

#### <u>Important Dates</u>

# Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> No School Teacher Collaboration Day

### <u>Friday. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup></u> Trip to Daum Museum in Sedalia

## <u>Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup></u> PTA Sponsored Movie Night at Lee

# Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Dental Health Screening

# <u>Tuesday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup></u> Early Release Day

12:10 PM

## Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Picture Retake Day

<u>Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup></u> Fall Festival

#### Daum Museum Field Trip Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

We have our trip to the Daum Museum next Friday. We will leave school by 8:15 and arrive back at school around 1:00. Please have your child wear their Lee School Shirt and appropriate outerwear. We will picnic outside as long as the weather permits.

Thank you for the parents that volunteered to help on this trip. I have sent an email to you all so you can work out carpooling if you would like.

Unfortunately, parents cannot ride the bus as there is not space.

#### **Crayola Grant**

We recently received news that our school is a finalists for a grant sponsored by Crayola. Part of the grant process is gathering permission forms from parents so we can collect evidence (pictures, videos, voice recordings) of the arts occurring at Lee. Please complete the salmon colored permission form and return to school ASAP. There is even an incentive for the children if they return it by **Wednesday, October 4**th. Thank you for helping us with this awesome opportunity to fund more arts!

#### 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. Homemade costumes are always encouraged.

#### Read-A-Thon

Please send in pledge money and read—a—thon minutes by October 6th. This is one of PTA's largest tundraisers so any amount donated is appreciated. The Read—A—Thon is great because it does not require you to sell items to your family and friends. Instead, their donations encourage children to read!

#### LEE PTA Sponsored Movie Night

Enjoy a free movie with family and Lee friends on the night of October 6th. PTA will also be selling popcorn and other small concessions to raise money for Lee School. The theme is Halloween. I will send a remind text as soon as I learn the time.

Reading: We are working on different strategies to use when reading tricky words. These strategies include looking at the picture, stretching out the word, and rereading the sentence. 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 are reviewing the short u sound in words like cup, mug, rug.

Writing: We learned there is a process for writing. We learned about thinking of a topic, planning across our fingers, writing our words, and illustrating our story. Next week, we will continue to add steps to our writing process.

Math: The children continue to build their number sense. We are working on using strategies to add within 10

Social Studies: This week, we finished up our family portraits. We learned that each of our families have similarities and differences, but that we are all cared for!

### 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

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