



# Line School Beacon

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## Upcoming Events

**Grade 1 and 2 Music Concert 6:30**  
**MMS**  
**Early Release Day - 12/14/16**  
**Elementary dismissal 1:45**

## Notes From Mrs. Ransom

The cold weather is approaching quickly. Please be sure to send children to school with warm coats, hats, and gloves for outside recess. Once we have snow, sending boots and snow pants daily will ensure that kids will have access to the whole playground and the fun of playing in the snow with their friends!

If you need assistance in obtaining warm winter gear for your children, please contact Mrs. Ransom or Ms. Lokken as soon as possible. We have a limited supply of coats, snow pants, and boots to give to children.

For many, the holiday season can be a difficult financial time. Limerick Supermarket has a Giving Tree and Sanford Institution for Savings in Limerick has an Angel tree where members of the community can take tags with local children's age, gender, and likes or needs to purchase gifts. These gifts are brought back to Line School the week before

Christmas, where Mrs. Ransom and Ms. Lokken sort them by family and contact parents for pick up. If you would like your child to have a tag on these trees, please contact Mrs. Ransom or Ms. Lokken as soon as possible. We also encourage parents to apply to the Bruce Roberts Toy Fund for help with providing gifts for your children. Parents will need to pick up gifts in Portland. Applications are available in the office but must be returned directly to the Bruce Roberts Fund. The deadline for application for this program is December 2nd.

## Ms. Knight's Grade 3 Class

I hope everyone is having a great week. Here is an update from room 45! We are continuing our work on fables, and will be wrapping that up next week. Students will then begin a nonfiction unit focusing on main idea and supporting details.

In math we are beginning our work with placing fractions on a number line. We are continuing to review our process to subtract and our multiplication facts.

In social studies we are about to begin our final project for our wants and needs, goods and services study. Students will be developing a business plan to provide a good or service to the classroom. We will be working

with Mrs. Boemmels, our technology teacher, to produce a commercial using our new green screen technology!

Students are finishing up their last drafts of their personal narratives. I will be sending them home after Thanksgiving. I am very proud of their progress in writing.

On Friday we had an exciting day of STEM, with some language arts mixed in. Students reflected on mazes, and what made them hard, fun, and the strategies used to solve them. Students then conducted three labs and attended two learning stations to learn about magnets and how they work. Students then read Theseus and the Minotaur, a Greek myth. We tied in their moral identification work and they answered comprehension questions about the myth. In the myth the Minotaur is at the center of the maze, and Theseus must find a way to defeat him. Students then played a logic game, where they had to move Theseus through the maze without getting caught. For the STEM portion of the project, students created magnetic mazes and had to move their Theseus through the maze. On Monday, students rotated through the class to play the other mazes and give feedback to each group about their work. Our hope is to revise the mazes based on feedback, and then use computer programming to get a

little robot to move through their maze!

Have a happy holiday season!

### **Mrs. Fossett's Grade 4 Class**

Hi we are from Mrs. Fossett's fourth grade class. We have been learning about economics. We have been making things to sell at the economics fair coming up on Thursday night. It starts at 3:30 and goes until 8:00 during parent teacher conferences. We have made many great products and most are under \$1.00. Everyone in Mrs. Fossett's class has been working really hard to make these products. Some of the products we made include pre-wrapped gift boxes, beaded bracelet, beaded necklaces, gimp bracelets, ornaments and even brownies, cookies and banana bread. Everybody in our class will have a chance to participate in selling the goods we made. This year the money raised will go towards fixing parts of the playground that are affected by erosion, since this is what we are studying in science. We hope to see you there!

### **Ms. Judkins' Pre-K Class**

We have had a very busy fall in Pre-K. We have spent time learning our school routines and following our SOP's. We have been learning new songs and poems, taking nature walks, working hard to write our names, enjoying exploration stations, painting, creating, coloring and being buckets fillers! It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is next week. All of us in Pre-k are very thankful for so many things. Have fun reading all that we are thankful for!

Abby is thankful for Mommy and Daddy

Madeline is thankful for mommy  
Olivia is thankful for my backpack  
Sadie is thankful for Mom  
Langley is thankful for her baby  
Carson  
Kailynn is thankful for all the animals  
Emma is thankful for Mommy  
Juliana is thankful for Mommy  
Zander is thankful for family  
Reece is thankful for hot dogs  
Bradley is thankful for family  
Cooper O. is thankful for Mommy and Daddy  
Cooper P. is thankful for Izzy and Marley  
Santos is thankful for Mom and Dad  
Deagan is thankful for Memere  
Isaac is thankful for family

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

### **Mrs. Charov's Kindergarten Classroom**

What a smart and lively bunch of 5 and 6 year-old I have in my classroom. From the super moon to the election, they have thoughts and opinions about everything!

In math, we have been working with teen numbers and "ten frames." We are filling our ten frames in different ways and writing simple equations.

The bee-bot (robots) continue to be popular at math stations, and the OSMO (interactive ipad game) during literacy. With help from our technology integrator, we continue to look for ways to use technology in the classroom in a meaningful way.

During calendar, we have been looking for patterns and learning about place value. These are difficult concepts but the students are catching on. We enjoy graphing the weather and counting the number of days we have been in school.

In writing, we have been working on "teaching books," (like teaching someone how to make a pizza, for example). We stretch out the sounds of the words and label our drawings while writing as much as we can!

We are doing lots of shared reading, independent reading, and word study. Students enjoy filling in the missing pieces of the morning message, using the racecar to help break a word into its component parts, and doing the phonics dance.

Yesterday, our fifth-grade bully prevention team read a "bucket-filler" book to our class. The students love spending time with the big kids and still really look forward to book buddies with fifth-grade every Friday.

I continue to learn so much from the students and my incredibly gracious colleagues. My hope is that the children develop a lifelong love of learning and know how much they are valued by their teachers, staff, and friends at school!

### **Ms. Karish Fifth Grade Class**

It has been a very busy month this trimester and we created some great work to show our parents using the program Seesaw during parent conferences. I think some of the most entertaining experiences have been our amazing Genius Hour Presentations. Ava Gerrish taught us how to make cream cheese frosting for her delicious red velvet cake she made and introduced us to the amazing baker Jeffery Adems who she looks up to. Joshua Lafontaine taught us all about Julian Edelman an amazing Patriots player who



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has been with the Patriots since 2009. Ceara Fitzgerald taught us all about the dangers of smoking and the kids had such great questions for her. Brodyn Brulotte taught us about the amazing similarities between dinosaurs of old and present day chickens. It's incredible how similar they are. Issac Boulard shared his research on Tony Hawk a wonderful skateboarder who has been in the business since the early 90's and has made quite a name for himself. We also got to watch Issac show us some great moves on his own skateboard. I am greatly looking forward to the presentations by David Curtis on solar energy cars and Samantha Colwell on women's basketball.

As you can see it has been a very engaging and informative couple of months. To think that this is only a quarter of my class. I can't wait to see all the wonderful research and passion projects my kids have spent their precious learning time doing...

I would like to send out a heartfelt Happy Thanksgiving from my class to your family and hope that the precious downtime gives you time to relax and give thanks for all of our many blessings.

## **First Grade, Mr. Kellis**

We're wrapping up a personal narrative writing unit. I'm sure you know that children have many stories to tell. This is

certainly true of all of our students!

Our work has also come with some challenges. One of our biggest is to narrow stories to a "small moment" event that can grab the audience's attention.

In the introduction to this of study, Lucy Calkins writes, "Children are encouraged to write about small moments, and this level of focus enables them to write with detail, including showing a character's small actions, dialogue, and internal thinking."

Below, I'm sharing some excerpts from our writing. Enjoy!

Adrianna: My dolls are having a wedding. They are so excited. Today is Tuesday.

Chloe: Yay, I am going to the playground with my sister. I am so excited.

Marissa: My mom said we could go to the beach. I feel happy.

Mary Lou: (After going to Target) Then, I tried the clothes on. I liked the clothes and I kept them!

Landen: At the ballpark, I rushed down the hill to the cage. Then, I got my lucky bat and waited my turn.

Audrey: And I got in the car. And we got on the road... And I was sleeping. Zzz

Riley: We started playing. Each player has five cards. My brother wins, but we had fun!

We love to write every day, so we'll have plenty of stories to share with you next time.

