



Line School Beacon

October 16, 2015

Upcoming Events

Early Release Day 10/21 Elementary students dismiss at 12:30

Book Character Day 10/26

Trunk or Treat 10/30 6:00-7:00

Monday, October 26th

Line School Spirit Day is on **Monday, October 26th!** At the Spirit Day Assembly we'll see each other's character outfits.

Dress up as your favorite **book** character - You can bring the book to showcase your character's outfit!

Be creative and use your imagination!

Remember school policy:

- * weapons and gore free
- * appropriate clothes that meet the school's attire code.

Looking forward to seeing some great representation of book characters!

News from Ms. Haberman's Kindergarten

I explained to my students about this article in the newsletter that would let the world know about what we do in our class.

"What would you like them to know about?" I asked. As you might guess, the first response was recess and lunch. But with a bit of coaxing, reminding and imagining their enthusiasm blossomed. They were mostly anxious to tell you about literacy stations and listed as some of their favorites guided reading and writing groups, computer, i-pads, and big book at which they work with their partner. We also have CD and book listening, ABC, letter cards, library, and white board stations, all of which are used to present various and fun ways of learning to read and write.

Of course, everyone has favorite specials including music, gym, art and library. They didn't mention it today but I know many of them also love "Second Step" where our puppet named Impulsive Puppy helps us learn how to identify and control our feelings. Some are excited about our writing program where they learn to write "how-to" books, draw with pencil and color with crayons, and label their pictures. They mentioned our Code of Cooperation and learning how to be kind, responsible and safe. Others even appreciate "quiet time". In addition, many cited their enjoyment of our morning work, where they are learning color words through worksheets, making words with letters, patterns with blocks and puzzles.

And then there's math. The kids love our brightly colored

number posters with which we practice counting and calendar where we learn the days of the week, the passage of time, graphing weather, patterning, and place value. We also sometimes have math stations and some of their favorites are i-pads, pattern blocks, grid games, and making patterns with cubes. They also like to play "sit on seven". All of these, once again, are various ways to enjoy learning how to meet our standards in geometry, algebra, statistics, tools of measurement with money and time, and number sense (all of which can be viewed on Empower).

Finally, and probably the most important part of the day for them is the "play" time we call Work Jobs. Except for Fridays when we have Reading Buddies with Mrs. Gagnon's second graders, we rotate through different activities that are the hallmarks of the "old" Kindergarten that we don't really have much time for any more. And they LOVE it! Those activities include painting and coloring, kitchen (dramatic play), wooden blocks, sand table, puzzles and floor toys.

So, there you have it. When your Kindergartener comes home and says they can't remember doing anything besides lunch and recess you now have some information from their own brainstorming to help them recall just how much they doing and learning!

Ms. Karish's Busy Bee's

This month has been very busy for my little worker bees. We have just finished up our first set of Science projects and so are presenting them to each other at the moment. We are studying different Biomes as well as the Abiotic and Biotic factors that make up these unique ecosystems. Soon we will move on to how they interact with each other

We have also been working hard on Volume in Math. We just took our Unit Test and I was very happy with how many of my students met their two targets and are ready to move on to the next two.

We are also working very hard on finishing up our expert topic nonfiction books and are almost ready to publish all of their very hard work. I have students who wrote books about everything from cheery to lizards, warplanes, to dinosaurs and everything in between. I have learned so much about many new and great topics. Hope everyone enjoys our pictures Ms. Karish