

# Mrs. Bushmann's First Grade Flight Notes

1st grade

Lee Expressive Arts School C

Oct. 13, 2017

# Important Dates

Tuesday, Oct. 17 Early Dismissal School gets out at 12:10

> Friday, Oct. 20 Picture Retake Day

> Oct. 26 Rescheduled dental screening

Monday, Oct. 30 Teacher Work Day No School

Tuesday, Oct. 31 Fall Festival

Mon-Thurs. Nov. 6-9 Parent/teacher conferences

Friday, Nov. 10 No school, conferences

Tuesday, Nov. 14th Literacy Night Come one come all!! 6-7 pm Parents, You rock!! I want to thank you for your support as this school year has started. We started off a bit rough, but they have really worked hard to become 1st grade learners. We're not perfect yet, but we are well on our way to becoming awesome 1st grade learners. Thank you for returning the Friday folder each week. This class rocks with perfect return rate for Friday folders every week. That is wonderful and speaks to your commitment as a parent. I also appreciate how you support your 1st grade learner with their homework folder each week.

#### Halloween Movie Night TONIGHT!!! Friday, Oct. 13th The first Lee Friday night movie night will be held on Friday, October 13th at 6:30pm in the school gym. We will be watching the PG Halloween themed movie Hocus Pocus. Admission is free and concessions will be available for purchase, proceeds will go to PTA general fund. There should be plenty of seating but feel free to bring a blanket if you wish.

# Fall Festival is coming Tuesday, Oct. 31st

You received a note a few weeks ago about fall festival. It is on Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Even though it is on Halloween, it is not a Halloween event. We dress up to celebrate our theme of Spin a Story—
Fairytales. Please read the flyer included in this week's folder for more details about this very exciting school-wide, day-long event.

## PICTURE RETAKES Friday, Oct. 20th

If your child did not get their school picture taken at the back to school night, they will get it taken on Friday, Oct. 20th. If they did get it taken and you weren't happy with their photos, please return any packages that you ordered and ask for retakes. If you didn't buy any pictures but were unhappy with their photos, just write a note letting me know you want retakes. Thanks! **Reading:** We have started working in small reading groups.

**Writing:** This week our focus turned to mechanics. We edited our writing for punctuation, word wall words spelled correctly, word spaces, a vowel in every word and using lowercase and uppercase letters correctly (aNd NoT a MishMash of Them).

**Math:** We took our unit 2 assessment. The children worked really hard and did a great job. We'll start Unit 3 on Monday.

**Science:** We're studying sound and light. It was exciting to discover that sound travels with vibrations. We made our instruments on Thursday and the children were so excited and motivated to make them. Our animal is a black bear. Did you know they live in Missouri?

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. We did short a and will move on to short i.

#### 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. Lottie Bushmann |bushmann@cpsk12.org