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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT — October 2010



WORDS FROM MISS FALISKIE

There's No Such Thing as 'No Homework' "I Don't Have Any Homework Tonight."



Sound familiar? Many older students say this to their parents in hopes of spending the night in front of the TV set.

Some parents have made a rule: There no such thing as a "no homework" night. If there truly is no school assignment, make one up. Ask your child to choose a subject that interests him or her. Then have him or her do a little research.



They can use old newspapers to find out more about a topic that's in the news. They can also use the encyclopedia... or interview friends or relatives. Before their "homework" is finished, have your child report to you with one new thing they have learned..

But don't be surprised—when your child sees you mean business, she may suddenly "remember" that she does have a little homework after all!



Remember to read 15-30 minutes every night!

Miss Faliskie



PRE-K

Pre-K opened with great excitement and some anxiety about being in school. The Pre-K children have amazed us with how well they have adjusted to the new and challenging routines in their classrooms.

The children are now in the process of creating a book titled, All About Me. The first page of this book was displayed at Open House on September 16th.



Our first great adventure has taken us to the land of Mother Goose, where we have met several Nursery Rhyme characters. We are having fun tumbling down the hill, falling off the wall, and jumping over the moon with these new "friends". We have also been busy saying the alphabet, counting and learning how to be "active" listeners.



It was wonderful to see so many parents at both Open Houses. Thank you for coming!

In October we are looking forward to: hearing many bug stories by Eric Carle, making number books, learning about bus and fire safety, and our grandparents visiting on October 8th.



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KINDERGARTEN



The Kindergarteners were off to a great start at the beginning of this new school year! They have adjusted well to the daily routine of school, and are learning the importance of being respectful and truthful, and how to work and play safely. Active listening and personal best effort are encouraged daily.

Signs of autumn can be found in our classrooms! The children have learned about the life cycle of a butterfly. We observed a caterpillar forming a chrysalis and emerging as a

beautiful Monarch Butterfly. We bade the butterfly farewell as it embarked on its journey to Mexico.

In Math we are sorting objects by color, size, and shape. The students are counting, ordering numbers, and learning to print numerals. Please continue to practice these skills at home.



The children are excited to expand their reading skills by identifying beginning sounds, rhyming words, and reading sight words. Please reinforce the sight words by looking for them in books you read with your child at home.

The following letters are being



taught in handwriting: Mm, Ss, Rr, Tt. Encourage your child to practice printing these letters correctly at home. Have your child practice printing his/her name by forming the letters correctly. Remember, ONLY the first letter of a proper name is uppercase.

Our PTA presented a school bus safety lesson and Hamlin Fire Rescue Company helped our students learn about fire safety. Thank you to both!



FIRST GRADE



Welcome back to school! First grade is a tremendous year of growth for your children. They will master many different skills. In reading, we will be teaching a variety of phonics skills and reading strategies to help students become fluent, independent readers. In math, we will focus on addition and subtraction facts, as well as patterns, money, time, place values, graphing, and more. First grade students have reading assignments nightly. In addition, they are assigned a math or reading worksheet. Reading logs are extremely important.



From Monday through Thursday, students are expected to select a book of their choice for the Reading log. Parents should listen to their child read. If a book is more difficult, parents can read to, or with their child. Over the weekend, we will send a poem and activities home for the Reading log. Read the poem repeatedly with your child and complete the activity page. Please sign your child's Reading log nightly. Please review First Quarter Sight Words with your child. The list is located in the

center of the Homework Folder. Students are expected to be able to read all of the words instantly. Spelling lists are sent home on Monday's in the Homework folder. Practice these words weekly. Spelling tests are on Fridays. We wanted to say "Thank You to all that could attend Open House. It was pleasure meeting all of you. Please continue to read for 15 minutes each night with your child. This is very important for your child's reading



SECOND GRADE

We're off to a great start in second grade this year! The children have been busy learning about themselves and their classmates through the Doggie Bag activity. It was a great way to get to know everyone! We have also been reviewing our Social Skills so we can make it a great year!

Our first reading theme is entitled, "Being Me". We are reading about characters whose differences make them special. We are learning about what makes each one of us special too. . To understand text, the



students are learning about the main idea, setting, author's purpose and how to compare and contrast story elements. ***Please remember to have your child read for 15 minutes daily as well as have him/her complete the Weekly Reading Calendar and return it to school on Mondays.***

In Math, we have been working hard with our addition facts by learning new vocabulary and strategies that will help us learn our addition facts quickly and accurately. The



students are also thinking about math and how it applies to everyday concepts. We have been solving word problems by using the strategy, 'draw a picture'.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended Open House. Thank you for your support and cooperation in supporting your child's education! We are looking forward to a great school year!





THIRD GRADE



Third Graders have had a fantastic opening to their school year! They have been working

hard for the past month as they became acquainted with their new school.

We jumped into our first reading theme, "Something Special!" In this theme, our students will read about people and characters that discover their own ideas, interests, and abilities are special. Realizing their special qualities helps them gain an appreciation of others while developing an un-

derstanding of themselves. We ask all parents and guardians to help us by encouraging their children to also find their own special talents!

We launched into Rocket Math and hope to see students soaring through their facts. Please support practicing the math facts at home which will help your children improve their fact fluency. We will also be focusing on word problems throughout the year. Encourage your children to always read the problem at least twice or until they understand it. It is also helpful to visualize what is happening in the word problem as they are reading.

In Science we have started to explore the human body and all the systems that work to keep us alive. Our young scientists are amazed to see how much is going on inside of us!

Social Studies will focus on learning about communities and developing map skills as Third Graders learn how to read and navigate through a content area textbook.

Please continue to make sure that your children are reading 15-30 minutes nightly as well as filling in their reading calendars. We are looking forward to an incredible year!



FOURTH GRADE



With the first couple of weeks of the new school year behind us, the fourth grade is settled in and working hard. In math we are currently working on place value, rounding and problem solving. We are also practice our multiplication math facts, everyday with rocket math. Whenever you have time in your busy schedule, quiz your child on their math facts, it is a great way to help your child become comfortable with multiplication. We will continue to work towards the standards as we go on throughout the year.

In Science, the students are focusing on Energy. They are learning all about mechanical, sound, electrical, heat and chemical energy. They will put this knowledge to work in the Science Lab as they do hands-on experiments in these areas.

In Social Studies we are learning about our own home state of Pennsylvania. We are discovering new things about the places we visit and the area where we live.

Our reading series theme is "You Can DO IT". The students

are discovering the benefits of embracing their own unique ideas, interest and abilities. They are reading about characters that are learning about themselves by tackling challenges creatively.

Finally we would like to thank you for coming to Open House. It was a great success and it was nice to meet all of you. We ask that you continue to read with your child and make sure that they are reading 20 minutes a night and filling in their reading calendar.



FIFTH GRADE



The fifth grade teachers would like to welcome everyone back to a great new school year. We welcome several new students to our district also. We hope everyone found Open House to be interesting and informative. It

was certainly nice to meet so many parents. We look forward to working together to make this a wonderful school year.



For the first half of the school year fifth graders will be learning about Mixtures & Solutions in science class. We have an exciting science program full of hands-on lab experiments. Ask your fifth graders about our first lab experiment in which we made mixtures and solutions using gravel, powder, and salt.

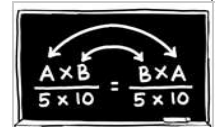


In math class all fifth graders have been studying place value, estimating, rounding, and multiples. Also, every day we start math class with rocket

math, a timed practice of the multiplication facts. PLEASE practice the multiplication facts nightly with your children so that they become automatic with these facts.

Fifth grade looks forward to a terrific school year in which all students do their personal best and reach their own goals. To become better readers we must read more. We require all fifth graders to read a minimum of thirty minutes each night.

Happy reading!!



TITLE I

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The Title I Reading Program is underway! Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Malec are the Title I teachers. Mrs. Daniels works with first and second grade students. Mrs. Malec works with Kindergarten, second, and third grade students. Title I is a federally funded program that offers children extra support in reading. Children qualify to be in the Program based on grade-level test scores from the spring of the previous school year.

Kindergarten, First, and Third Grade students receive Title I reading services for 30 minutes daily. Second grade students receive Title I services for 60 minutes daily – 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon. Since intervention time is built in to each teacher's schedule, Title I students do not miss any classroom instruction. First, second and third grade Title I students do have Title I homework. First grade students will have sight words to practice. For Second and Third grade students, books will be sent home to read 3-4 nights each week. In addition, these students will have sight words or sentences to practice.



Council Meetings

Our Title I Parent Advisory Council will be meeting in November. This council is made up of parents of Title I students, classroom teachers, Title I teachers and Ms. Faliskie, the Title I Coordinator. This council meets a few times during the school year to discuss the Title I Program and to evaluate its effectiveness. If you are interested in being a part of the Title I Parent Advisory Council, or have any questions about the Title I Program, please contact your child's Title I teacher at 1-800-321-WWSD(9973).



Happy Reading!



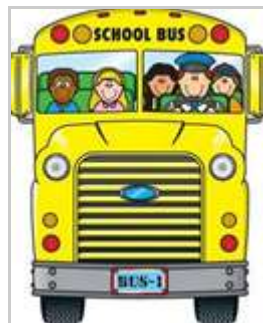
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Second Grade	85
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