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NEWS FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD:

The Early Childhood classes have had a wonderful start to a new school year. There are now two Early Childhood classes on Tuesday and Thursday with a new teacher, Mrs. Stacy Stenz, and assistant, Mrs. Shawn Joling. Ms. Becky, teacher, and Ms. Audrey and Ms. Dawn, teacher assistants have a Tuesday/ Thursday class and a Monday/Wednesday class. The themes of this month are Back to School and Apples. We are enjoying learning fun songs, playing fun learning games and making new friends. Sounds like the theme of the month is fun!!



NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN:

It has been a busy beginning of the year in the kindergarten classrooms. The children are learning the rules of the school and becoming comfortable with their daily routines. The children are learning their way around our large building and building new friendships. The children are starting work in their large group reading and math curriculums and working on various other activities in their different classrooms. Some of the topics being covered are "All About Me", "Apples", "Nursery Rhymes" and "Fall".



Please remember to dress your child for the changing weather, they have four recesses a day, one right in the morning before school starts, one mid morning, one after lunch and one in the afternoon. Layers are best route to go as they may get too hot or cold throughout the day. Please work with them on zipping and tying as we do here in our classrooms. Please remember to read your child's newsletter from their classroom teacher each week along with this newsletter each month. If you have any questions about anything please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

We are off to great start to a great year!!

NEWS FROM 1ST GRADE:

We took the first three weeks of school to review what we learned in Kindergarten in both reading and math. In reading we have focused on letters, letter sounds, eighteen high frequency words, letter formation within first grade lines, decoding words left to right, predicting/infering and summarizing. They have been listening to and sharing many stories to practice these skills and strategies. Ms. Gintner will be our special reading teacher who will be helping us promote reading and writing in and out of the classroom this year.



In math we have been exploring the numbers 1 - 10, shapes, patterns, and relating math to the real world. Students are recognizing that each number has other numbers hiding inside it (partners). For example: the number three has two partners, $1 + 2$ and $2 + 1$. This exploration provides a solid foundation for understanding basic addition and subtraction operations and equations. We have also practiced how to correctly form each number and learned about patterns.



We are anticipating Grandparent's Day on September 21st. Our music teacher, Mrs. Westfall, has taught us two songs for the occasion. Our art teacher, Mrs. Ford, has helped us with some of the table decorations. We'd like to thank both of them for helping us with this special event.

All of us will be visiting the Mosinee School Forest twice this year, once in the fall and again in spring. We are looking forward to this experience. Your child's classroom teacher will provide further details. We also went on a Freedom Walk on September 9. Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us.

Thank you for assisting your child in their daily reading and math homework and encouraging them to do their best. We greatly look forward to watching your child grow in first grade!

NEWS FROM 2ND GRADE:

Well, as expected, 2nd grade is off to a busy start. We are all getting acquainted with our students: their likes, dislikes, families, pets, strengths and weaknesses. We have completed some assessments to determine what areas we need to concentrate on and what skills the students have already mastered. We have also had fun appreciating the U.S.A. on our Freedom Walk. All of the 2nd graders had the opportunity to meet all of the 2nd grade teachers and their classrooms during the Round Robin Reading Adventure on Friday, the 9th. It is so nice to get acquainted and learn some names for later in the year when we will rotate classes for Science and Social Studies instruction. The children were all very well behaved and handled all of the changes very well. We are off to a great start and can't wait to have lots of fun together throughout the course of this school year.



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM:

All of the students have now been to art class and we are jumping right into our projects. Kindergarten students are learning about self-portraits and how to draw them after they studied their faces in a mirror. First graders worked on a special project for their grandparents and now are learning about colors and lines. They will be going on a "line hunt" out on the playground to find some really amazing lines! Second graders participated in Pinwheels for Peace, an international event in which they made visual public statement about peace. World-wide, over 3.5 million pinwheels were displayed with peace messages on them on September 21. Third grade students have been very "Zen" as they learned about the art of Zentangles, a type of art made up of many doodles. They learned that if they concentrate on their art and their breathing, their minds told their hands what to draw with hardly any thought at all. The results were spectacular!

Want to know more? Follow the art room on Facebook, search for: Mrs. Ford – Mosinee Elementary Art Teacher. I post some student work, links to local art events, and fun little things related to what we're doing in art class.



This year, we will be participating in Artsonia (the world's largest online art gallery for kids). Each student has their own personal "online art gallery" they can view and share with family and friends. As work is posted online, I will let students know. Kindergarten and 1st grade students will bring home a note with their screen names and security key number. If students have lost theirs, please contact me and I will send home that information. If you forgot your password, you will need to go to www.artsonia.com and have them e-mail you a replacement. With so many students, I can only post a few pictures each year. If you would like to post more, directions are online at Artsonia.

Thanks! Let's have a great school year!

Mrs. Ford

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SCHOOL NURSE NEWS FROM SUE POHLKAMP, RN:

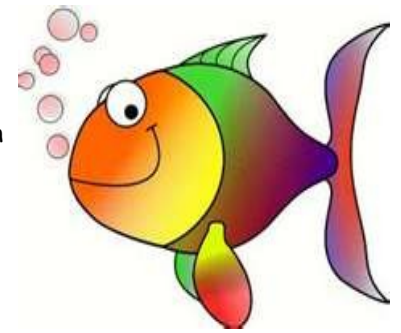
Prior revisions to the School Medication law require any medication which comes to school must be in the original container and must have the ingredient statement and dosing instructions on the container. In other words, a one-tablet blister pack of a medication cannot be sent to school without the complete box/package, because there is not enough information on the single dose tablet package. Parents are also required to provide to the school, all over-the-counter medication for their children. However, if a parent/family is unable to do so, the school may choose to donate over-the-counter medication (such as Tylenol, cough drops, Tums) to the student/family.



New rules regarding medication administration at school have recently come into effect. Written permission from the parent is now the only form of permission acceptable for any and all medication (prescription and over-the-counter) given at school. **Phone orders are no longer allowable.** (The Health Office can not accept a call from a parent - or make a call to a parent - for permission to give/receive any medication.) **All parent permission must be in writing.** If you provided written permission on the annual Health History form, this is sufficient for each of the medications you checked. If other medication is sent from home a Medication Authorization form should be sent as well. These forms can be printed from the school's web site. Go to Elementary School - School Nurse - School Health Forms - Medication Authorization. A physician's signature is also required if the medication is prescription or if the amount of an over-the-counter medication exceeds the package dosing instructions.

Well we started off the year with some exciting news "Gone Fishing with Box Tops" was a huge success!! We raised \$1,200 with this Box Tops Contest!! Whooh whooh!!

Box Tops money is used for enrichment programs for the students. Keep bringing in those Box Tops, Piggly Wiggly Receipts, and Milk Caps - we collect them all to bring in funds for extra enrichment programs for students. Please remember to cut around the Box Tops too. Thanks!!



Here were our "Gone Fishing with Box Tops Winners"

Katelyn Gorski won Scrabble Junior

Isabelle Olson won a Zhu Zhu Pet Game

Josie Keller won a Basketball

Kyle Allen won a Basketball

Maddie Samz won Moon Dough Kit

Seth Lesencyski won a Soccer Ball

Alex Johnson won a Football

Carmen Mielke won a Zhu Zhu Pet Game

Greenlee Kruzicki won a Zoobles

Alexis Northcoff won Glow Explosion Sticks

Kate Fitzgerald won a Soccer Ball

Victoria Sullivan won a Rubix Cube

Thanks to all that brought in the "Gone Fishing with Box Tops" papers!! Watch for our next contest - one will be coming soon!!

Earn FREE STUFF for our school!!!!

Mosinee Elementary School is collecting Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops for Education, Piggly Wiggly receipts, milk caps and empty inkjet printer cartridges to earn "free stuff" for our kids. There are collection bins located near the Elementary School office. There will also be exciting contests for collecting these items throughout the school year.



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