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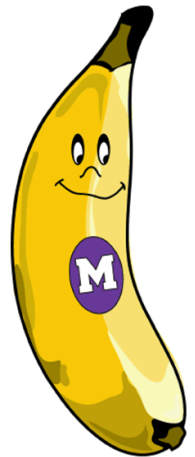
November, 2011

OCTOBER MOSINEE ELEMENTARY TOP BANANA'S



Back Row: Jessica Maurer, Alex Lerch, Top Banana, Brennan Shaughnessy, Derek Hytry and Tristan Iczkowski. Front Row: Sophia Ellis, Tristan Wicklund and Kayla Schwoch.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OF
YOU
"TOP BANANAS"!



THANKSGIVING RECESS

NO SCHOOL

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH



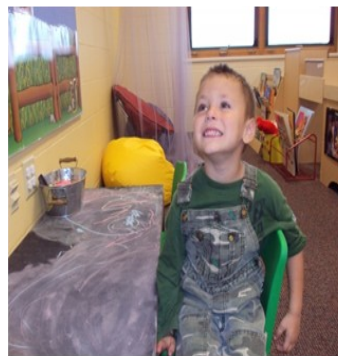


Schools will be closed when inclement weather or road conditions might jeopardize the safety of our students. School closing announcements will be made as near to 6:00 a.m. as possible on the following area stations:

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| WAOW-TV Channel 9 | WDEZ 101.9 FM |
| WSAW-TV Channel 7 | WIFC 95.5 FM |
| | WSAU 550 AM/99.9 FM |
| | WRIG 1390 AM |
| | WOZZ 94.7 FM |

Early dismissal announcements will be made on the same radio and TV stations.

NEWS FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD:



The Tuesday/Thursday Early Childhood classroom has been very busy playing!! Over 70 years of research has confirmed that play nurtures a young child's thinking skills. Through play opportunities, the children are processing information through exploration, manipulation, practice and repetition, logical memory, problem solving, interpretation, imagination, creativity and the expression of will. Play also allows children to develop intelligences across multiple domains and to learn about the social rules of our culture. Play provides children an opportunity to exercise self-control, while developing empathy for others. In the urgency to help children read and write, play can often be marginalized...a strong foundation of research has shown that through play these skills can still be acquired and that play is crucial to physical, intellectual and social-emotional development at all ages. The school year has been off to a great start! Mrs. Stenz and Mrs. Joling

NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN:

On Halloween Day, our Kindergarten classes did a fun rotation day where we got to visit each Kindergarten classroom and complete an activity. While doing this they donated money towards UNICEF. I am proud to say that our Kindergarten classes donated \$123.09 to UNICEF. Great job kids!



Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!! The kindergarten children have been busy learning about the meaning of Thanksgiving and completing many fun turkey projects. It is also that time of year for many of us to start discussing bears and hibernation. Just take a walk down our hallway and see all the creative projects the children have made to coincide with these themes. Some classes have also been learning about Community Helpers, Fairy Tales/ Nursery Rhymes and our Five Senses.

We were very excited to see so many people attend Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was great getting a chance to speak to each of you and discuss your child's progress thus far. Please feel free to contact us anytime with any concerns you may have! We are here to help your child succeed!



Finally, with the rapid change in temperatures and the welcoming of snow it is very important that the children are dressing appropriately for the weather. They are outside at recesses for at least 20 minutes at a time. When there is snow on the ground children MUST wear snow pant, boots, hats and mittens. Remember to send your child's shoes EVERY day also. Please be sure that your child is able to tie their shoes and zip their jackets. They are changing in and out of their outdoor clothing several times a day and should be able to dress themselves. This is an important skill to teach your child!

VETERAN'S DAY 2011



NEWS FROM 1ST GRADE:

Winter seems to be here! The students are very excited to play in the snow. Please send your child to school with snow pants, boots, a hat and mittens so he or she can enjoy the snow and keep dry. It is also a good idea to send an extra pair of socks to be kept in your child's locker. Students change into their shoes for school so please remind your child to put his or her shoes into their backpack.



In reading we have learned how to read words using all of the short vowels. We will be starting our spelling program this month using words from our reading series. We are always working on making predictions while we read stories. We discuss characters, setting, problem and solution when reading books that are fiction. We determine main ideas and details when reading nonfiction books. We also work on summarizing stories we read.

We are studying the lives of Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving. We will be learning about what it would be like to be a Pilgrim child and how different it was than the life of a child now.



In math we have been using Math Mountains to help us with addition and subtraction story problems. We have opportunities to practice this in class by making up stories and working at the board or on individual white boards to solve the problems.

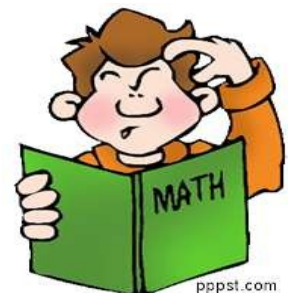
Thank you so much for all your help with the math homework and the reading practice.

NEWS FROM 2ND GRADE:



This month we are very thankful for our Second Grader Rock Stars. They are continuing to shine in all areas! Our new reading goal for the month of November is 320 minutes. Please encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis. In class, students are reading stories all about nature. We are continuing to learn new reading strategies. Students have been practicing and applying their strategies to their own reading.

In math, students are learning to analyze the structure and language of many different types of story problems. We are also continuing to work on fact fluency. We strongly encourage students to practice their addition and subtraction facts on a regular basis. Our goal is to learn 100 facts in 10 minutes or less by the end of 2nd grade. Thank you for your help and support at home.



Just a reminder that our 2nd Grade Holiday Concert will be held on Friday, December 9th at 1:30 in the Creske Auditorium. We look forward to our concert with much anticipation! We hope to see you there!

NEWS FROM 3RD GRADE:

Thank you for helping to prepare your child for taking the WKCE test. The students worked very hard and took the test seriously. Results should arrive in the spring and will be shared with parents. Thank you to all parents for sending in snacks, gum, or mints to share!



With cold weather upon us, make sure your child has proper winter clothing for playing outside. Make sure to label each individual item with their name. Students coming without warm coats, hats and gloves will still be expected to go out for recess.

We celebrated the November birthdays of the following third graders on Wednesday, November 9. Happy birthday to Lexi I., Molly S., Alex A., Michal D., Alyssa G., Morgan N., Madelyn K., and Maddie H.



Our Wednesday Walker program is going strong! We are walking with many third graders on Wednesdays during the lunch recess. Every time students walk, they are given a little plastic foot called a toe token. Toe tokens can be put on shoe laces or on a chenille stem that was given to each student. When students show 5 tokens, they are awarded with a Wednesday Walker t-shirt. The t-shirts were made and donated by Eastbay. Thank you Eastbay!

The third grade teachers were happy to meet with parents at conferences. When we are able to work together, we can make this year a positive experience for your child.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION REMINDER

from Mr. Mielke and Mrs. Gelling

Winter weather is here! Snow boots we do wear.

Don't forget to bring your gym shoes to school!

So you can participate in P.E. class and be cool!



SCHOOL NURSE NEWS FROM SUE POHLKAMP, RN:

Ah Choo! Ah Choo! The All-Too-Common Cold

Adapted from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Article

Your child doesn't feel so good: runny nose, sore throat, head hurts, looks like a limp rag lying on the sofa. It's a cold. The common cold is usually a mild illness, but is still the leading cause of both visits to the pediatrician *and* missed school days.

The average child can suffer anywhere from six to ten colds a year. Close contact with other children in school is one of the reasons for the high number of colds in school-age children. Colds are caused by viruses and are spread by contact with infected people. The infection can enter the body through the eyes, nose, or mouth, and can spread by a cough, sneeze, or direct contact with an infected person, or object that person has touched.

Reduce your child's chance of catching a cold

To prevent the spread of germs to others, your child should be taught to:

- Cover his mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing by doing so into his/her elbow or shoulder – not on the hands or into a tissue
- Wash hands frequently, especially after sneezing and coughing, and before touching food

Avoid touching her nose, eyes or mouth

Because some of the viruses that cause colds can survive up to three hours outside the nasal passages on objects in the household or classroom, cleaning surfaces with a virus-killing disinfectant might help prevent spread of infection.

Cold comfort

A cold can last from one to two weeks, bringing with it fever, fatigue, coughing, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, headaches and muscle aches. There is very little that can be done to treat ("cure") a cold; antibiotics do not work on viruses. Treatment is aimed at making the child more comfortable until the illness passes.

To help your child feel better, give plenty of fluids, let your child rest, eat/drink warm liquids (such as chicken soup), and treat fever with acetaminophen (such as Tylenol). The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children and teenagers never be given aspirin or any medications containing aspirin when they have any viral illness, as it has been linked to the development of Reye's syndrome, a rare but serious illness that can lead to permanent brain damage or death.

When might it be more than a cold?

Call the doctor if your child exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- Earache, high fever, significantly swollen glands, severe facial pain in the sinuses, and a cough that produces mucus (may indicate a complication or more serious illness)
- Fever of or over 102 degrees
- Unusually fussy and cranky, or cries a lot
- Skin rash, especially if accompanied by a fever
- Difficulty breathing or very fast breathing
- Coughing almost non-stop
- Vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Very bad headache
- Difficulty swallowing
- Pain with urination (may indicate a urinary tract infection)
- A cold that lasts for more than 14 days



ART ROOM NEWS FROM MRS. FORD

ARTSONIA!

By now, almost all students have art on our online art gallery, Artsonia.com. I apologize if your child was missed, it is likely they were absent during the day I took the pictures or the day we made the art. I will be sure to get one for each student in the coming weeks. You can also upload artwork at home as well. Login information was sent home with students last week. If the information has been misplaced, please contact me. You can share your child's art with friends and family (anyone with an internet connection) and you can purchase products with their art on it too! Proceeds go to our "art library" in the art room. If you want to order anything for the holidays, please order very soon.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

I am looking for a parent helper to come in to help about once a month during the school day, to help hang art displays, organize artwork for Artsonia, prepare for our art show etc. If you are interested, please contact me so we can see if our schedules match up. Thanks!

PACKERS ART CONTEST!

The Green Bay Packers are holding art contest for artists in grades K-12. Find out more information by visiting <http://www.packers.com/lambeau-field/hall-of-fame/art-contest.html>.



Mrs. Ford

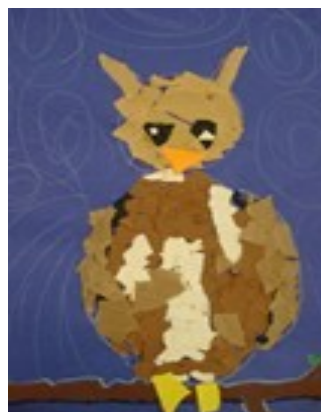
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Pumpkin
By Lacey
Grade 1



Owl
By Dean
Grade 2



Sunflower
By Keyanna
Kindergarten



Zentangle
By Mackenzie
Grade 3

GREETINGS FROM MRS. WESTFALL IN THE MUSIC ROOM



The 2nd grade classes have begun practicing for their concert which will be on Friday, December 9th at 1:30 in the Creske Auditorium. We would be honored to have you join us as we perform "Jingle Bell Jukebox". For students to get in the Rock-n-Roll mood for the concert, we ask that they wear jeans (perhaps the bottoms rolled up) and a white or solid top (no writing on it please). Other options for dressing in the 50's style are a poodle skirt, scarf in the hair, or black leather jacket. Also, in honor of the holiday season, we would like to incorporate our school wide Giving Tree with our concert. Students in the second grade will be keeping track of how many nonperishable or household items we collect for our local food pantry. The 2nd grade class that collects the most goods will win a root beer float party. We hope to set a "Rockin' Record" with the number of items we collect! We will take item donations the day of the concert at the Creske Center as well. Thank you for your participation in this collection for a great cause. If your child would like to practice the concert music at home, you may send a blank CD with your child's name on it and we will burn you a copy of the music. We will also be practicing while we work in class over the next several weeks.

The first grade students will begin practicing for their caroling concert soon. The first grade concert is organized by the classroom teachers and will be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 2:00 p.m., in the Creske Center auditorium.

The third grade students have gotten their recorders. We are working on producing a quality tone that doesn't 'hurt your ears'. Thank you for being patient with your child as they work with their recorders.

The kindergarten and first grade students are working on turkey songs and doing movement activities with "Turkey in the Straw". It has been a fun time filled with games, instruments, singing and dancing.



For those of you who have a **child that takes music lessons- piano, violin, guitar, etc.** - there will be an opportunity for them to informally share their musical talent with their peers before Christmas break. A few years ago we started the tradition of having the students share their musical talents during their lunch time in the cafeteria. This is an informal way of sharing their talents and spreading the Holiday spirit in the days before Christmas Break. If your child takes music lessons and has a Holiday song, or two that they would like to share during their lunch time- please contact Mrs. Westfall by Friday, December 9th. The lunch room 'in-formances' will take place on **Tuesday, December 20th** and **Wednesday, December 21st** during each grade's respective lunch times.

The sounds of the season are certainly filling the air. I wish you and your family a wonderful season filled with happiness!

Mrs. Jessie Westfall

Concert Dates - All concerts held at the Creske Center Auditorium

2nd grade Concert- Friday, December 9th, 2011- 1:30 p.m.

1st grade Concert- Wednesday, December 21st, 2011- 2:00 p.m.

3rd grade Concert- Friday, March 16th, 2012- 1:30 p.m.

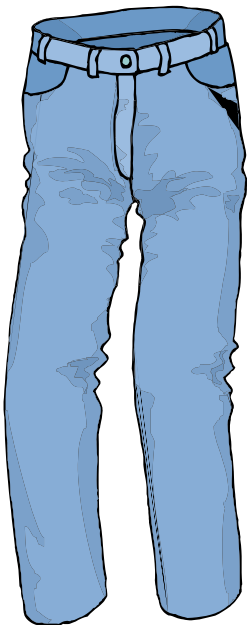
Kindergarten Concert- Friday, May 11th, 2012- 1:30 p.m.

"JEANS FOR WISHES"

In the upcoming months you may notice that some of the Elementary School staff is wearing jeans on random days throughout the week. The staff has the option of participating in a fundraiser for the

Make-A-Wish Foundation®. in which they are able to choose up to two days a week to wear jeans. On each day that they choose to wear jeans they donate \$1 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation®. The fundraiser is being held from November 1st until April 1st. If a staff member chooses to participate two days a week for the entire time, a donation of \$40 will be made.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, here is a brief background:



MISSION Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. With the help of generous donors and nearly 25,000 volunteers, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants a wish every 40 minutes and has granted more than 200,000 wishes in the U.S. since inception. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit www.wish.org and discover how you can *share the power of a wish*®.