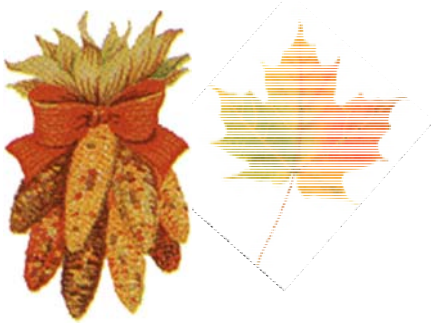


# Grafton GOOD NEWS

## Pre-K ~ Mrs. Gettings

In Pre-k We have been working on Letters E, L and F and the sounds they make. We introduced a classroom pet, a Beta Fish named Angel into our class. We have been reading the book the rainbow fish and learning about being good friends and sharing. We are working on counting to 20.



## Pre-K ~ Mrs. Pohlman

Wow, what a fun packed month of learning! The children have learned so much already! They are following the routine and rules, and they have become comfortable in their classroom. In September, we did a unit of study on families. The children made a poster "All About Me" and then shared it at school. We also discussed how each of us are unique. We made faces out of paper plates; where we used multicultural paint to match our skin tone. We also discussed our eye and hair color. We even measured our height with pieces of yarn. It was fun to see how we compared to each other. We have read many fun books, and our favorites are the Pete the Cat books, Five Little Monkey books, and the No David books. We also learned about a famous person in our history; Johnny Chapman or better known as "Johnny Appleseed". We enjoyed making pretend apple pies in the House Center and Sensory Table. Then we made apple pie that we could eat. It was really yummy! This week we are going to make apple star prints in the Art Center. We will then begin a new unit of study; Community Helpers. Next week we will be reading books and learning about fire fighters and other community helpers.

## Kindergarten ~ Mrs. Miller

We will soon be completing our Module One of our Eureka math series. We have been working on the numbers 0-10. One to one correspondence and finding the hidden groups in these numbers was the focus of the unit. Thank you to all who complete and return the homework sheets. Module two works with the recognition of various 2-D shapes. A few 3-D shapes will be introduced. A pumpkin math unit will also be introduced in October. We will study vertical lines, circumference, graphing and estimating.

We are working on the first unit in our reading series. Several sight words, letter recognition and sounds are being introduced. Please review pages and sight word books sent home each evening.

Please check out our classroom web page- <https://sites.google.com/a/jersey100.org/mrs-miller-s-kindergarten/> This site contains important information regarding our learning activities, calendars, menus, and fun photos to keep you up to date on our progress .

Thanks to all parents and grandparents who chaperoned our Eckert's Orchard trip. We completed our apple unit with a celebration of Johnny Appleseed's birthday. Our class made delicious applesauce. Please ask your child about our recipe. I am sure you will find it interesting.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade ~ Mrs. Lumma

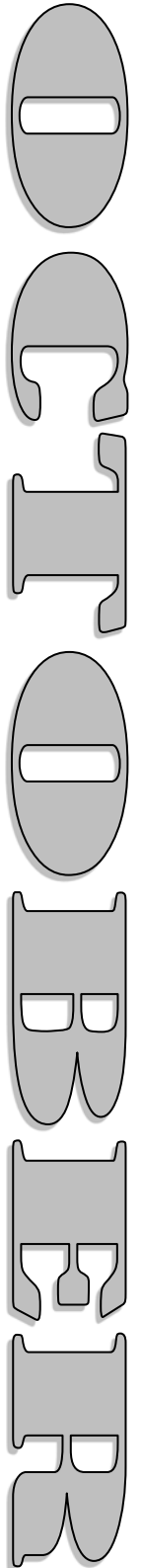
The first graders are anxiously awaiting a field trip to Eckert's! We can't wait to ride on a wagon to the orchard and pumpkin patch. We will pick an apple and a pumpkin that we will be able to bring home with us! Most of all, we can't wait to taste some delicious apple cider! We have been learning how nature makes apples and pumpkins. We have also discussed all the different ways we like to eat apples and some of us even like pumpkin pie!

First graders made cards for our first responders at the Grafton Police Department and QEM. We hope they know how much we appreciate all they do for us!

We will be finishing Module 1 in Math this month. We will be working on subtraction. We will do subtraction with an unknown addend and word problems. We will be using different ways to subtract so that we can find the way that works best for each child. Our goal is to become fluent in subtraction and addition as well.

In reading, we will continue working on short vowel sounds and words. We will also be working on blends. We will keep visualizing stories as we read them. We like "making movies in our heads"!

I am looking forward to meeting with each of you at parent/teacher conferences later this month.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade ~ Mrs. Crone

September was an exciting month for us. We tried our hand at doing a pencil (charcoal) drawing of a tree. It was so much fun to be able to work together on a drawing and discover how we could create a real looking tree from simple lines and scribbles. We tried to have the sunlight shining through the sky which was a great use of our art eraser.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> we started our cursive handwriting. We will not learn the letters in ABC order. We will learn letters based on similar shape. Therefore, all straight letters will be learned, then we will learn rounded letters. After we learn all of the lower case letters we will learn our capital letters. We also watched a video of a master penman, Jake Weidmann. If you have not watched his videos, I encourage you to do so. He is amazing! Each night we will have cursive homework to practice the letter that we learned that day. It should only take about two minutes to do that work. Our class field trip is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be going to The Nature Institute. The permission slips have been sent home. Please sign and return as soon as possible so that we will know how many people are going so that we can plan the food.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ~ Mrs. Rowling

Wow, it is hard to believe October is already here! In math our focus is time, metric measurement, and using the 4 operations to solve word problems using the Read, Draw, Write method. We studied inventors and inventions. In October we will be doing a descriptive writing activity and sharing it with Mrs. Nairn's third grade class at East using Google Hangout. We are very excited to start using Nearpod, an interactive classroom tool to engage students with interactive lessons. Please continue to practice multiplication facts with your child and encourage them to read 20 minutes each night. I look forward to seeing all of our parents at conferences at the end of the month.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ Mr. Eberlin

The fourth grade class has successfully completed Module 1: End of Module Assessment. The majority of students did very well. We now move on to Module 2: Unit Conversions and Problem Solving with Metric Measurement. They are quickly learning that it's simply a matter of multiplying or dividing by 10 or 100,

The fourth graders have been working very hard on developing better reading and writing skills. The students are enjoying our new Wonders Reading books. The first I-Station test went well with 90% of the students earning Tier 1 status. Comprehension and Vocabulary were their strongest areas. We will continue to work hard to improve our Spelling and Fluency.

## Principal's Corner

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first quarter of school. At the end of the quarter, student progress will be reported to parents by way of a Standards Based Report Card. This format shares more information with parents about the specific skills that make up the student's achievement.

Report cards will be handed out at Parent Teacher Conferences on October 25 & 26. This gives your child's teacher a chance to talk with you about the structure of the report card and your child's progress towards grade level standards.

Communication between home and school is essential for student success. We look forward to spending some time with you discussing your child's progress this year.

Be sure to return the appointment forms as soon as possible. Thanks for your support of the students and staff at Grafton Elementary!

*~Mrs. Brown*

