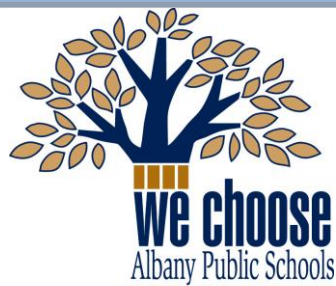


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### Upcoming Events

11/5 – Barnes and Noble Fundraiser  
Colonie Center 9a-5p

11/7 – No School (Superintendent’s  
Conference Day)

11/8 – PTA Meeting (Cafeteria – 6:15p)

11/10 – No School (Veterans Day)

11/22 – No School (Parent-Teacher  
Conference Day)

11/23-24 – No School (Thanksgiving  
Recess)

### Ms. Wood’s Corner

Please send in a written excuse when your student(s) is absent. If we don’t have a written note the absence is labeled unexcused. Also be sure to call the school at **518.475.6825** on the morning of the absence.

## Principal Gabriele Barbato

Hello everyone,

I can’t believe November is upon us already, this school year is moving fast. November seems to be a short, but busy month. Don’t forget to sign up for parent-teacher conferences on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. This is a great way to communicate with the teacher one on one. If you have not sign up for ClassDojo, please do so as well. It’s a great way to communicate daily with your teachers and hear about all the wonderful things happening here at Eagle Point Elementary.

The weather is getting colder now and we want to be able to go outside for recess as much as we can. Please make sure your child dresses according to the weather. The kids really enjoy going outside.

Lastly, we will be saying goodbye to our current Home-School Coordinator this month. Mr. Poindexter will be taking another position in the district. He will be missed by both students and staff. We wish him good luck on his future position.

Have a great month ahead and thank you for all the support you give us here at Eagle Point Elementary.

Thank you,  
Gabriele Barbato

## Thank you

It is bittersweet to tell you that I have accepted another position in the district and will be leaving Eagle Point this month. It has been an amazing pleasure to work with all the students and staff, as well as a tremendous joy getting to know all of our families. Over the past two years I’ve seen our test scores rise, our sense of community deepen, and our staff work extremely hard each and every day to provide an amazing education to our students. I am grateful that I was able to work with some of the most dedicated staff in our district, meet some of the most outstanding families in our community, and witness that together all things are possible.

President Barack H. Obama once said, “One voice can change a room, and if one voice can change a room, then it can change a city, and if it can change a city, it can change a state, and if it can change a state, it can change a nation, and if it can change a nation, it can change the world. Your voice can change the world.” Always remember EPES to be the voice that changes the world.



Michael-Aaron Poindexter, Home-School Coordinator

## PTA News - Happy November!!

Where has October gone??

Our BOTTLE DRIVE/BAKE SALE was a huge success! Thank you to all the bakers, volunteers and Bottle and Can Retrieval Center who supplied the truck and redeemed the cans and bottles for us. MIXED BAG FUNDRAISER – also a huge success with a profit to our school of \$2,879.70! Thank you Norah for spear heading this! McDonalds “Meet your Teacher Night” netted us \$510~~**ALL PROFITS FROM FUNDRAISERS GO DIRECTLY BACK TO OUR SCHOOL TO FUND EVENTS, FIELD TRIPS, AND SUPPORT OUT STUDENTS AND TEACHERS~~**

**11/5 BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR** Come out and see your teachers and classmates! Hear some stories they’ve written and look at their artwork! This year we also have Ms. Curry and Mr. Barbato reading stories to our younger students 10:30 and 11. Please bring your children to enjoy a story! Ms. Lebrecht will teach a short Zumba class at 12. Also- Mark Cheverton, author of the Unofficial Minecraft Books will join us 2-3 to talk about the game, hand out some give aways and autograph any of his books you may have! Eagle Point receives a percentage of all purchases if you mention our school at check out. We will also have a gift wrapping station to wrap all your purchases. Volunteers are needed to man the wrapping table!!

**11/8 PTA meeting 6:15pm cafeteria-** Mr. Barbato will be in attendance to give an update on happenings in our school. Vince Rigosu from the Eagle Point neighborhood Assoc. will give an update on our neighborhood. Come ask questions and share ideas with other parents! Children always welcome!

**11/16 Paint an Ornament at EPES** - Your child can create a ceramic ornament at Eagle Point Elementary through The Pottery Place. Prepaid Cost: \$7.00 All materials are included, Pottery Place will glaze and fire them and they will be picked up at the school 2 weeks later. Date of Activity is Thursday, November 16th at Eagle Point Elementary School. This activity is NOT during the school day. Parents you MUST Pre-Register and Pay ahead of time! Money and registration form is due by Friday, November 10! Due to the fact we pre-pay for the ornaments, there can be no refunds.

## PTA continued...

### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

**This is the third year that Eagle Point will be participating in the Silver Graphics art fundraiser.** Silver Graphics is a women run business out of Schenectady. Molly Suwara (the art teacher at Eagle Point) and our Pre-K teachers have worked with your child to create a special piece of art that has been submitted to the company. Silver Graphics takes that piece of art and transfers it onto beautiful collectibles; there is a wide array of products to choose from. These make great gifts for the holidays.....there is nothing better to give than a gift that your child has created!!! You are also able to have your child leave his/her mark on our school by purchasing a legacy wall tile with their artwork to be displayed for our school community to see.

Order forms with a sample of your child’s art will be sent home on 11/13, and orders will need to be submitted by paper no later than 11/20 and on-line by 11/22. Products will be delivered by 12/18 just in time for the holidays.

Please contact Jennifer Corazzini at 518-331-6314 or jcorazzini13@gmail.com with any questions regarding the fundraiser.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at eaglepointpta@gmail.com

## Happy Holidays!

Eagle Point will be hosting a holiday toy drive over the next four weeks. If you would like to participate, please send in a new children’s book, board game, art/craft activity or puzzle. Hats and gloves are also welcome. Please leave your unwrapped item in the holiday box in the office by Friday, December 3rd. Items will be wrapped and distributed to Eagle Point families who are in need of support during this holiday season. Thank you for supporting our Eagle Point Holiday Program.

Please see Mrs. Barry with any questions.

## ENL News

In our ENL (English as a New Language) class we learn that everyone has the power to change the world one small step at a time. Last year, ENL students in grades 3-6 participated in the UNICEF Kid Power Program. This year, we invite your family to join ours in supporting UNICEF through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. The program is very simple. When your child goes trick-or-treating, they can also say, “Tick-or-Treat for UNICEF” and present their orange Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF box. You can either download the template for the box at <https://www.unicefusa.org/> or you can request a box from school. We have a limited number and they will be available at the Halloween Party on October 27.

This is a chance for children to not only have fun on Halloween, but also to help other children that don’t have the luxury of going trick-or-treating. If you don’t celebrate Halloween, your child can still participate by collecting loose change around the house, or asking friends and family to donate extra change.

Please have your child return the donations collected to school by Monday, November 6, 2017. Donations should either in the box or a Zip lock bag with their name and teachers name on it. If writing a check, please make it out to TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF. It is tax deductible. All money collected this year will be used by UNICEF to help children affected by the hurricanes. The top three students with the most amounts collected will receive a UNICEF Kid Power Band to continue to help change the world one child at a time.



Keep your kids safe. Get their flu shots every year.

# The Flu: A Guide for Parents

<b>Is the flu more serious for kids?</b>	Infants and young children are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. That's why the New York State Department of Health recommends that all children 6 months and older get the flu vaccine.
<b>Flu vaccine may save your child's life.</b>	Most people with the flu are sick for about a week, and then they feel better. But, some people, especially young children, pregnant women, older people, and people with chronic health problems can get very sick. Some can even die. An annual vaccine is the best way to protect your child from the flu. The vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year.
<b>What is the flu?</b>	The flu, or influenza, is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs. The flu can spread from person to person.
<b>Who needs the flu shot?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flu shots can be given to children 6 months and older.</li><li>• Children younger than 9 years old who get a vaccine for the first time need two doses.</li></ul>
<b>How else can I protect my child?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get the flu vaccine for yourself.</li><li>• Encourage your child's close contacts to get the flu vaccine, too. This is very important if your child is younger than 5, or if he or she has a chronic health problem such as asthma (breathing disease) or diabetes (high blood sugar levels). Because children under 6 months can't be vaccinated, they rely on those around them to get an annual flu vaccine.</li><li>• Wash your hands often and cover your coughs and sneezes. It's best to use a tissue and quickly throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. This will prevent the spread of germs.</li><li>• Tell your children to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay away from people who are sick;</li><li>• Clean their hands often;</li><li>• Keep their hands away from their face; and</li><li>• Cover coughs and sneezes to protect others.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>What are signs of the flu?</b>	The flu comes on suddenly. Most people with the flu feel very tired and have a high fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. The cough can last two or more weeks.

<p><b>How does the flu spread?</b></p>	<p>People who have the flu usually cough, sneeze, and have a runny nose. The droplets in a cough, sneeze or runny nose contain the flu virus. Other people can get the flu by breathing in these droplets or by getting them in their nose or mouth.</p>
<p><b>How long can a sick person spread the flu to others?</b></p>	<p>Most healthy adults may be able to spread the flu from one day before getting sick to up to 5 days after getting sick. This can be longer in children and in people who don't fight disease as well (people with weaker immune systems).</p>
<p><b>What should I use to clean hands?</b></p>	<p>Wash your children's hands with soap and water. Wash them for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. If soap and water are not handy, use a hand sanitizer. It should be rubbed into hands until the hands are dry.</p>
<p><b>What can I do if my child gets sick?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks lots of fluids.</li> <li>• Talk with your child's health care provider before giving your child over-the-counter medicine.</li> <li>• Never give your child or teen aspirin, or medicine that has aspirin in it. It can cause serious problems.</li> <li>• Call your child's health care provider if your child develops flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a chronic medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease.</li> <li>• If you are worried about your child's illness, call your health care provider.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Can my child go to school or day care with the flu?</b></p>	<p>No. If your child has the flu, he or she should stay home to rest. This helps avoid giving the flu to other children.</p>
<p><b>When can my child go back to school or day care after having the flu?</b></p>	<p>Children with the flu should be isolated in the home, away from other people. They should also stay home until they have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours. Remind your child to protect others by covering his or her mouth when coughing or sneezing. You may want to send your child to school with some tissues, and a hand sanitizer, if allowed by the school.</p>

For more information about the flu, visit [health.ny.gov/flu](http://health.ny.gov/flu)

Or, [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

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## Ms. Rabinowitz November Newsletter- Room 108 - Pre-K



Dear Families,

The changing of the seasons has quickly come upon us and the children are beginning to form new friendships and become more independent. It is a pleasure to watch them as they become more comfortable and outgoing with the teachers and their peers.

I can't believe that October it's almost gone! We had such fun celebrating autumn and Halloween. Our reading focus was the concept that letters make words, and words are made up of letters. We also focused on alphabet exposure through name work and the letters: "Aa", "Pp", and "Cc". We also discussed the parts of a book, and the role of the author and illustrator.

In November we will be talking about our community helpers, ourselves, our families, and what it means to be thankful. We will also be learning about the first Thanksgiving and of course we will be creating some pretty cute turkey projects!

For most of November, we will be working on the letters "Mm", "Ff", "Ss" and the sight words "I", and "see". Not only are we focusing on how to write the letters but we also reinforce the sound that each letter makes. Please practice letter sounds at home.

In math we will still be working on the same concepts taught in October: identify numerals 1-5; count to tell the number of objects (up to 5, 1:1 correspondence); sort and count the number of objects in each set (up to 5); match numerals to quantities (up to 5); practice rote counting to 20.

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Dates to Remember:**

11/7 – No school for students

11/10 – No school, Veterans Day

11/22- Parent Teacher Conference Day, no school for students

11/24 and 11/25 – No school, Thanksgiving Recess

## **Ms. Lassel's Pre-K**



October has been a great month for the Pre-K kids. We worked on letters and their sounds focusing on writing our first names. We completed our unit on shapes and practiced learning our left from our right. We learned about many animals especially nocturnal

animals as our season changes to fall and winter. Our Halloween celebration promises to be great fun. We enjoyed the NED concert which was all about "kindness" and we look for ways to be kind every day. We are working on ways to be better listeners and focus our attention. Pre-K is a happy place to be!



## Greetings from Ms. Rutnik's Kindergarten Class!

**News:** We are hopping along in our Hop Into Books Program. Please continue to read, read, read, and send the response sheets in with the books. WMHT's Goodnight Gorilla event was fun. There will be another WMHT program in the spring.

Our themes have been very short (one week), not nearly enough time to develop a theme. We have learned the difference between bugs and insects, reviewed rules, and will be exploring sounds around us. You will be given a scope and sequence of the Wonders ELA program which contains the additional words we have been given to teach. Please make cards and practice the words. They are not necessarily part of the 90 words we gave you. The words in the scope and sequence are from the Frye list. Sorry for the confusion. We cannot wait to meet with you!

In math, we are learning the terms: even, greater/fewer, and are exploring combinations of numbers to ten. We count every day, adding a on a day, as we creep toward the 100<sup>th</sup> day.

In writing, we are beginning to delve into narratives. Our attention should be on true stories. They need to have a beginning, middle and end, telling who is there, where they are, and what they are doing. Practicing oral stories will support getting these stories on paper.

### Important Dates

**November 5: Barnes and Noble Book Fair:** Come to Colonie Center and join the fun from 9:00 -5:00. I will be there to MC from 9:00 – 2:00?

10:00 – 10:30 Mrs. Curry will read books / 11:00 – 11:30 Mr. Barbato will read books

1:00 – 2:00 Author Mark Cheveron of the “Unofficial Mine Craft” will autograph books

We are hopeful that there will be more performers!

**November 8: PTA Meeting 6:15.** Membership is only \$5.00 and our PTA does so much! You can be as active or inactive as you like, and pick and choose your level of participation.

**November 21: International Festival 1:15** Come celebrate your heritage with us! Some families have already responded. The more, the merrier! Please know that students will have already eaten lunch, and this will be an opportunity to sample foods from different lands (or maybe some from the country we live in). It will take place around our regular snack time. Students are certainly welcome to eat their own snack and/or try out the different foods provided. Please let us know the ingredients as we have children allergic to a variety of things. We would love for you to share your culture/heritage with us! We will use a world map to show where our families come from. If you have artifacts or clothes, music, etc., our experience would be that much richer!

**November 22: Report Card Conferences:** We look forward to meeting with you. If you have not signed up, or forgot your time, please contact me: 518 466 7805. Please be on time, and come with questions and concerns. If you are waiting, we will give you your child's report card to review prior to the meeting. Each conference is 15 minutes in duration. Please do not be upset by my use of a timer. It is so easy to go over the allotted time.

**Schedule:** Mon: **Gym** with Mr. Black / Tue: **Art** with Mrs. Suwara / Wed: **Music** with Mrs. Ailleo

Thursday: **Library** with Mrs. Curry, **Gym** Friday: **Gym**

**Please make sure your child has sneakers for gym days: Monday, Thursday, and Friday.**

**Themes:** The weekly sheet will inform you. Call with any questions.

**Star of the Week:**

Blake has three people in her family. She loves her mommy and daddy. Her favorite colors are pink and purple. Her favorite toys are her teddy bear and puppy. Her favorite food is peanut butter and jelly. She doesn't like dinosaurs or crocodiles.

Brandon has five people in his family. He loves his little brother. His favorite color is red. His favorite toys are Mario cars. His favorite food is sandwiches. He doesn't like alligators.

**Upcoming Stars of the Week:**

10/30 Danielle    11/6 Dianny    11/13 Emma    11/27 Ezra

**Star of the Week Procedure:** Each week a child will be featured as the "star." Please send in five to seven pictures of your child/family/friends, etc. They will be returned the following week and your child's responses to some questions asked in class will be printed in the newsletter. I will send home the dates in the newsletter.

**Sharing Day for the Star of the Week:** The star may bring a "sharing thing" on the Friday of their star week. Please have your child be prepared to talk about the thing they bring.

**Birthdays:** We celebrate birthdays by singing, crowning, and bestowing a pencil to the birthday child. You are welcome to send in a token (goodie bags). If you are having a birthday party outside of school, and are inviting everyone, I will pass them out in class. **If you are selecting only some classmates, send in a stamped envelope with the child's name to me, and I will address and mail them for you.** Little children have fragile egos. It is NOT fair, and in fact, quite hurtful, to send in invitations for some and not others. Thank you for your understanding.

**Holidays:** As part of our social studies curriculum, we celebrate holidays. If this goes against your belief system, please contact me. If you have information about a holiday or customs you would like to share, let me know. It's always a pleasure to have a parent share knowledge/expertise with us. Also, please alert me to any dietary restrictions your child has so we can be sensitive to their needs.

**Allergies:** Please alert me so I can make accommodations to support your child.

**Homework:** Hop Into Books (explained at Open House), usually nightly math assignments and occasional requests.

Please keep us informed of any changes happening in your child's life so we can be sensitive to your child's needs. Contact us whenever you have questions or concerns. We value your opinion.

Update your information if you move or get a new phone number. It is critical that we be able to contact you immediately should an emergency occur. 475-6825 is our number. 475 – 6827 is our fax.

Thanks so much! We are thrilled to be working with you and your child this year!

Cell phone: 518 466 7805

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

## Ms. Zarro and Ms. Kitto's Class



The kindergarten students have been busy! We spent some of October learning about families, and how they are the same and how they are different. Each child drew a family portrait. Many of which are displayed on our classroom bulletin board (you should see them coming home very soon). We also learned about the 5 senses and participated in some really fun science centers! We are now exploring some of our favorite fall things: apples, pumpkins and bats! These topics lend themselves nicely to exploring informational text, which we will become more involved with in the coming weeks. You will notice that your child will have the opportunity to take out an informational text from the school library. You may use this book to complete the November reading project, or your child is welcome to choose another from home.

Thank you to the families that volunteered to assist with our “Fall Celebration” on November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would still like to volunteer, or if you are able to donate items, please send us an email and we will let you know which items we are still in need of.

We look forward to seeing each of you for parent teacher conferences on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you do not know your scheduled time, or if you need to change your time, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have not yet signed up, please reach out via classroom dojo or email.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns!

Mrs. Zarro and Mrs. Kitto



# First Grade

## Ms. Lebrecht & Ms. Adams 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom

Hello Everyone,

Can you believe we are already in November? We have been BUSY in first grade! We are doing a lot of learning and having a lot of fun!

Math- The first graders are working in math centers now and getting a lot of practice with using a number Line, doubles, and near doubles to solve addition and subtraction problems within 10. Students are working on becoming more automatic with their math facts using taught strategies to complete problems with fluency.

ELA- We have already finished our first ELA unit and moving onto unit 2 next week! I can't believe it! Students are working on characters, setting, and main events in a story. We are going to be finishing up our narrative writing unit within the next couple of weeks and moving into informational writing. Informational writing will include how to writing and all about books.

The first graders having fully grasped our classroom expectations, they work hard throughout the day and really enjoy learning.

We have some fun things coming up...

On November 1st the "I am thankful for..."hands are due... we will make a class turkey with them in preparation for Thanksgiving. Before Thanksgiving we will have our Thanksgiving feast, where students will dress up and have a feast as a class. Be on the lookout for a signup sheet for food and all parents are welcome to come serve the food and enjoy the feast with us!

In addition, on Wednesday, November 22nd we will have parent teacher report card conferences for our first report card. I have most of you signed up and will be sending out reminders and times very soon!

The first graders will be doing the December Assembly, please send back the family traditions sheet that was sent home indicating one family tradition you and your child has around the holidays.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me! Thanks again for all of your support!

Mrs. Lebrecht & Ms. Adams

# First Grade

## Mrs. Barry's Class

October was a busy and exciting month in first grade. Our special activities began with a visit from the fire department. Thanks to firefighter Roman for arranging this and presenting this very important information that we all enjoyed. We learned about fire safety, fire truck parts and equipment and the gear that is worn. Later in the month we went to Indian Ladder Farms in Altamont. We learned all about Johnny Appleseed, harvesting apples and making cider. We had a picnic lunch and enjoyed an apple and cider snack. We loved seeing the farm animals and climbing Mount Mac. We ended the trip with apple picking. For some of us, the bus ride was the favorite part! Room 204 smelled sweet as the first graders made applesauce the next day. We learned that we are really good cooks! Thank you to the PTA for covering the cost of the bus and to the parent chaperones that took time out of their busy day to join us. Be sure to regularly check our class story, on Class Dojo, for pictures of our exciting events.

We are planning a traditional Thanksgiving Feast for November 21st. I will be in touch with all the first grade families to contribute something to this special event. The first graders will dress in outfits representative of the first Thanksgiving. Adult family members are welcome to join us.

November 22nd is Parent Teacher Conference Day. If you have not yet signed up for a time to meet with me, please contact me to do so. Let me know a few time preferences and I will do my best to accommodate you.

Please continue to read at home and return completed reading sheets in order to buzz your bee to the magic garden.

Enjoy the cool, crisp days of fall and Happy Thanksgiving!



## Ms. Shelmerdine and Ms. Mullen

November

This month we will be conducting parent/teacher conferences on Wednesday, November 22nd. If you did not sign up for a time at Open House, you will receive a note about conference choices (brown paper) soon. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's needs as best we can with the large number of students.

During the colder months of the year, we are planning on doing Flashlight Fridays with the students. It will be a way we can get some of our work done and have a little fun at the same time. In order to implement this we are looking for donations of some durable handheld flashlights with batteries. Too small and they won't give off enough light...too big and we'll all be blinded. Thank you in advance for any and all donations you can get to us. 😊

REMINDER!!!! Dec. will be fast upon us. That means swimming will be starting. Dec. 7-March 15...every Thursday afternoon our class will be traveling to Albany High for swimming classes. Be on the lookout for more detailed information in November.

A HUGE SHOUT OUT to all of the students (you know who you are) who come to school prepared each day with their homework done, well rested, and ready to begin a new day!! Keep working hard!! 😊

If you need to contact me for any reason, I can be reached in several ways...

\*\*\* Class Dojo (preferred) \*\*\*

- send a note in your child's folder
- call the office and leave a message 475-6825
- e-mail [mshelmerdine@albany.k12.ny.us](mailto:mshelmerdine@albany.k12.ny.us)      [mmullen@albany.k12.ny.us](mailto:mmullen@albany.k12.ny.us)



## Ms. Armstrong's Super Second Grade Class

It was a perfect October! We are well on our way to a successful school year.

Our first field trip to the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center was time well spent.

We learned a whole lot about different communities, especially our own wonderful capital city of Albany. As we walked around our urban community, we listened to stories of the past. Did you know that our city had a different name a long time ago and that the Hudson River used to flow where there is dry land and streets now? Pigs used to roam the streets and cleaned up rubbish as they did! People called the Dutch built special doors that opened at the top and closed at the bottom to keep those pigs out! You can still buy doors like this called "Dutch Doors" but we have sanitation workers now that take our garbage. Thank goodness! This is just some of the history we heard about. We also learned some more at the small museum there.

We enjoyed a yummy lunch with the other second grade class in their beautiful outside courtyard. Next we built either a rural, suburban or urban community with blocks and art materials. That was so much fun! By now we were all getting tired, but there was still more to learn!

The Henry Hudson Planetarium was next. So many stars and constellations named from Greek Gods. We learned that our urban community makes a lot of "light pollution" that is not good for the animals. Maybe someday we can ask everyone to turn off their lights at night. We live in a solar system with seven other planets. I wonder why? Where are we really? We had so many questions after this part of our field trip.

Swimming lessons for our class will begin on December 4th and go until March 12th. We have been fortunate to have this opportunity for many years now. The children really enjoy and benefit from this program.

Unit 1 for ELA, Math and Social Studies are complete. Unit 1 assessments for these subject areas will begin November 6th. The grades will be reflected on the first quarter report cards. Science grades will be based on work done in class and from the field trip. (No "unit" has been completed as of this time.)

Respectfully,

Mrs. Armstrong



## Ms. Keough's and Ms. Paulsen's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classrooms

Wow! Can't believe it's already November!! Everyone is beginning to settle in and get used to our routines. The content of the third grade curriculum is extensive. It's very important your child does their homework each night and read and practice their math facts. This quarter Ms. Keough and Mrs. Paulsen's classes will continue with their studies in life sciences. Last year we got a grant for another cart of Chrome books. They are very useful with our third grade curriculum and bringing in 21<sup>st</sup>. century skills on a regular basis, especially with our ELA and math program. Please take the opportunity to have your child access his/her Google Doc's from home. If you have not sign up for the parent teacher conference at open house, forms will be forthcoming.

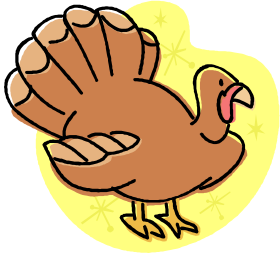
We are very excited about our upcoming field trip to Proctors to see the Nutcracker on December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't sent in the permission slips and \$11:00 please do so.

Thanksgiving is an excellent opportunity for students to practice their math skills while baking and shopping.

Happy Birthday- Zapporah, Jadriel, and Arial

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Mrs. Paulsen, Ms. Keough,



## November

In math we are literally flying right through the understandings of place value, addition, subtraction. We will be moving onto multiplication and division. Your children should have mastered their multiplication facts by the end of third grade. Unfortunately, many students have not ☹️ Mastery of facts is done in part by repetitive practice both at school and at home. Multiplication flash cards may be purchased at the dollar tree for a \$1. It is essential that your child memorize their multiplication (and later on division) facts. Without this memorization, math will become increasingly time consuming and difficult for them.

In Social Studies we are about to begin our unit on the Native Americans with a great field trip to the NYS Museum planned for November 8<sup>th</sup>. While at the Museum we will get the chance to see a long house and learn more about the way Native Americans used to live in New York State. Your child will also be bringing home a fun social studies project on the types of homes that Native Americans used to live in.

In Science we are conducting experiments using the Scientific Method and we are learning how to use metric measurement tools. Please be on the lookout for Science Fair information which will be coming home at the end of the month!

In all academic areas *study guides* are used to help prepare students for upcoming tests. Study guides are handed out in school, gone over, and sent home. If your child studies for these tests they will do well. However, they **MUST** study for the tests. This fact is just the reality of school becoming more challenging as your child moves forward in their educational careers.

Homework is of great importance in your child's academic world. In order to succeed at anything you must practice... and then practice some more. Homework does just this for your child. We teach your child the skills in class; however they will only become truly successful with a specific concept or skill if they practice what they have learned in class. You can help your child to achieve academic greatness by partaking in their homework and study habits with them.

Your fourth grade teachers,

Miss Wall and Ms. Neenos

# 5th Grade

Happy November! Here's what we've been up to:

**Word Study and Vocabulary:** Word Study is well underway! Each child has been placed into a word study group, based on their current word sound knowledge. Studying words will help students notice patterns amongst words, allowing them to learn more words and expand their vocabulary. Please remind your child to complete his/her homework nightly. Word study homework is due on Fridays. Friday is also the day we take our word study and vocabulary quizzes- look for them in your child's Take Home Folder on Mondays. We are excited to see the growth!

**Math:** We are in the middle of our unit on Place Value and will soon begin learning how to multiply and divide decimals by whole numbers. In order to be successful in math this year, it is important that basic multiplication facts are being practiced regularly (up to the x12). A letter was sent home with tips and interactive computer games that students can access and use to practice with at home. One game that we found to be especially helpful for students who are having difficulty is: <http://mrnussbaum.com/drag-and-drop-math/>

**Science:** We are in the middle of our unit on The Human Body. As you know, every Friday we do an interactive experiment surrounding the topic we are learning about. We've learned that our body is made up of 206 bones. Did you know that a baby has over 60 more bones than an adult? Here's another fun fact: the jaw is the strongest muscle in the human body. We can't wait to learn more about each system in the body- the Digestive and Circulatory Systems are up next!

**Social Studies:** We have been learning about the 5 different geographical regions in the United States: West; Southwest; Midwest; Southeast; North East/Mid-Atlantic. Students have been researching specific states and noting how they are similar and different to states in other regions. Using their findings, they have made an online presentation. Some students have chosen to make an online interactive poster, called a Glog ([www.glogster.edu](http://www.glogster.edu)); others have created a slideshow through Google Slides or Prezi ([www.prezi.com](http://www.prezi.com)). All students are expected to have presented to the class by next week. Check out their finished projects on our class website under the "Digital Projects" tab. Our next unit will be Colonial America.

As you know, we use [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com) to track our behavior throughout the day. For updates on how your child is doing, use the login code that was sent home and visit [www.classdojo.com/parent](http://www.classdojo.com/parent). If you need a new login code, please contact us: Miss Sano: [msano@albany.k12.ny.us](mailto:msano@albany.k12.ny.us) Mr. Napierski at: [gnapierski@albany.k12.ny.us](mailto:gnapierski@albany.k12.ny.us)

Please visit the 5<sup>th</sup> grade website: <http://eagles5th6th.weebly.com/>

**Reminders:** The PTA is hosting an Open Mic Day at Barnes and Noble. Your writers have worked hard on creating stories to share at this event. If you're available, please join us on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm! The event will run from 9am - 5pm.

- Parent Teacher Conference Day is Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be sending home conference time sign ups and reminders as the date nears.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade is hosting the November Good Morning Eagle Point Assembly Program on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Please join us!

**Congratulations our October Students of the Week:**

Linda, Vanessa, Ryan, Kailee, Mia, Donovan, Ariana, Christian

**Happy Birthday to our November Birthdays:** Alexis, Luca, Kiana and Miss Sano ☺

## Sixth Grade Newsletter

### A note from the teacher(s):

=)It's getting cold outside so please be mindful of layers when your student is in school. I've been told that the building can get warm and the windows are archaic making them difficult to open/close. It might be in everyone's best interest to have a(n) appropriate layered tank or short sleeve t-shirt if the heat is overwhelming. Students can even bring in shorts and store them in their cubbies.

### What we've been working on....

#### Math:

- Exponents
- dividing mixed numbers
- positive and negative integers
- comparing numbers
- order of operations
- Test next week

#### Science:

- Circulatory/respiratory system completed.
- skeletal/muscular system completed.
- Students will be assessed with a partner project.

#### ELA/Social Studies:

- Mesopotamia
  - (they even learned a rap =))
- Optional extra credit handed out.
- Students can expect to learn about other river valley civilizations.
- Bud, Not Buddy
  - No so wimpy paleolithic kid.

### What's happening this month?

- Wednesday, November 8, PTA Meeting, 6:15PM
- Sunday, November 12, Barnes & Noble fundraiser, Colonie Center Mall
  - November 17th, EPES Morning Program