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Goshen Lane Elementary

Principal's Note:

Upcoming Events

October 24
Superfit Challenge 9 – 1:30

October 26
4th grade to visit Highbanks Park

October 28
Donuts with Dad 7:15

October 28
Fall Parties

November 1
Mobile Dentist

November 2
OSU Vision Screenings

November 2
Fifth Grade Musical 7 pm

November 2
Picture Retake Day

November 4
End of First Trimester

November 6
Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 7 – NO school
Teacher Professional Development

November 10 and 17
Parent Teacher Conferences

November 9-18
Book Fair

November 11
Veterans Day Celebration, 1:30

November 14
Grade Cards sent home

November 21
ROARS Awards Assembly

November 22
Good Program – 4th grade

November 23 – 25
NO School

Dear Goshen Lane Families,

As Fall settles in, it is a great time to spend final warm days outside with your children talking about changes in Ohio weather and trees. Our Ohio parks have so much to offer families, and the conversations are often priceless. I often use conversation starters such as : what are your three favorite foods - my answer: popcorn, peanut butter, and garlic bread or who is one person you would love to meet - Urban Meyer - I admire his leadership! Having conversations with our children and turning off electronics really helps families connect and builds student vocabulary.

In school, our Book Fair will open next week! We are so excited because this allows families to build libraries in their homes for our students. It is also a fund raiser that helps build our school library.

In the beginning of the year, I shared with each of you that I really want to increase family involvement at Goshen Lane. Soon you will receive an email with a short survey about your interests in being involved at Goshen Lane. Please take a moment to answer the questions!

All best in Education,
Melanie McGue
Principal, Goshen Lane ES



Second Grade

Second grade has been reading and writing nonfiction and learning to speak the "lingo". We realized that we need to pay attention to text features such as diagrams, headings and captions because they tell us important information. In math, we have been continuing to practice our facts so we can be fluent. Please keep practicing at home. Moby Max is a great way to practice.

Strategies for solving addition and subtraction story problems have also been a focus. The Superfit Challenge activities helped us to learn food groups and how to be healthy.

First Grade



In First Grade we have been plugging away at reading. We have learned how to be word detectives. In math we are finishing up our unit with addition and subtraction and story problems. We will be starting our unit about shapes. In writing we have been writing How to books. Our next unit is writing reviews. Our character pumpkins turned out great. Look on the PTA Facebook page to view them.



Third Grade

The leaves are starting to turn and 3rd graders are turning into great readers and mathematicians. We are reading like detectives as we continue to read our mystery unit. We are finding clues and analyzing the suspects in our books. 3rd graders are finishing up an introductory multiplication and division unit. Finding patterns, discovering fact families, and solving word problems are a few of the areas we have worked on. Now that we have some more chromebooks available, 3rd grade will begin completing assignments on our chromebooks. Ask your student how to log into their google account. There are so many great things they can do in there!

Fifth Grade

Kindergarten

This month in October we are learning all about non-fiction. We have been working on using our 5 senses to explore the world around us! We are using our 5 senses at the pumpkin patch and Innis Woods. Noticing the fall changes is part of being a scientist. Before we can write about our life experiences we have to talk about them! We are learning how to sketch a picture and label our picture by saying the word slowly. In Kindergarten, we love singing songs and poems. Through rhyming and singing we learn about phonemic awareness or sounds and the order of sounds. We do this all through playing with language. Kindergarten is all about exploring!



5th grade is on a roll moving into the fall. We have completed our Boot Camp initiative, with many students reaching the rank of Sergeant. Now we have engaged in A.I.T. (Advanced Individual Training), where students are responsible for their own fate. As we move toward the holiday season, fifth grade will start their first camp fundraising activity - cookie dough sale. Once November starts find your local fifth grader and ask about cookie dough.

Science in fifth grade is wrapping up Life Science. We are taking our big unit test to show that we know all about food chains, food webs, species interactions, flow of energy, symbiosis, mutualism, commensalism, parasitism, and so much more. Once complete we will do a couple weeks of informative writing and move into "SPACE, the Final Frontier".

In social studies, we have finished our culture unit and moved into learning about ancient civilizations such as the Mayans, Aztecs, and Incas. We will learn about their unique cultures and how they used the natural resources around them to thrive many years ago!—

We continue to work through solving 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication problems. Students are becoming familiar with the Array Strategy (area model) and Easier Numbers Strategy. Class discussion includes explanation of solutions and multiplying by multiples of 10. We will work through the Multiplication Cluster Problems and finally start connecting our learning to division strategies. Please practice multiplication facts at home with your child. This will help build confidence as we learn new concepts.

4th Grade

October is a busy month for 4th graders! In reading, we have begun our nonfiction unit. Students are reading about lots of interesting topics and learning many strategies to help in tackling harder nonfiction texts. In writing, we have begun our essay unit. Students have been writing about topics that are important to them, and they are learning to organize their writing and provide supporting details. In math, we have been working on strategies to multiply larger numbers. We are also delving into division!

In science, the fourth grade students are continuing their study of geology, learning about how our continents are continually moving due to forces within and outside of the planet. We are looking forward to our field trip to Highbanks Metro Park on the 26th to observe some cool geology in person!

Library

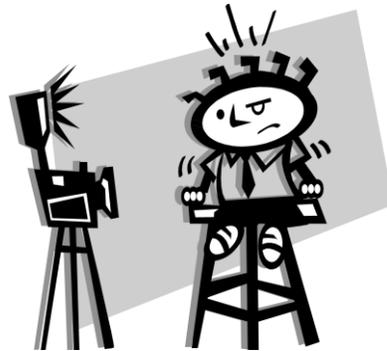


In library, grades 1-5 are learning about digital resources. Students are exploring specifically Encyclopedia Britannica, and INFOhio- Bookflix and World Book Kids. So the learning can continue at home on a tablet or computer, a green information sheet was given to the students explaining how to get to these sites and the username and password was shared.

Below is the information again-
Encyclopedia Britannica- <http://school.eb.com> and
INFOhio- <https://www.infohio.org/>
Both have the same username and password-
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Kindergarteners will eventually have time on the computers exploring and using digital resources, but for now they are having much success choosing books using a shelf marker and enjoying author/illustrator Mo Willems. His fun website is-
<http://www.pigeonpresents.com/>

Picture Retake Day Wednesday November 2



*Please return the complete picture package that
you do not want to the office.
New order forms are also available.*

