



Mrs. Bushmann's First Grade Flight Notes

1st grade

Lee Expressive Arts School

Oct. 6, 2017

Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 9
Dental clinic

Tuesday, Oct. 10
6 pm PTA meeting

Thursday, Oct. 12
Panda Express
PTA Dinner Fundraiser

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

Friday, Oct. 20
Picture Retake Day

Monday, Oct. 30
Teacher Work Day
No School

Tuesday, Oct. 31
Fall Festival

The Daum field trip was an amazing experience. The children were very respectful and very engaged. Ask your child about some of the art they saw and journaled about today. I bet they can tell you about their favorite piece. Too bad about the rain but we didn't let that dampen our spirits..

We are studying **sound and light** in Science. We will be making an **instrument** out of recycled materials next week. Your child should bring in items to use (old oatmeal containers, empty water or soda bottles, etc.) and they may bring extra to share. They may also work with you on an instrument at home, but they will still make one at school. Some vocabulary we've introduced is vibrations, opaque, translucent, and transparent.

PTA movie night RESCHEDULED for Friday, Oct. 13th

Enjoy a free Halloween movie with family and Lee friends on the night of Oct. 13. PTA will also be selling popcorn and other small concessions to raise money for Lee School. The theme is Halloween.

Dining to raise money

Another way our school raises funds for classroom field trips is to go to restaurants who then pay us back part of the proceeds. We do one of these per grade level. This month's dinner is at Panda Express (by Sam's Club). Details in a flyer this week. Take the flyer with you so our school gets money back (20%!).

Read-A-Thon

Thanks to all the families that participated in the READATHON. It's not too late to participate. Sponsor your child while they read books and are read to and then send in donations to Lee School earmarked for PTA Readathon. It's that simple!!

Reading: We have started working in small 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”. We’ve added working on using question leads in our writings. We have added question leads and next sound leads to our repertoire.

Math: We are working on breaking down 10 into different combinations.

Science: We’re studying sound and light. It was exciting to discover that sound travels with vibrations. We’ll be making instruments next week out of recycled materials.

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 are doing short a first. Our focus is on –at and –an words.

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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