

School Street School

November 23, 2011



November Calendar

7,8,9 - Parent Conferences
Early Dismissal Days
9 - End of 1st Marking Period
10, 11 - No School -Teacher's Convention
18 - Report Cards sent home
23 - Early Dismissal
24, 25 - No School - Thanksgiving Recess



December Calendar

2 - Winter Concert 1:15
9 - Winter Concert Snow Date
23 - Early Dismissal Day

26-30 - School Closed

Early Dismissal Schedule

Grades 1 - 3 8:00 -12:45
Kindergarten AM 8:00 -10:05
Kindergarten PM 10:40 -12:45
Preschool 8:00 -12:45

Class Attendance Award for October - Mrs. Kelly's 3rd Grade Class



Picture retake/absent pictures will be done on November 29, 2011.

Please make note of the following information:

1. There is a \$5.00 fee for retakes unless there is something wrong with the picture (eyes closed, hair falling in eyes, etc.)
2. Retakes will begin at 9:00
3. Any children from the PM kindergarten classes who need retakes or who were absent on Picture day must be brought to school in the morning if you want their picture taken.
4. Any child having retakes **MUST** return the complete original package. Retakes will not be done unless the package is returned.
5. Please call the office at 973-316-9225 to have your child's name put on a list for retakes or absent pictures and to have a picture form sent home with your child.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Wieland - We continue to work on differentiating between telling and asking sentences, avoiding run-on sentences, using at least 8 words in a sentence, beginning sentences with a capital letter and ending with a punctuation mark. The children are busy writing **how to** paragraphs, only this paragraph is extra-special, because the children don't have any idea how to make the assigned topic! Once they are done writing, they will each type their paragraph on Write Outloud. The children have been reading about what life was like on the Mayflower and the first Thanksgiving.

Math: The focus now is subtraction, so please continue to practice with the flash cards each night! The students should be practicing addition and subtraction at this point. For the 2nd graders, it will soon be time to start multiplication! This is a short week, due to the Thanksgiving break, but they are almost done with some special Thanksgiving math packets including addition, 2 and 3 digit subtraction, sequencing, graphing, greater than and less than, and counting by 5.

Ms. Spinner Gr. 3 - Gratitude! The time of year to thank those special people in your life! Thank-you to my wonderful students who come to school everyday with a positive, hard-working effort! Thanks to the parents of my students who help their children be successful! Thanks to my colleagues, especially Mrs. Kovall, who share her wonderful talents with her students and me. School Street is a fabulous place to be a teacher!

The students listened to holiday books with an abundance of "juicy" vocabulary words. They wrote a special story where they turned into turkeys, solved challenging word problems with a Thanksgiving theme, and plotted points on coordinate graphs to create a holiday picture. Also, the students diligently worked on writing a letter to a person to show their gratitude. Oh, I almost forgot...the students also started multiplication. They learned how to draw a picture to solve a problem and how addition and multiplication are related. Was this only a 3 day week? Remember to read over your holiday break and try this weeks Edline challenge to strengthen your brain power! Submit the answer by Monday, November 28th.

- Grandma and Grandpa had six children.
- Each of those six children grew up and had four children of their own
- Those children all grew up and each one had two children.
- Everyone is coming to Thanksgiving dinner at Grandma and Grandpa's house.

How many people will be at the table?

Hint: It will have to be a really big table! Make sure you show how you got your answer.

Mrs. Viruet - K - Mrs. Viruet's kindergarten concluded an introduction to Native Americans and the first Thanksgiving. We learned that Natives give feathers as a gift for an accomplishment & we

earned one feather for being excellent kindergartners! We enjoyed making our Native American costumes and singing to our families on Tuesday. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Mrs. Cutugno - Gr. 2 - Although, this is a short week we are still working hard! We are reviewing all previous learned concepts in Foundations, working on addition strategies in Math, discussing the significance of Thanksgiving in Social Studies, and brainstorming topics for our friendly letter in Writing. We are celebrating Thanksgiving this Wednesday morning with a breakfast and are very excited for the upcoming holiday! Just as a reminder, this Wednesday we have an early dismissal and the Million Minutes and Take 10 will not be due until next week. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Giannotti - Pre K

Dear Friends,

"Our sweetest experiences of affection are meant to point us to that realm which is the real and endless home of the heart." Henry Ward Beecher

We would like to take this opportunity wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Giannotti

Mrs. Regan

Mrs. Roon

Mrs. Theiller - Pre K - In Language Arts this week the children listened to and read stories about Pilgrims and Native Americans. The children continued to learn initial sounds in words using our Message of the Day. The children practiced rhyming while singing Thanksgiving songs.

In Math this week, the children played I Have Who Has Numbers to reinforce recognition of numbers 1 - 10. We played the Numerals Game which teaches and reinforces one to one correspondance of numbers 1 - 10. We continued to graph our weather chart using the words more, less or the same.

Mrs. Baseil - Bridges - This week in Bridges to Learning children were introduced to a new strategy used to spark vocabulary and verbal expression. Using the A-Z method of gathering information, students brainstormed a list of Thanksgiving themed words/phrases that begin with each letter of the alphabet. Here are the impressive results:

Apple pie	Neighbors
Berries	O
Corn	Pilgrims
Dad	Quail
England	Respect
Family	Squanto
Grateful	Turkey
Hope	Us
Indians	Vegetables
Joy	Wonderful time
Kindness	eXtra fun
Leftovers	Yams
Mayflower	Zzzzzz

Grade 1 - This past week has been very busy preparing for our annual first grade feast. All classes learned poems, songs, facts, and made costumes. We'd like to thank Mr. Modla for helping us start and end our program. We would especially like to thank all parents who helped donate, coordinate, make, and serve the food we ate. We are truly thankful for your efforts and participation. We hope you all enjoyed watching our program as much as we enjoyed presenting it. We wish all of you a happy and safe holiday weekend with your families.

Please keep reading over the weekend and plan to turn in your Million Minute logs on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Also remember the first grade teachers are giving the week off with the Take 10 journals. The next due date is Thursday, December 1.

Mrs. Bariso - Gr. 2 - We have been practicing addition and subtraction facts and we made a town of fact families. The children had a great time designing their houses and their properties. The children have named the towns; Boy Town, and Barisoville. We also have finished up our unit on colonial life. The children are eagerly awaiting their Thanksgiving breakfast. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, be safe, and enjoy this special time with your families.

Mrs. Kelly - Gr. 3 - This month we continue to practice friendly letter format through Take 10 and classroom activities. We also have been working on the 4 stages of writing with our creative speculative writing prompts. (Brainstorming, drafting, editing, and publishing). This past month in math we have been working on daily fact practice, input output tables, money skills, coordinates, and we have recently started relating multiplication to addition.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Mentone - Gr. 2 - The students in room 207 have continued with Thanksgiving activities. We read a story about a Native American Indian boy named Tapenium. We're enjoying living in 2011. The students realize that if they lived in 1620, they would be helping to hunt for their own food, and doing chores like collecting firewood, cooking, and carrying water from a spring. Their clothing would be very different, and they wouldn't go to school. We also shared in a Thanksgiving breakfast. In addition to Thanksgiving, the students have continued working on animal reports. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Mrs. Bednar - Gr. 3 - Students in Mrs. Bednar's class have been using a hundreds chart to solve problems in math. They are enjoying not using a pencil and paper to add and subtract.