



Line School Beacon

April 4, 2016

Upcoming Events

Kindness Week 4/11-4/14

Stuffed Animal Day - 4/11

Sports Day - 4/12

Wear a Tie Day 4/13

**Earth Day 4/14 - wear something
Blue or Green**

No School 4/15/16

School Vacation 4/18-4/22

Notes From the Nurse

Spring is here with its green grass, warm breezes, and ticks! Several students have already found ticks on themselves, so be sure to check your children after they play outside. Ticks really like warm, dark places like scalps and armpits, but can attach pretty much anywhere. If you do find a tick, remove it by grasping it with tweezers as close to the skin as possible and pulling quickly and firmly away. After removing the tick, clean the area with soap and water.

In our area, most of the ticks are wood ticks (dog ticks) and are not able to carry or cause Lyme Disease. Only the very tiny deer tick can carry Lyme Disease, **but not all** deer ticks are Lyme carriers. If you remove a deer tick from your child, contact your doctor for advice on monitoring or follow up.

Minor playground injuries always increase this time of year, as kids are shedding the protective layer of coats and snow pants. Elbows and knees are no match for pavement! Our

dress code **does not allow flip-flops** because of the many injuries that are caused by tripping over sandals or by having exposed toes stepped on during play. Dressing your child in closed toe shoes with straps around the back or closed backs can prevent painful injuries and allow your child to play comfortably at recess and gym.

Mrs. Cutter's Kindergarten Class

We are heading into our Kindness week at Line School. Mrs. Cutter's Kindergarten friends wanted to share with you some ways to spread kindness throughout the week and everyday!!

You can show kindness by helping a friend in need. - Donovan
You can show kindness by helping your mom with the laundry. -Johnny
You can show kindness by sharing your toys with friends. -Nathan
You can show kindness by reading a book to a dog. - Dalton
You can show kindness by helping someone who fell down back up. - Lillian
You can show kindness by saying you're sorry. -Sirel
You can show kindness by helping little kids build a fort. - Evelyn
You can show kindness by making someone a poster. -Isaiah
You can show kindness by telling someone his or her shirt is nice. -Marissa
You can show kindness by helping your mom get up. -Jayden
You can show kindness by helping people up when they fall down. -Neveah
You can show kindness

by giving big hugs. -Chloe
You can show kindness by helping friends on the playground. -Thomas
You can show kindness by giving your family and friends a hug and saying I love you. -John
You can show kindness by sharing swings. -Lily
You can show kindness by helping your parents wash the dishes. - Nicholas
You can show kindness by saying good morning. -Jacob
You can show kindness by helping someone pick out a book. -Kamdyn
You can show kindness by being a friend to someone who is lonely. - Dylan
You can show kindness by helping your baby sister up the stairs. - Julia
You can show kindness by cheering up somebody when they are sad. - Landen
You can show kindness by using your manners. -Ryder
You can show kindness by smiling at someone as you walk by

Greetings from room 45

We have begun the third trimester, please check out our class website for more information on the targets we will be working with this trimester. Our website is www.knightowls45.weebly.com

Please check out our class website to listen to the Counting on Grace Podcasts. It will feature a new podcast each week. Counting On Grace is a novel by Elizabeth Winthrop, and highlights the struggles of a Franco-American family during the Industrial Revolution. Students have been learning about the Franco-American

culture, Lewis Hine and his work with the Child Labor Movement, and about life in a New England mill town. We will be visiting Jagger Mills in Springvale next week to tour a working textile mill.

Students have begun working on their personal essays in writing. They are working on developing structure and details into their writing. They have also been studying vocabulary and figurative language. Here is a Metaphor Poem written by Charlotte Proctor.

My Living Tightrope

By Charlotte Proctor 5th grade

My horse is the tightrope, and I am the walker. I balance on the horse's back just as I would on wire, though sometimes it is difficult. I sit upon my living tightrope, high above the ground, hoping that I won't fall down, though I seem to do it quite often. Even when I'm falling down, I have no less fear than when I started, for I know my living tightrope will be waiting for me to get back on and walk again!

In math students are beginning our work with orders of operations. Students are learning to evaluate expressions with brackets, braces, and nested parentheses.

Students have an exciting STEM challenge that they are completing with Ms. Karish's class. Last week they looked at Newton's Laws of Motion and watched a video on the physics of a car crash. This week, students will begin designing an "egg" car, with the challenging of designing a restraint system and car body that will prevent an egg from breaking when the car crashes into a wall. Students will consider the Laws of Motion when designing their safety car and restrain systems.

Mrs. Eaton's Class

Two trimesters down! Where does the time go? Our students have been working very hard, and all of their hard work is beginning to pay off. Reading is really improving. Many of us have read a fantasy novel titled, The Chocolate Touch. We

compared this story to the ancient myth of King Midas and the Golden Touch. Now we are beginning to read Beverly Cleary books. Did you know she turned 100 years old this year? She started writing children's books when she was a librarian because she did not like the quality of literature available to children at that time.

We have learned all the lower case cursive letters and are beginning to learn the upper case letters. They can all write beautifully in cursive now and enjoy doing so most of the time.

We will continue lessons in English Grammar to give direct instruction in grammar, usage, and mechanics skills. I have already noticed improvement in this area, and they are beginning to apply these lessons to their own writing.

Lessons coming up will focus on verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and pronouns.

Math is moving along at a rapid pace. It never ceases to amaze me the amount of math and the higher concepts they are working on at such a young age. Our current unit in math is multiplying double digit numbers and extensions of ten. Many students can do this in their head. Most students are solid in knowing their multiplication facts for 0, 1, 2, 5, and 10. We are practicing the rest of the facts now.

We switched gears from science to social studies. We have just started a unit on maps and map skills. This unit should go fairly quickly leaving us time for one more science unit.

We have planned our field trip for this year. We will take a trip to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray on June 9th. Details about this trip will come home after April vacation. Just a reminder to parents that anyone wishing to be a chaperone for our class will need to have filled out the volunteer approval form.

I hope that spring finds us soon, and we are enjoying the warmer sunshine. Enjoy your April vacation!