



Forest School Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Thursday, June 20th:

Rooms 1A & 3A to W. H. Library
(9:30 AM - 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Friday, June 21st:

Celebration of Excellence (9:30 AM in Gym)

Monday, June 24th:

4th Grade Bowling (10:00 - 12:30)

Tuesday, June 25th:

Kickball Game

Wednesday, June 26th:

4th Grade Graduation Ceremony
(9:30 AM)

Half Day of School

Thursday, June 27th:

Fourth Grade Dance (9:30 - 11:00 AM)

Half Day of School

Friday, June 28th:

Half Day of School; Dunk Tank

Thursday, August 29th:

First Day of School - Full Day



Library News

The Governor's Summer Reading Journals and suggested reading lists will be given to the students with their report cards. We encourage our students to read during the summer and keep a list of the titles. In September I will collect these lists and reward the students with a certificate and some special prizes. Reading is an important skill that involves everything we do. Enjoy your summer vacation--stay safe--and KEEP READING!

Mrs. C. Kerzner
Librarian

Principal's Corner

Dear Forest Families,

Well once again we find ourselves wondering where the time went as we settle in on the completion of another year.

This summer we encourage you to continue working with your child as well as encouraging them to read every day. This will enhance their reading ability and sharpen their skills for the upcoming year.

Forest School students will be required to wear uniforms for the 2013 - 2014 school year. In addition to adding the color pink for shirts, also button down shirts and blouses in the appropriate solid colors (pink, yellow, blue, white) will be new to the uniform attire. Also, for added flexibility we have added cargo style pants and shorts in the appropriate colors (tan, navy, black) to the uniform attire. A new uniform brochure will follow.

Lastly, best of luck and wishes to my Fourth Graders heading to Intermediate School. Remember to do your best and be your best!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

We will see you on the first day of school, August 29, 2013.

Mr. Thomas Hunt

Kindergarten News

As the year comes to a close we are bittersweet to say goodbye! The students have worked hard all year and will begin next learning journey in first grade this fall.

The students did a fabulous job on the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA). We suggest that they continue to practice their reading skills and reading strategies over the summer months to ensure they are well prepared for the beginning of first grade. We will be sending home a summer writing journal and summer activities packet. We encourage that you have your child work on both of these packets to reinforce all the concepts learned throughout the year.

The students have had a lot of fun learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We had caterpillars in our room and we observed the formation of the chrysalis and the transformation into the butterfly. The students will have the opportunity to release them outside and watch them fly away. We have read fiction and non-fiction books about butterflies. The students have also created their own books about the life cycle of a butterfly.

We enjoyed teaching your children and wish you a happy and healthy summer!

Ms. Cooke, Mrs. Carey & Mrs. Smith



First Grade News

As we wrap up our year together, we first would like to say how very proud we are of all of our students. To think back to the beginning of the year and to see how far your child has come is nothing short of incredible. They have all worked so hard and are truly well on their way to becoming the best readers they can be.

We have spent our last part of the school year exploring so many different topics. Whether it was working with time and measurement or learning about how our caterpillars turned into butterflies, your child has been hard at work.

Please remember to read with your child every day during the summer to ensure a smooth transition into the following school year. Continue to help your child strengthen his/her comprehension skills by asking your child who the characters are, where the story takes place, and what the story is about. Please remember to practice addition and subtraction math facts as well.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support throughout this school year. We wish all of our students a happy, healthy, and educational summer vacation! Good luck next year.

Mrs. Soto, Miss Cooper, Miss Giaquinto, Mrs. Bergeron, Miss Tamburro



Pre School News

As the 2012-2013 school year comes to a close both classes have learned so much! It was a busy year! Our three year old class was able to meet each "alphafriend" character that went with each letter by singing the song and matching themed vocabulary cards with the corresponding letter and "alphafriend." Our four year old class did all of this and worked on identifying letters, numbers and also worked on rhyming, matching/producing words with the same beginning sound. We look forward to working with our 3 year old class next year as they move to our 4 year old class for 2013-2014 school year. Our 4 year old class will be moving onto Kindergarten!

Have a great summer everyone! We look forward to coming back for another great year here at Forest School.

Mrs. Erika Johns, Miss Mary Zwack & Mrs. Kathy Scott-Gloster

Box Top Update

The Box Top Coordinators would like to thank everyone for helping make this year so successful.

To date we have collected \$1905. We are proud to say we have exceeded our school goal of \$1789.

For every 10 box tops you earn a raffle ticket towards the monthly prize. Soon we will drawing the lucky winner of the grand prize - A NEW BIKE & HELMET.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS!!!!!!!

Third Grade News

We have had a wonderful year in third grade. We are proud of the hard work from all of our students. In reading this past trimester, students began reading nonfiction texts about important people and events. We wrapped up our math unit with multiplication and fractions. Please continue to encourage reading over the summer, at least 20 minutes a day. Also, continue to practice all types of math facts, flashcards were distributed throughout the year. We hope you have a great summer and look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Ms. Barletta, Ms. Delaney & Mrs. Butler

Fourth Grade News

We cannot believe that the school year is ending and the children are moving on to Carrigan next year! We have worked hard, and the children are well prepared to take the next step in their education. Please make sure your child reads and practices math facts this summer.

It has been a true pleasure to work with your children all year! We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors! Have a safe and happy summer!!

Mrs. Tortora, Mrs. Velleca, Mrs. Piscitelli & Mrs. Luziatti



Second Grade News

Wow, what a GREAT year! This year, we have covered a lot of material and participated in many fun and exciting activities. We started to develop skills needed for the third grade and made many new friends along the way.

Each of your children has brought so much joy and happiness to our classrooms. We were so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children this past year. They all have touched our lives in positive ways.

It has been our pleasure getting to know not only your child, but you as well. Having parental support and open lines of communication is an essential part of any successful school year. Thank you for all you have done to make our year so fulfilling and memorable.

As your child moves from second to third grade, there are some very important things you can do to help them succeed.

- Engage in meaningful conversations with your child each day.
- Take time (if only a few minutes a day) to really listen to what they have to say.
- Read to and listen to your child read. Ask questions, make predictions, make text to world, text to self, and text to text connections as you read.
- Practice time, money, addition, subtraction and multiplication math facts as a way to really be ready for third grade math. Help your child develop a sense of working and solving problems independently.
- Talk about ways and start practicing getting and staying organized.
- Encourage your child to write often! Writing stories, letters, journal entries, etc are great ways to get thoughts organized and put onto paper.

These little things will lead to big successes next year. Again, thank you for a wonderful year.

Mrs. Muttitt, Ms. Swinton, Ms. Schmidt, Mrs. Kirwood & Ms. Poulsen

