



Line School Beacon

December 4, 2015

Upcoming Events

Early Release Day 12/16/15 12:30
Gr. 1 Field Trip Nutcracker
12/16/15

Gr 1-2 Holiday Concert 6:30 MMS
12/22/15
School Spirit Day - Hat Day
12/23/15

Adventures in Rocketry

Limerick Public Library, in collaboration with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, is offering an exciting new program called "Adventures in Rocketry" for youth in grades 4 & 5. The 6-week program will run every Wednesday, January 6th through Wednesday, February 10th (1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3 & 2/10) from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in our meeting room. This program will focus on concepts such as the rocket design process, and ideas such as propulsion, stability and thrust. Participants will learn about how these design components affect performance. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. This program is for youth in grades 4 & 5 only. A sign-up sheet is available at the circulation desk or by calling 793-8975.

Coats for Kids

Line school Bully Prevention Team is sponsoring a coat drive for Coats For Kids! We are

looking for gently used coats any size. We will be collecting coats until December 18. Please donate!

News From PE

We have been working on many different skills in P.E. Currently, both the upper grades and the lower grades are working on throwing (overhand and underhand). There has been great progression throughout these units.

In grades K-2 we have been talking about how to throw overhand. We have talked about stepping with the opposite foot and have practiced this for 3 class periods. Activities have included throwing stations, cleaning out the backyard, and Oscar's trash can.

In grade 3-5 we have taken the skill of throwing one step higher. All of the students have been taught this skill prior to 3rd grade. Therefore we are able to put these skills into games. We started with a few fun games where they were able to practice the skill of overhand throwing, standing still or on the move. Once we practiced this we moved into a game called "Handball." This game combines the skills of overhand throwing with strategies and teamwork. We were able to work on this game for 3 classes. By the end of the 3rd class, I saw great improvement with everyone

working together as a team. We talked about moving to open space, making sure that you are standing in front of the defense, and talking to your teammates. The students also seemed to show they were having fun.

We will be starting our next unit after break. Our next unit will be physical fitness and what it does and how it changes the body. We will be talking about this through January.

Library Notes

I can't believe it is already December; the months are absolutely flying by here at Line Elementary! Since Thanksgiving was only last week I'd like to use this newsletter as an outlet to thank all of our excellent staff and our brilliant students for making me feel so welcomed here at Line. Every day the students and I seem to learn something new and exciting about our books here at the library and it's certainly been an incredible journey so far! Our school truly has some fantastic readers who love to learn about new things!

The First Sixty Days Mrs. Gagnon's Grade 2 Class

We have done a lot of fun things in the first 60 days of school. Here is what each child wrote as their most favorite activity so far this year.

Tristan Carter "My favorite

was writing books.”

Caden Nielsen “Recess and gym”

Samantha Rumney “My favorite activity was when we had stuffed animal day.”

Leris Kafka “I like gym because we get to run and have fun.”

Carlie Batchelor “My favorite so far is our field trip. It was so fun. We got to find leaves, acorns and cool rocks.

Emma Collyns “My favorite is writing stories. It is fun!”

Bella Toy “My favorite so far is the field trip with my class.”

Gracie Richard “My favorite thing this year is free choice”

Emma Walsh “Stations is my favorite. I like a lot of stations. Sometimes we have dominoes and math stations.”

Ryan Merrifield “One of my favorite things to do in school is writing. I have written a twenty-page story. That’s my favorite thing to do.”

Jordyn Crump “My favorite is doing gym.”

Ashley Hamm “My favorite so far is when I do iPads.”

Emmett Carroll “My favorite so far is math games and gym.”

Cameron Durfee “My favorite so far is math games and reading.

Ella Gerrish “My favorite thing is math games.”

Caitlin Harvey “The day we did electives when I did the Thanksgiving play.”

Jacob Hutchins “Playing with my friends.”

Helen Ramirez “Writing turn around facts in math.”

News From Mrs. Fossett’s Grade 3 Class

Hello from room 51! This year is going by so fast and we have been working so hard on all of our targets. As a strand we just completed a weather unit where they got to study different aspects of weather such as forecasting, air

pressure, and clouds. As a kick off we had Mallory Brooks from the channel 8 news come speak to our students about forecasting and what her job entailed. The kids loved the presentation and were excited to start their own weather unit. Every week, for 5 weeks the students got to go to a different strand teacher and learn about one aspect of weather with a multi-aged group of students. After the 5 weeks were up, the students got to pick an activity or experiment that they wanted to participate in. Each teacher did a different activity with a multi-aged group of students. In my classroom we made tornados in a bottle with a water bottle, glitter and water. It was a blast and the students learned so much. The strand teachers have our next strand unit in the works. Stay tuned to find out what other exciting learning projects we do next.

December Break Learning Fun

Read Together: Whether your child enjoys holiday stories or the latest book from his or her favorite series, December break is a great time to read together!

Gather for Family Game

Night: Popular board games and card games reinforce skills such as counting, number identification, sorting, and reading.

Cooking Project: Invite your child to help you make a special dish. Measuring ingredients is good practice with fractions.

Thank You Notes: Notes of appreciation for gifts helps build writing and spelling skills.

Car Trips: Use car trips as an opportunity to practice letters and numbers seen on license plates, or count cars from different states or by color

Vacation Journal: Keep a daily journal of highlights over vacation.



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