

Grafton GOOD NEWS

Pre-K ~ Mrs. Gettings

November is very exciting in PreK. We are going to be doing lots of projects and crafts. We are working on letter recognition and sounds. We are going to have a field trip to the QEM in Dow! We are also going to have a fun play night for the kids and their families. With Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day this month, we will be doing a lot of projects about being thankful!



Pre-K ~ Mrs. Pohlman

What an exciting month we had in October. We learned about community helpers. In the Dramatic Play center, we had costumes to pretend to be fire fighters, doctors and police officers. We discussed how to be safe and prevent fires. We practiced fire drills and stop/drop/roll if you catch on fire. We also learned to dial 911 for emergencies. Of course, we had fun putting out lots of fires in the Dramatic Play center. We also discussed how going to the doctor helps to keep you healthy. We discussed the importance of washing our hands and covering our mouth when we cough or sneeze. We also discussed how police officers are our friend and they are in our communities to help us and keep us safe. During small groups, we learned about sorting and making patterns and we began to use our writing journals. We also read the book "Mouse Paint" and enjoyed mixing colors and discovering how to make new colors. Then we finished out our month having fun reading books and singing songs about Halloween, carving a pumpkin and having a party.



Kindergarten ~ Mrs. Miller

I wish to thank the 37 parents and grandparents who attended our Parent Teacher Conferences. It was a pleasure to speak with all of you about making your child's Kindergarten year a successful one.

We are working on the third 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.

Module two in our Eureka math series has us working with various 2-D shapes. Four 3-D shapes will also be introduced. We have just finished our pumpkin math unit. With our class pumpkin, we played an attribute game. The children estimated and then determined its weight, circumference and the amount of vertical lines it had. After estimating the number of pumpkin seeds we would discover, the students counted and then cooked our 700 seeds for an afternoon snack. We graphed our favorite jack-o-lantern faces and carved our pumpkin with the most favorite face. Thank you to Eckert's Orchard for providing our class pumpkin.

1st Grade ~ Mrs. Lumma

First Graders learned so much about fire safety during October. QEM had a great presentation given by Firefighter Ray. We loved holding his turn-out gear; we could feel just how heavy it is. We loved seeing all the equipment on the fire truck and being able to climb through the truck most of all! We got some awesome goodies too! We want to send a big thank you to QEM!!!

First graders had so much fun doing Halloween activities in Math and Reading. We had a great party and really enjoyed showing off our costumes. Thank you so much for all of the parents that helped!!! It was "spook"tacular!

In Math, we are working on counting on or making a ten to solve. This helps us learn to add through 20. We will be counting on or taking from ten to solve for subtraction through 20. Keep working on becoming more fluent in addition and subtraction. We want to be quick; and practice makes us that way!

In spelling, we are working on short u, ending blends (st, nd, nk, ng) and digraphs (sh, th).

In reading, we are continuing to work on character, setting, and events. We are making predictions and seeing if they are correct. We are also finding the main topic and key details. We are going back and rereading if we are not comprehending what we have read. It is starting to be a very busy time of year but please take the time to keep reading with your child!

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2nd Grade ~ Mrs. Crone

October was filled with so many fun activities. First, thank you so much for making Parent/Teacher conferences so successful. It was wonderful to meet with all of the parents of my students to discuss the progress that each child is making. Please feel free to contact me anytime that you might have any questions. Also, thank you so much for the book donations for the class. We received four books that will delight the kids! Hopefully, while you were here you noticed your child's All About Me poster. They turned out so professional looking. I learned so many interesting things about all the kids and I hope that you did too!

We are now working on the Pizza Hut "Book It" each month through March. I will send home a new sheet with fun reading ideas at the beginning of each month. Once it is completed, finish the writing on the back and return it to me for your pizza slip. So far, 3 students have completed the October readings. We are also doing the Six Flags reading program. Students need to read for 6 hours. After each reading time, please mark down the name of the book, how much time was read, and have your parent initial. When you have completed six hours of reading, please return it to me. It is due 2-23-18; however, the sooner you complete it and send it in, the less chance you have of losing it! Reading can take us on many adventures in life. Will you please help your child experience these adventures by building a love for reading in them? Let's get them excited!

3rd Grade ~ Mrs. Rowling

Third graders are beginning Module 3 in Eureka Math. We will once again be focusing on multiplication and division. Please continue to practice basic multiplication and division facts 15-20 minutes each night. Thank you to Mr. Ray Roentz from QEM for teaching us about fire safety. Our Google Hangout with Mrs. Nairn's class was a fun learning experience. This writing activity showed students how important it was to be very clear and use a lot of details in a descriptive essay. Students made placemats for the Grafton American Legion Post 648 that will be delivered just in time to be used for their annual Veteran's Day Dinner on November 5. We will be focusing on family during November. We will be reading The Hundred Penny Box and students will be writing letters to their oldest living relative. They will also create timelines of their lives. Thank you to everyone who attended Parent Teacher Conferences and Happy Thanksgiving!



4th Grade ~ Mr. Eberlin

The 4th grade finished the first quarter on a very positive note. All students have already achieved Tier 1 status on iStation and are now focusing on reaching Tier 1 in all reading categories. Great job!

As Veterans Day approaches, the 4th grade is busy rehearsing patriotic songs, writing essays, bringing in pictures, and practicing for a play. They are excited to be able to honor our community's veterans. Please join us on November 9 at 10:00 am to help us pay tribute to them.

Eureka Math is starting to click with the majority of students now knowing 4 different ways to multiply and some knowing all 6. Different kids learn in different ways! Division is now the new task at hand and hopefully things will go as smoothly.

Principal's Corner

November is a month for giving thanks. On behalf of the faculty and staff at Grafton Elementary, I express our gratitude for the wonderful students and their families in our school. Our school is a great place to learn. We truly appreciate your support.

~Mrs. Brown



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