



# Mrs. Bushmann's First Grade Flight Notes

1st grade

Lee Expressive Arts School

Nov. 17, 2018

## Important Dates

Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 22, 23, 24  
No School

Wednesday, Dec. 14  
11:20-1

Walking field trip to Chan-  
cellor's House

Wed. Dec. 20 1:00  
All-school spelling bee

Dec. 22nd-Jan. 3rd  
No school-winter break

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  
Feb. 12-15

Parent/Teacher confer-  
ences

**I always say I have the best parents. Thanks to everyone for meeting with me during parent/teacher conferences. Our class had 100% participation. Way to go!! Thanks for being great supporters for your child. It makes a difference.**

## Thursday, Dec. 21 Winter Fairy Tale performance

Please plan to join us at 9:45 am to see your child perform in our Cinderella ballet. We will also sing songs from the Hansel and Gretel Opera. We will then come back to our classroom where we will perform fairy tale Reader's theater/shadow puppet plays. It is a very important and exciting performance. If you are unable to attend, please plan to send a grandparent or good friend. It will be an amazing performance! Save the flyer in this week's folder with the details.

## Pizza Hut Reading Program

Keep reading and recording. Plan to send back this form by Nov. 30th!

## Spelling Bee

We will have our class spelling bee on either Dec. 4 or 5th. 3 children from our class will represent us at the all-school spelling bee.

**Paper towel tubes needed!**

**Reading:** When your child brings home a book in a baggie to read to you, please sign the form and return the book the next day, or as soon as possible. Thanks!

**Writing:** We are working on a writing craft rubric. We are trying to paint a picture in our listener's mind and write using our 5 senses. We use an opening line, write supporting details and then an ending. We are working on interesting, descriptive language.

**Math:** In Unit 3 we are learning how to talk about what strategy we've used to solve a problem. We are learning to talk about our math thinking and how we've gotten an answer. **Our focus this week was word problems. We are using number lines to help us solve problems. We also are learning to skip count using a calculator.**

**Science:** We have started our bone study. Anyone with any expertise feel free to come visit with us about our amazing bones. We love learning how our bodies work. Our animal this week is a gorilla! He reminds us of Ivan.

**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 and I and will move on to short u next week.

**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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