

First & Second  
Grade  
November  
2017



Students may wear dress code or better to the performance. Please remember no jeans or tennis shoes on this day.

## Thanksgiving Program

Lake Superior and Lake Ontario will be performing Thanksgiving and Fall themed songs and poems for your entertainment on Wednesday, November 22. Lake Michigan will kick off the program with their own performance in the gym promptly at 1:30. Refreshments will immediately follow the performance. If you have volunteered to donate items for this day please bring the items in the morning when you drop your child off. Parents wishing to get a head start on the holiday may take their child home after the program. Please notify me before leaving. Happy Thanksgiving!

### Math Practice

Have you ever wondered what to do on those long car rides? How can I keep my child entertained while we wait at restaurants or doctor's appointments? Try some quick math practice. Skip count by 2's, 5's, or 10's. Ask quick story problems (ex. If you have 5 cookies and I give you 2 more, how many cookies do you have now? Or you eat 2 how many are left? Pull out a small amount of coins and have them tell you what they are and how much they are worth. Practice counting the change together. I recommend using math terms whenever possible. Here are just a few: fewest, greatest, equal, longest, shortest, widest, even. Using these terms in your child's daily life will help to broaden their math skills and help them to understand the importance of Math in their life.

### Reading Folders

Reading Folders will be coming home soon. It will be marked on your child's agreement. Reading Folders will be sent home on Tuesdays. Inside is an instruction sheet to help guide the reading homework for each day. I will also have a reading log for you and your child to complete. Please return the folder on Monday. I will review each folder and respond to your questions and comments. This assignment counts as your child's 15 minutes of daily reading.

### Michigan Weather

It's that time of year again where one day it may be 60 degrees and the next day 30 degrees. Please make sure your child is prepared for our Michigan weather. Placing extra mittens and hats in your child's book bag may help keep them warm at recess. Layers can also be very helpful. Long sleeves and an extra sweater or sweatshirt may also help for the cold mornings and warmer afternoons.

## **Important Dates:**

- 11/22 Thanksgiving Program 1:30 p.m.
- 11/23 & 24 No School Thanksgiving
- 11/28 Jeans for Cards
- 12/1 2nd Mid-quarter
- 12/6 Jeans for \$1
- 12/11 Board Meeting 7:45 a.m.
- 12/12 PTT Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 12/14 Birthday Bash
- 12/19 Jeans for Cards
- 12/21 Winter Celebration
- 12/22 Winter Break Begins

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