

GES Newsletter

November 16, 2018

From Principal Roy's Desk

Welcome Winter! I don't know about you, but I'm not ready for winter quite yet. While the first snow is always lovely, it's a little early for my liking! With Mother Nature sending the white stuff our way so early, please be sure to send your child in with proper gear. We do to outside to enjoy the snow and fresh air every day unless the "real feel" temperature is below 10 degrees. Our school rule is if there is snow on the ground, proper gear is required to play in it! This includes, hat, gloves, jacket, snow pants and boots. We do have some extras in case of emergency. *If anyone has any extra gloves they'd like to donate, they would be welcome!

It's been a busy month so far! I can't believe we are half way through November already. GES students and teachers enjoyed a very chilly run at the Turkey Trot with HES, FES, TES, and Pierce students. Everyone ran two laps at Oak Park and we enjoyed a community snack back at GES to warm up. GES families generously donated a car full of groceries to the SMS Food Bank! Thank you all for helping local families in need.

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for the Annual Harvest Feast yesterday. The kids love having family come visit for a special lunch! It's always wonderful to meet grandparents and aunts & uncles too!

Did you know that any student can become a member of the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club for just \$35? And members can take advantage of the great opportunities available during school vacation weeks? The club will be transporting students to their main facility in Milford for the day to enjoy all the opportunities there during vacation weeks and bringing them back to GES for pickup at the end of the day. Kids can enjoy the gym and rock climbing wall, the STEAM room-where they can build with Legos and dream up something fun to build in the Creation Station. Students can access vacation week programming for \$35 a day! If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Site Director, Rebecca Vasques at rvasques@svbgc.org

Our special next week will be Library with Mrs. Murray.

On Tuesday, November 20th author David Ira Rottenberg will be reading his book Gwendolyn the Graceful Pig to GES students. He will be joined by dancers from the Peterborough Dance Theater who will performing a dance interpretation of the story. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Order forms were sent home earlier this week.

Thanksgiving Break will begin Wednesday, November 21st. ***While there is no school that day, the PTO Basketball Program will still happen!***

What's Happening in Kindergarten with Mrs. Hodgen?

Kindergarten has been busy these last few weeks. For Halloween we had a great time with a few different projects. Two of our favorites were "What will Mrs. Hodgen be for Halloween..." This was a hilarious writing prompt for the kids to color me a costume. We also compared how many pumpkin seeds were in two different pumpkins. We did a lot of counting that day! One pumpkin had 505 seeds and the other had 490. We love math that is hands on!

In literacy we have started blending words together. Make sure you ask your kindergartener about the roller coaster trick.

This week in math we have been learning about one more and one less. Lots of counting and stories to go along with this topic. 10 little monkeys jumping on the bed was a great song for this topic.

Now that the snow is here, feel free to send in an extra pair of snow pants to keep at school so that they don't have to bring them back and forth everyday. Extra pants and socks to leave at school are also a great idea as little ones play hard outside in the snow and sometimes get wet!



Kindergarten Halloween 2018!



Counting pumpkin seeds to compare how many!



Enjoying a snack after our Turkey Trot!

First Grade Fun with Mrs. McEwen

We have been having a great time in first grade! We learned a lot about pumpkins, and sampled some yummy pumpkin treats. We had a great time marching in the Halloween parade!

One of the themes for November is cooperation, and Mrs. Aborn taught us how to say cooperation in American Sign Language.

We have been doing a lot of read-alouds together, including some Gwendolyn books to get ready for next week's visit from the author, David Rottenberg on Tuesday. First grade has also been having lots of fun with our fourth grade reading buddies.



Practicing the sign for "cooperation"



Reading with our 4th grade buddies!



Enjoying snack after the Turkey Trot

Second Grade News from Mrs. Aborn

The second graders have been shining stars these past few weeks. Students created Veteran's day cards that were sent to the Veteran's Home in Tilton. They also shared about the veterans in their family. It was great that our second grade Girl Scouts marched in the local parades to honor those who serve our country.

This week Mrs. Sysyn came in and made corn muffins and butter with our class. It was a fun time. We also learned why corn was important to people in the 1600's. We read about what it was like to grow up in the 1600's. Ask your child if they would like to grow up in Sarah Morton's time and the reasons why.

Students enjoyed the Turkey Trot despite the cold temperatures. Our school collected many items for our local food pantry. I want to thank your donations.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving break and enjoy your time together.
Mrs. Aborn



Gathering compost for the garden before the snow!



First snowy recess!!



Lots of helping hands make light work!

Overheard in 3rd with Ms. Heard

November has been a crazy month, but we are always working hard in 3rd grade! In math, we are focused on using strategies to solve more challenging multiplication facts like 6×8 ! We are working to break facts up to make them easier to solve! For example, 6×8 is the same as 6 groups of four plus 6 groups of four.

In reading, we have been focused on main ideas and details. Right now, we are working to identify details that support a provided main idea. In writing, we finished our "in your head" opinion writing unit. We will continue with opinion writing after vacation, but we will use evidence from articles to support our ideas.

We had a great time playing in the snow at recess! Just a reminder to send students to school with hats, gloves, jackets, snow pants and boots! An extra pair of socks is also a great idea! We also ask that kids bring in a pair of sneakers so they are not wearing their clunky boots all day.



First snow of the season fun!



Working on identifying main ideas and details!



More fun in the first snow of the season!

4th Grade News from Ms. Goodspeed

I can't believe that we're already half way through November! I guess time flies when you're having fun! We have been hard at work learning all the ways to spell the long E sound during literacy. In math we have been discovering metric measurements as well as using customary units of measurement. We started a new science unit and have been having fun investigating light energy. I hope everyone enjoys a snowy weekend and has a happy Thanksgiving coming up!



Relaxing and refueling after a chilly Turkey Trot!



Enjoying some Library time!



Science in action! Learning about light and energy!

What's Happening in the Library with Mrs. Murray?

This week in Library, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders read and reviewed some of the Ladybug Picture Book Award Nominees. We've read some really wonderful books this week and are excited to find which book wins the award this year!

Also this week, 3rd and 4th graders investigated the Chapter Book Cart in the Library to do reports on specific genres of fiction. They found lots of new categories of fiction to explore and made some great reading selections! 3rd and 4th graders also practiced their Self Checkout skills and brushed up on key vocabulary words used when checking out books with the scanner at the Self Checkout Station in the Library.





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