

Mrs. Turner's First Grade Ribbiting News

Lee Expressive Arts School

September 8, 2017

Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 11th Guest Teacher

Mrs. Turner is at a Training

Tuesday, Sept. 12th

PTA Meeting 6:00 PM

Wed., Sept. 13th Screen Printing

Thurs. Sept. 14th

Curriculum Night 6:00-7:00

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

Monday, Sept. 25th

No School Teacher Collaboration Day

Monday, Oct. 9th Dental Health

Screening

Tuesday, Oct. 17th

Early Release Day 12:10 PM

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

<u>Curriculum Night</u>

Are you curious about what your child will be learning this year in first grade? If you answered yes, we would love for you to attend Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 14th. You may choose to attend one of the two sessions. The first session is 6:00-6:30. The second session is 6:30-7:00. We hope you can join us next Thursday.

Class Dojo

I have started using Class Dojo as tool to acknowledge children's strong choices in our classroom. There is a flyer with information about how you can sign up for updates about your child's class dojo points in this week's folder.

Daily Attendance

It is very important that children get to school each day! There is a lot of learning that takes place every day. We have set a school wide goal to improve our attendance rates. Last

we have set a school wide goal to improve our attendance rates. Last year we saw a large decrease in attendance rates. So, we are encouraging and celebrating daily attendance. Our goal is that each child will maintain an attendance percentage of 95%.

Screen Printing

Next Wednesday, September 13th is screen printing day! The children will each screen print this year's Lee School T—Shirt Design to their own shirt. I recommend sending children in play clothes that day. We always hope for no accidents, but sometimes a child ends up getting ink on their clothes. It is a permanent ink so it will not wash out of clothes.

Scholastic Book Order

If you are interested in ordering books from the scholastic book order please submit orders by Friday, September 15th. Each order submitted helps our class earn points for new classroom library books. For more information on how to order please check out the flyer in this week's Friday Folder.

Read-A-Thon

Read-A-Thon packets are due on September 29th. I hope that each child has set a reading goal and is working towards meeting their individual goal. This is one of PTA's largest fundraisers to support the learning that occurs at Lee.

Reading: We are building our stamina during Read to Self. We are also learning our various in literacy stations. The children will work at independent literacy stations while I meet with small groups to work on reading skills. Writing: We are working on personal narratives. This week, we are focusing on writing an

interesting opening line. The children have learned about sound leads and how to use them in their writing. We write for 40 sustained minutes each day and end our time with a writer's share circle where children are able to share their pieces and listen to classmates wonderings about their pieces.

Math: We are loving our new math materials! The children are working on building number sense (counting strategies) so we will be prepared to problem solve addition and subtraction problems.

Health: We are learning about germs. This week, we discussed how to prevent the spreading of germs by washing our hands and using a tissue to clear our noses.

Our first **PTA Meeting** will be on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 pm. This is a great way to get involved and find out more about your child's school. If you

are new to Lee, I would highly encourage you to attend the meeting.

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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