



Mrs. Bushmann's First Grade Flight Notes

1st grade

Lee Expressive Arts School

Sept. 8, 2017

Important Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 12

PTA meeting

6:00

Thursday, Sept. 14

Curriculum Night

6-7 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Screenprinting t-shirts

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Tie dye t-shirts

Monday, Sept. 25th

No School

Teacher Collaboration

Day

Friday, Oct. 20

Picture Retake Day

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Fall Festival

Screen printing and tie dying

I have everyone's shirts labeled with their names and ready to go to be made into Lee School shirts. Next Wed. we will screen print and the following Wed. we will tie dye them. Please send your child to school on those days dressed for a mishap. The children are pretty careful but we do use permanent, non-washable ink.

Curriculum Night

Thursday Sept. 14th 6-7 pm

Please plan to come and spend this time getting to know more about your child's class and what we will be doing this year. You may visit our 1st grade presentation from 6 to 6:30 or 6:30 to 7. This will allow you a chance to visit another grade level if you need to.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Please see the flyer in this week's folder. If you wish to donate please bring items by Sept. 18th. They will be hand-delivered by the principal from Beulah Ralph.

Read-A-Thon

I hope you are having your child read books (or be read to!) and asking friends and families for bids. This is a great fundraiser for our kids and helps us avoid having to sell candy and giftwrap. I hope you'll consider participating and sponsoring your child. Any amount is appreciated. Forms are due back by Sept. 29th.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance numbers saw a big drop last year and since you have to be at school to learn, we are encouraging all families to work toward being here at least 95% of the time.

Reading: I have done reading assessments on the children and we have learned our center jobs. So, next week I should be able to start pulling reading groups.

Writing: We are working on getting down at least 3 ideas while we stretch our words and **reread** our writing. We are learning to try to “paint a picture in each other’s brains”.

Math: We are working on keeping data (using tallies) and solving number stories. We made our own number line to use to help solve problems.

Science: We have talked about germs this week and how to avoid getting them.

Social Studies: We are studying families and our place in them.

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.

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.

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.

Children are welcome to bring a water bottle to school.

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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