



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

November 23, 2015



PHONICS/READING

In phonics we will continue to work on contractions. This week we will be reading fables and Thanksgiving books.

Please have your child read at least 75 minutes a week. Children are to return their reading logs and folders for checking the first day of each week.

Please continue to work on the Dolch words. The Dolch words are high frequency words that children need to learn to help them read fluently.

SPELLING

Due to the short week, we will not have a new spelling list this week. We will note how many words we can create using the letters in Thanksgiving. We will also work on alphabetical order and spelling patterns.

MATH

In math we are working on our Unit 4 assessment and the attributes of shapes.

We will have a money quiz on Monday, an addition facts test and a subtraction facts test and a renaming test in addition on Tuesday, and a clocks Wednesday. Please practice these skills.

PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are working on nouns, adjectives, exact nouns, and alphabetical order. We will continue to review sentences and punctuation. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

In social studies we are discussing Thanksgiving.

In science we are discussing how the Sun shines on the Earth, that the Sun is a star that gives Earth heat and light, and how the Earth rotates on its axis and how this rotation causes day and night. Science vocabulary for this unit is: rotate, axis, Sun, orbit, and equator.

CLASSROOM PROJECTS

We have earned \$15.38 from "star" and "A" papers toward the purchase of an Operation USO Package. We will continue to work on this project. These packages are created and delivered to members of the U.S. Armed Forces deployed around the world to show them they have not been forgotten and to provide a 'touch of home'. These USO Care Packages at minimum, include requested items such as prepaid worldwide phone cards, sunscreen, travel size toiletries, disposable camera and a message from the donor thanking them for their service and sacrifice. The children are earning a penny for every "star" paper or "A" paper. The children may also bring in donations for this project.

We have begun working on a holiday card project in which we exchange holiday cards with 35 other classrooms in the United States plus send cards to a local fire or police department. The theme this year is *snow*. Our cards will be sent out the first week of December. We are also doing a gingerbread card exchange in December with 25 classrooms in the United States.

COMPUTER PROJECTS

Next week we will begin working on "Making Snowflakes" at <http://snowflakes.barkleyus.com/index.html> This is an excellent site for developing fine and gross motor skills.

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

Student Day - 8:45 A.M. - 3:10 P.M.

Lunch - 11:10 - 11:30 A.M.

Recess - 11:30 - 11:45 A.M.

Monday - Gym 1:50 - 2:40 P.M.

Tuesday - Music 10:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Wednesday - Intervention Gym 10:40 - 10:55 A.M.

Computer Lab- 9:00- 9:30 A.M.

Nov. 26-30 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 8 - Grade 2 Christmas Program - at 6:30pm

Dec. 19 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break



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Grade 2 Christmas Program

The 2nd grade Christmas program is on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Austinburg Elementary cafeteria. Students need to report to their classroom between 6:15-6:25 p.m. Please have your child dress nice for the program. They will have a costume provided for them that slips over their head, so they may not want to wear something too warm.

Please practice your child's speaking part with them if they have one. You can see the script and listen to the music on Mrs. Stowell's website which can be found from the Austinburg homepage or go to:<http://www.genevaschools.org/MrsStowell.aspx>

Mrs. Stowell will sell copies of the DVD of our performance with 1st and 2nd grade performances on one disc. Not only is this a fundraiser for the music program, but it is also an opportunity for you to have a video of the performance for friends and family who cannot come or for a keepsake for yourself. Mrs. Stowell will take orders now and at the performance. They are \$5; please make checks out to AESA or send cash in an envelope marked clearly with your child's name and DVD sale. She should be able to send home the DVDs before the break. They can make great Christmas presents!

FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

Please remember the hometask is due Wednesday. It was sent home last Monday. Each child is to decorate a paper gingerbread person and then write an adventure about their gingerbread person.

Your child should be reading (orally and/or silently) for at least 75 minutes a week. He/she should be able to answer questions about what he/she has read. Your child should record what he/she reads each day on his/her reading log. Please remember to have your child read over the Thanksgiving

Break. The log is checked the first day of each school week.

Please remember to look at the papers your child brings home in his/her task/work-folder. Praise your child for good marks and help him/her improve any weak areas. Please keep the graded papers, sign the weekly report sheet in the clear pocket, and return the folder and sheet in the clear pocket to school as soon as possible. Papers marked with an I or Inc. should be corrected and returned.

Please make sure your child dresses for the weather. On cold, snowy days your child will need a heavy coat, gloves, hat or hood, and boots.

If you have any ideas, concerns, questions, etc. please write me a note, call (school - 466-4831), or e-mail (school - roberta.gray@neomin.org).



WISHING YOU and YOUR FAMILY

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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!**

Roberta Gray