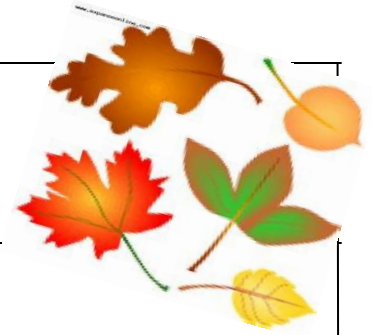




EverGreen Elementary

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—November 2011



WORDS FROM MISS FALISKIE

DID YOU KNOW...OUR SCHOOL CAN DO THIS...

- The system can be operated with simple controls or a computer based system depending on the site requirements and interactive features desired. Either control system would have alarms for critical conditions. The computer-based controller can be equipped for remote monitoring and operation.
- Re-claimed wastewater and low-flow plumbing fixtures reduce the water demand for the building.
- The green roof serves as an outdoor classroom, and retains storm water that would otherwise need to be controlled elsewhere on the building site.
- Classrooms are designed to take advantage of natural daylighting. Glass is selected in each condition to admit the most natural light, without allowing heat to enter the building.
- Automatic lighting controls reduce energy consumption by sensing occupancy and amount of daylight.
- Selection of building materials was based on recycled content and low emitting properties.
- The use of High R-Value insulation at the roof enhances the thermal performance of the building.
- External sun shades and light shelves on windows reduce solar heat gain and glare, and direct light deeper into classrooms.
- Insulated concrete form wall construction enhances energy efficiency.
- Treated wastewater is used to irrigate sports fields. The irrigation system is linked to an onsite weather monitoring station that tracks rainfall and ground moisture.
- No potable water is used for landscape irrigation

Miss Faliskie



LIFE SKILLS

The students in Mrs. Hughes's classroom have adjusted well to the daily routine of school and are learning the importance of following the classroom rules and treating each other with respect and kindness. Active listening is encouraged daily.

In class we are learning to match, sort and name basic colors and shapes. We are also learning to count numbers and recite the alphabet. Please practice these skills at home with your children.

The students are also learning new songs as well as the importance of sharing with one another.

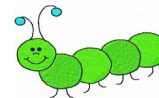
I look forward to meeting with all the parents at Parent Conferences.



PRE-K

The Pre-Kindergarten students welcomed the season of autumn with great enthusiasm!

In our classrooms, stories, learning games, poems and songs about apples, squirrels, trees and caterpillars have been enjoyed by all. We listen for rhyming words (words with the same ending sound), sequence the numerals 1-5 and sequence the letters of the alphabet. We have learned the letters Mm and Ss. We have also worked with shapes and colors.

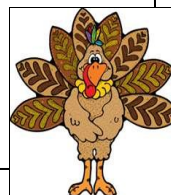


The arrival of the cool mornings provides an excellent opportunity to develop a sense of independence by being able to put on his/her coat. Continue practicing taking it off without the sleeves turning inside out!

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KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarteners have been busy with a bounty of activities this month! We have Thanksgiving in mind. The students have been learning about the very first Thanksgiving and what life was like for the Pilgrim families.



In reading, the children have been learning to make predictions as they listen to a story. We are discussing im-

portant details as we read and focusing on following the sequence of events in a story. Some of the stories that we are enjoying include: The Warthogs in the Kitchen, The Crayon Box That Talked, and I Took My Frog to the Library.

We are concentrating on listening for letter sounds at the beginning, middle, and end of words. We are also blending letters together to make words such as: **nap**, **tap**, and **map**. Remember to keep

your child reading daily and fill out the reading calendar in the homework folder.

In math, the kindergarteners are learning about ordinal numbers, how to estimate, and the concepts of **more** and **less**.

We look forward to seeing all of you at *Parent Teacher Conferences*.



Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



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Fall Harvest is here! With that being said, first graders got a taste of the fall. In each of the first grade classrooms, each child tried a variety of different apples.

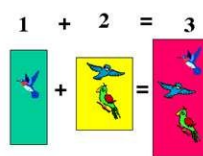
Then they were asked to pick their favorite apple and placed their choice on a graph. We discussed the different types of apples and how to construct a picture graph.

In reading, we are almost half way through our reading series book Guess Who. We have been working on vowels short a and short i. We will continue to reinforce these vowels as well as learn

FIRST GRADE

the "sh" and "ch" sound. Please continue to practice these skills with your children at home; this is very important for them. In reading we are also working on our Sight Words. We practice them daily and please remember to practice them at night. This will help improve your child's fluency and accuracy while reading.

In math we have been working on counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's. We



also have started addition concepts. We are teaching our children how to add by counting on, using

blocks, or using a number line. Please reinforce these concepts at home with practicing their addition facts with them. We will continue learning addition facts throughout the year. Practicing these facts will help your child when we start Rocket Math next month.

We wanted to say "Thank You" to the EverGreen PTA for the "Bus Safety Program" and the Hamlin Fire and Rescue Company for encouraging fire safety at home and in school. We feel this is a great program for children and that they learn a lot.



SECOND GRADE

We are having fun falling into a new school year and routine here at EverGreen Elementary. Our second graders are working hard to adjust both academically and socially to our new surroundings.

Bus Safety and Fire Safety was presented again this year and offered important reminders of how to keep ourselves and others safe on the bus and at home. We also learned how important it is to have a plan in place in case of a fire emergency. If you haven't already, make sure your family has a meeting place outside your home to ensure that all persons are accounted for in the event of an emergency.

This year our second grade had the

opportunity to be part of a special presentation from PPL Electric Utilities. Their Bright Kids Program taught our students the value of energy conservation and also gave some helpful tips for how they can teach their families to save energy and money at home.

We just finished the first reading theme *Just for You*. In the theme, *Being Me*, we learned how people discover new things about themselves through experiences and relationships. We found that the differences among people make each person special.

In math first two foundational think about



we have finished our chapters covering concepts in how we addition and subtrac-

tion. We learned that we can use our knowledge of addition facts as a strategy to find the answer to a subtraction problem. Please continue to have your child practice their rocket math facts each night. Consistent practice will help your child build automaticity and help them advance in this program.

Thank you for all you do at home with your child. Perhaps the most important thing your child can do each night is spend time reading aloud. We encourage all parents to keep daily reading time a priority in your home. It is a great time to spend with your child, and will keep them on the road to reading success.





THIRD GRADE

The third graders continue to start their days with excitement as we make our way through the fall season.

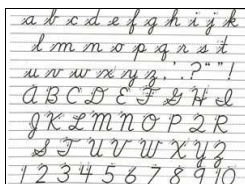
In our second reading theme, "What a Team!" students' explore ways that people and animals can work together to accomplish goals. They discover that cooperation can make the difference in relationships



and are encouraged to apply that concept to their own lives.

Math is all about rounding, estimating and compatible numbers with addition and subtraction facts. Students continue subtracting 3-digit numbers with and without re-

grouping. Knowing simple math facts makes this process easier (Rocket Math). Problem Solving will continue to be an emphasis throughout the school year.

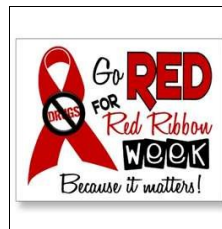


Students have also been learning cursive handwriting. They have been practicing their

lower case letters. Encourage your son/daughter to practice at home. They are so proud of their work.

A special thanks to the high school students who put together Red Ribbon Week Activities for us and the district. **Red Ribbon**

Week is one of the largest drug prevention awareness campaigns in the Nation. The



students enjoyed dressing up during the week to "Sock it to Drugs", "Don't let Drugs Turn Their Life Inside Out" "Use their Head, Don't Do Drugs", "Don't Get Comfy

with Drugs", and "Say No To Drugs!"

We look forward to seeing all of you at Parent Conferences.



FOURTH GRADE

With several 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 practicing 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 fo-

ocusing 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 "Side by Side". The students are discovering the benefits of teamwork. They are

reading about characters who are learning that cooperation strengthens relationships, and they are encouraged to apply this concept to their own lives.



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. We look forward to a great year!



FIFTH GRADE

While November begins our third month in the EverGreen Elementary, there is still an atmosphere of excitement among the fifth grade students as they become accustomed to their new school.



November is a month of elections and the fifth grade will elect a representative from each class who will exhibit characteristics such as hard work, dedication, and responsibility. All students will be given an opportunity to campaign for these prestigious positions. The representatives will then be selected

by a vote of their peers. Once elected, the representatives will then have the opportunity to bring their ideas on how to improve our school to Miss Faliskie. One can only wait to see who will emerge as the leaders of the fifth grade.

On the front, the working very achieve their



personal best in the areas of reading and math. In Social Studies the students are learning the five regions of the United States and their distinguishing geological characteristics.

Also, the fifth grade would like to extend a hearty thank you to the Ledgesdale and Lake Ariel Fire Companies for a very informative presentation on fire safety and for helping us during our fire drill last month.



Finally, and restful remember out to



have a safe break and to take time give thanks for all the wonderful students and people who make up our very special learning community!





TITLE I



The Title I program has been in full swing and all the students are working hard in the various programs. Please be sure to complete your child's nightly homework. Remember, this homework, whether it be a leveled book or sight word flash, counts towards your child's nightly reading requirement. It is also important that you sit with your child and listen to him/her read. Remember comprehension or understanding what we read is the ultimate goal in reading!



Your child may not realize he/she made a mistake or may need some guidance in decoding or sounding a word out. It is also important to remember to ask your child about what he/she is reading.



As a reminder, always remember to check Title I news online. Go to <http://www.westernwayne.org> and click on the Parent and Student tab. Title I is located under Federal Programs on the left side of your screen. All upcoming meetings and events will be listed here.

We look forward to meeting with the Parent Advisory Council. We always welcome ideas on how we can improve the Title I Reading Program. We also encourage everyone to attend Parent Conferences. This is an important forum to meet with us and the classroom teachers to discuss your child's progress in school. Be sure to stop at the table in the foyer on this night also. There will a lot of information to help your child succeed in school. When stopping at the table provide your child's name and he/she will receive a free book for participating in Title I!



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See you then!

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