

Our 1st Grade Classroom News

October Newsletter

Message from Ms. Pavel

Dear First Grade Families,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather we have had recently! Our class has been busy learning and exploring many new concepts together over the past month. In this newsletter you will get a peek at our learning, as well as important information regarding our Halloween celebration.

Sincerely,
Ms. Pavel

Our Learning

Reading: Students have been hard at work as word detectives. We have been exploring various decoding strategies to read challenging words.

Writing: We have been continuing to explore narrative writing. Students are in the process of publishing their writing.

Math: We started exploring word problems with missing addends. When we solve a word problem, we use the read, draw, write approach to help us solve it step by step.

Health: Students learned the importance of staying safe from germs. We also discussed the importance of making healthy food choices and what it means to have a balanced diet.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the following dates:

- November 9th (evening)
- November 17th (evening)
- November 18th (morning/afternoon)

More information regarding conferences will be shared soon.

Family Math Night

Come join us for Family Math Night on October 27th from 6:00-7:00!

Upcoming

October 27th: Family Math Night
October 31st: Halloween Celebration
November 8th: No School
November 11th: Early Dismissal
November 17th: Report Cards Sent Home
November 18th: No School
November 21st-25th: Thanksgiving Break



Halloween Reminders!

Nelson will hold classroom celebrations and a costume parade on Monday, October 31. Please read below for information about the planned activities and a few reminders for that day.

Classroom Celebrations: Celebrations will be held in classrooms beginning at 1:30 p.m. Teachers will facilitate age-appropriate fall and Halloween themed activities within the classroom. The Nelson PTO will provide healthy snacks for the students to enjoy during their celebrations.

No food or candy treats, please! In consideration of our students with allergies and our District 63 Wellness Policy, we ask that students refrain from bringing any food items to pass out as treats. We appreciate your cooperation with this request.

Costumes: Students may bring their costumes to school and will be allowed to change into their costumes prior to the start of the planned activities. Please send costumes that can be worn over top of your child's clothing. Please note that weapons, masks, hair sprays, and makeup are not permitted.

Costume Parade: We will have a costume parade starting at 2:00 p.m., weather permitting. Students will exit the building at Door 2, walk around the outside of the building and then will re-enter the school at Door 3. We welcome Nelson families to gather outside of the building as students walk the parade route around Nelson school. If you plan to attend the parade on October 31 and will pick your child up instead of having them take the bus at dismissal, please notify your child's teacher by 8 a.m. on October 31. ***Please note that we cannot accommodate requests for early dismissal from school on October 31.***

Alternative Activities: We will offer fun, educational activities in an alternative location for students who choose not to participate in the Halloween celebration and parade from 1:30-2:25 p.m. **Please notify your child's teacher by Friday, October 28 if you would prefer they not participate in any Halloween activities so that we can plan accordingly.**

