



Mrs. Bushmann's First Grade Flight Notes

1st grade

Lee Expressive Arts School

Dec. 15 2017

Important Dates

Friday, Dec 15th

Elf at 6:30

Free admission

PTA movie night at school

Wed. Dec. 20 1:00

All-school spelling bee

Thursday, Dec. 21 9:45 am

Fairy Tale Performance

Dec. 22nd-Jan. 3rd

No school-winter break

Jan. 3

10am -3 pm

Going Bonkers fundraiser

Tuesday, Jan. 9

6 pm PTA meeting

Monday, Jan. 15

No School MLK Day

Thursday, Jan. 18

6 pm ASB meeting

Monday, Feb. 5th

No School

Teacher Work Day

The children did a great job walking to the **Chancellor's house** today. We sang 4 songs for Mrs. Cartwright and then she read us a book called Snowmen at Night. We then got to tour the first floor and see all the beautiful decorations and our papier mache birds on display. It was so fun! As we left she gave us each a candy cane and a Mizzou pompom. I was really proud of how well the children did.

Thursday, Dec. 21st at 9:45 a.m.

Cinderella and Shadow puppet/**Reader's Theater** plays. **Have your child dress in nice clothes for our performance.** You won't want to miss this. If you must miss, please send a grandparent or good friend to watch. The children have been working very hard. It is an exciting time before winter break.

Winter Fun at Lee all next week

Monday is Pajama day

Tuesday is festive Hat day

Wednesday is wear festive holiday or winter wear

Thursday is dress nice for our performance day!

It's not too late!!

You can still send in **19 small items** to help fill our stocking caps. We will do this instead of a traditional winter holiday party. I appreciate the contributions we've already received. We will open our hats and have a winter movie (The Snowman) with hot cocoa for our winter celebration on Thursday afternoon the 21st.

There is a form in this week's folder for **joining PTA**. Please consider becoming involved in your child's school. You don't have to be a member to volunteer and help out at events. I know lives get very busy, so thinking about one event at school you'd like to be involved in or help with would be amazing. We understand parents work and are tired at the end of the day. **But we do depend on you to make a lot of the special things at Lee happen!! Thanks for considering.**

Reading: We are focusing on character, setting, dilemma and solution as we integrate and study fairy tales. Ask your child what a dilemma is. We will start practicing for fluency as we begin working on our Reader's Theaters plays. This week we added sound effects and made shadow puppets for our performance next week.

Writing: The children have been working on a narrative piece of art. We can't wait to share them with you when you come for our performance on Thursday, Dec. 21st.

Math: In Unit 4 we worked on measurement, but we also are working on totals of 10 and doubles. Learning these important facts helps when we work on addition strategies.

Science: We have completed our bone unit. The children worked hard to figure out that our mystery bones came from a frog. Our animal this week is a Polar Bear.

Word Study: We will begin with a review of short vowels, being sure every word has a vowel (syllable too!) and that it's the correct vowel. We have done short a, l and o and will move on to u.

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

SNACKS

We could use any donations of **snacks** that you would like to send. Snack suggestions are: graham crackers, cheese crackers, goldfish, Chex Mix, pretzels, grapes, apples, pudding, etc. I appreciate you helping out with this. If each family would send a snack for our class once a month, we would have enough. We have 19 students.

You might want to label and send a light jacket to school that could hang on your child's hook. It is quite lovely with the new air-conditioning, but several of the children found it to be colder than they are comfortable.

Questions? Concerns?

Please call me at school at 214-3530. I am always here by 7:15 and I stay until 3:15 (usually later, but always til then). You may call me at home at 445-3942. Email is also a great way to contact me. I read it several times a day. I have an open door policy and parents are welcome to visit anytime.

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