



# Charles E. Walters School

## Parent Newsletter

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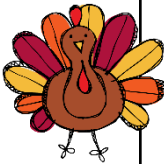
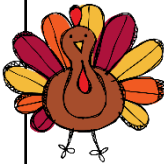
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<b>November</b>					
6	7	8 <i>Supt. Conf. Day Schools Closed</i>	9 <b>Veterans Day Assembly K/1</b>	10 <b>Veterans Day Assembly 2-4</b>  BOE Mtg LHS 7pm	11 <i>Veterans' Day Schools Closed</i>	12
13	14 PTA Mtg 7pm	15	16	17	18 <b>Fall Pictures Make-up Day 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Photo</b>	19
20	21 <b>Balloons Over Broadway Parade grades K and 1</b>	22 <i>15-Min Early Dismissal Drill</i>	<div>Thanksgiving Recess-Schools Closed</div>			26
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# Kindergarten November News



We will be celebrating Veterans' Day Veterans on Wednesday, November 9th! Children will honor our Veterans' with songs, poems and cards.

We will be learning about the first Thanksgiving. At this time, we always think about the things we are truly thankful for. We will also be teaming up with first grade to have our 2nd annual CEW Giving Thanks Parade on November 21st with a rain date of November 22nd. Details to follow.

We are continuing to introduce letters and sounds each week and are learning how sentences are structured. In Reader's Workshop, readers will continue to look closely at familiar texts and be immersed in reading.

In Writer's Workshop, we are moving from labeling our illustrations to writing pattern books.

In Math, students are learning to model, count, and write numbers from 0-9. The children are also finding different ways to make groups of 6, 7, 8, and 9. Our students are building fluency in counting and recognizing 0-9 as well.

## CEW Does it R.I.G.H.T.

Respect

Integrity

Good Behavior

Helping others

Teamwork



Please be sure to review  
and reinforce the  
Foundations materials  
sent home. Please read  
from book baggies  
nightly. Please review  
the sight words nightly.

Students are visiting the  
school store to exchange  
their Charles E Change for a  
prize they have selected!  
Please practice counting  
groups of 10 at home to help  
aid the students with their  
purchases!

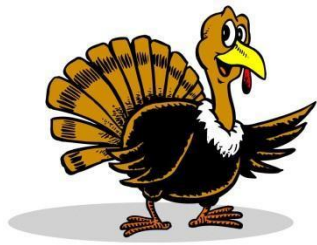
Kindergarteners are reminded  
about the rules within the school  
community. Students have been  
introduced to the school wide  
expectations, rewards, and  
consequences as  
CEW Does it R.I.G.H.T.!



## Reminders: (Please also refer to last month's reminders as well)

Practice zippers, buttons, and tying at home!  
Check and empty your child's backpack every night!  
Check your child's communication notebook nightly.  
Return your library book regularly each week.





# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade November News

## Reading:

We are becoming “Word Detectives”! Students are revisiting strategies learned in kindergarten and learning more efficient word solving strategies that will help them read more challenging books. First graders are also searching for punctuation clues to help make their reading voices smooth.

## Writing:

We will continue with *Informational Writing: How-To*, it is our first introduction to writing non-fiction texts. This unit of study helps students write procedures for completing a task. Our first grade writers will write instructions that illustrate steps in sequence, reread and revise and use words such as “first, next, then, and last. Children love to be experts and write steps for all the things they know how to do!

## Foundations:

Students are becoming more responsible for reading and spelling trick words in their writing. Students are also becoming proficient at sounding out decodable words by tapping and applying known spelling patterns of CVC words with short vowels, digraphs, and bonus letters. Students will be learning new glued sounds and baseword/suffix-s word patterns.

## Social Studies:

First graders will begin Unit 2, *We Are Family*. In this unit, the children will explore how families are alike and different. They will create their own family tree and identify family roles and responsibilities. In addition, students will discuss Election Day and voting. They will also learn about the importance of Veterans’ Day and Thanksgiving.

## Science:

We are continuing our “Spinning Sky” unit in Mystery Science. This month, we will be learning about why the stars come out at night and how to use stars to help us find our way when we get lost.



## Math:

Students will continue addition and start working on subtraction concepts and subtraction strategies. They will be using pictures and objects to show taking from, using story problem solving strategies, subtracting to compare, taking apart numbers, and subtracting from 10 or less.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



## Reading

In reader's workshop, we are becoming experts as we begin our Nonfiction Unit. We will be growing our ideas about a topic, understanding and using key-words, and connecting information from one text to another.

## Writing

In writer's workshop, students learn that anything they know a lot about-(soccer, an ice cream shop, ladybugs)-and write in ways that teach their readers about the topic. Second graders have pride being an expert and they are eager to show and tell channeling them to write with details and with writerly craft!



## Math

In math, we will be adding and subtracting larger numbers using doubles facts, repeated addition, and regrouping. We will continue to strengthen number sense through number talks and problem solving, including place value, making tens to help with mental math, and exploring how addition and subtraction are related.



## Science

In science, we are exploring our first unit in our new program Mystery Science! We are learning the physical properties of matter using size, color, shape, texture, sound, hardness, and temperature.

## Social Studies

In social studies, we are learning how to be an active citizen, discussing rules, American symbols, voting, and paying taxes. This month we will be celebrating our veterans at our Veteran's Day Program on Wednesday, November 10th!!





# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade November News

We are ready to begin a new month in third grade. It will be an exciting month with Election Day, Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving activities.

## Science:

We will continue working through the Mystery Science program on Weather and Climate. Students will be designing and creating structures to guard against high winds and learning more about natural disasters.



## Social Studies:

We will continue to explore maps, the seven continents and the five major oceans. We will begin exploring landforms. Students will be preparing to contribute to our Veteran's Day Assembly.

## Math:

We will be continuing to talk about regrouping. We will also be starting multiplication. We launched the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Math Madness Competition with addition facts.

Please continue to practice addition and subtraction facts as well as regrouping and estimating.

## Writing:

We will work on collecting information on a variety of topics for use in the creation of non-fiction books.

## Reading:

In reading, students will navigate nonfiction texts utilizing a box and bullets structure; this will allow us to determine the main idea of a text through the use of supporting details.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade November News

## Social Studies:

Students will be learning about Native Americans in New York State, specifically the Algonquin and Iroquois. Students will learn about Native American culture and how it has shaped our culture today.

## Writing:

Students will be learning how to write a realistic fiction story, inspired by true events in their life.

## Math:

Students will use the strategies they learned for multiplying by 1-digit factors and apply those strategies to multiplying by multi-digit factors.

Science: Students will be continuing to learn about energy. Students will investigate how energy is stored, how it can make objects move, and how collisions transfer energy between objects. Students will also construct devices that convert energy from one form into another, such as heat into motion and electricity into light.

## Health:

Students will be continuing to learn about managing stress, conflict resolution, and their growing and changing bodies.



## Reading:

Students will be learning how to interpret characters and make claims about characters.

## ART



## Special Areas

### Second Grade

This month, second graders will be learning all about the element of art, color! We will learn about primary colors and how they mix to create secondary colors using crayons. They will create a step-by-step drawing of a Turkey with its feathers as the color wheel. Students will also be introduced on how to properly use watercolor paint and brushes for the background.

### Third Grade

This month, third graders will be learning about color theory. We will dive into color while learning about the art movement, Pop Art. The students will understand basic color schemes: primary, secondary, and complementary colors as seen in Pop Art. They will also look at and produce art in the style of Wayne Thiebaud using a basic color scheme.

### Fourth Grade

This month, fourth graders will begin color theory while learning about the art movement, Pop Art. We will review the color wheel as well as what colors are primary, secondary, and complementary. Students will produce artwork in the style of pop artist, Roy Lichtenstein. Using onomatopoeia, we will learn how to create block/bubble letters and create drop shadows to make it more three-dimensional.

*Ms. Leahy*

## Special Areas Cont'd

MUSIC



**K-1st Grade:** In November students will continue using the First Steps in Music curriculum to explore the world of music. We will begin using new kinds of instruments, and we will start building up the skills necessary to create our own music using instruments.

**2nd-3rd Grade:** We will continue to develop our rhythm reading skills and begin learning about melody in music. We will also learn about the importance of Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving through singing different songs and experiencing music of varying meters and tonalities.

**4th Grade:** We will continue developing our rhythm reading skills and learning the proper names of symbols in music notation. We will also learn about the importance of Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving through singing different songs and experiencing music of varying meters and tonalities.

**4th Grade Band: Band:** The Band students have begun testing for their first band karate belt songs (Hot Cross Buns and Go Tell Aunt Rhody) Students have mastered the first five notes of the scale and are reading them on the staff. Players should be practicing a minimum of 15 minutes a day. Please encourage daily practice at home.

*-Mr. Nevola*

**K-4:** Students have been working hard in music class to memorize their Veterans Day Songs. Each grade level will be showing off their singing skills in their first performance of the year. Please encourage your child to practice their songs at home.

**Orchestra:** During the month of November students will continue to iron out their basic skills such as holding the instrument, memorizing the strings, and proper playing technique. We will also move further into the lesson book and begin learning more difficult songs! Depending on how students progress, we may begin using the bow by the end of the month.

*-Ms. Pilocane*



## Special Areas Cont'd

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### ***What's happening in Primary Physical Education?***

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We are soaring into another month! For November the students will be working on their eye-hand coordination while practicing a variety of ball handling skills, this will then lead us into our target unit. During the target unit students will have the opportunity to learn about many different sports which involve aiming at a target. Students will learn activities such as horseshoes, lacrosse, basketball, baseball, and much more.

~Mrs. Yovino & Mrs. Ammirati

### ***What's happening in Secondary Physical Education?***

Hope everyone is enjoying the fall and had a great Halloween. During the month of November students will be finishing their city games unit that they had started. The remaining part of November students will be learning many of the circus arts activities and skills. Students will have a chance to work with stilts, juggling scarves, juggling balls, diabolo's, devil sticks, and spinning plates to name a few. These skills are not easy and will take a lot of practice and patience to master. All of these skills will be working on hand-eye coordination. Enjoy your November and Thanksgiving and we will see you in December.

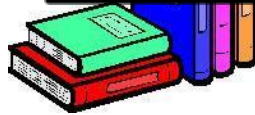
-Mr. Riccio & Mrs. Ammirati

NEVER EVER  
**EVER**  
GIVE UP!



## Special Areas Cont'd

### LIBRARY



#### **KINDERGARTEN**

Here in the Primary Center library, we are continuing to explore the literary world and learn together through fun and engaging read-alouds in both grades!

Since we've been reviewing the parts of a book and front cover features (author, illustrator, title) in October, we will kick off November by starting our Mo Willems author/illustrator study! We will try to touch on all of his series and characters, such as Gerald & Piggie, The Pigeon, Leonardo the Terrible Monster, and more!

#### **1ST GRADE**

Mid-October we began our unit on inferring, using a special series of wordless picture books by Aaron Becker (*Journey, Quest, Return*) to help us practice! We finished the first book in the trilogy at the end of October and we will continue our "*Quest*" through the rest in the month of November. Will the little boy and girl be able to save the world? Ask your kid(s) how it all ends!

-Mr. Braun

During November, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be introduced to Sora. Sora is a 24-7 digital Library that can be accessed through the app or online. Our second graders will learn how to access Sora online and how access books through Sora. We will also be reviewing the differences between fiction and nonfiction. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be reading *Balloons over Broadway*. We will learn about Tony Sarg-the puppeteer that invented the helium balloons that are the trademark of the Macy's Day Parade. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will then use different STEM materials to create their own floats.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will continue to learn about the Dewey Decimal System. They will be focusing on how to locate a book in the nonfiction section using its call number. In addition, our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be reviewing how to search the catalog in order to locate books independently. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be reading *Balloons over Broadway*. We will learn about Tony Sarg-the puppeteer that invented the helium balloons that are the trademark of the Macy's Day Parade. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will then use different STEM materials to create their own floats.

-Ms. Schneyman

## HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION



### **NOVEMBER 2022 COLD & FLU SEASON**

With the temperature starting to get lower, it's becoming that time of year where we need to start preparing ourselves for cold & flu season. Be sure to get plenty of rest, eat well and always dress appropriately for the weather to keep our bodies happy! Here are a few guidelines to help you make a decision regarding school attendance:

- All children with a temperature of 100 degrees or more should remain home and not return to school until they have maintained a normal temperature for at least 24 hours, without fever reducing medication. If the fever has been high and the child has been sick for a few days, he/she may require additional days of rest. Sending your child back too soon may result in a relapse of symptoms.
- A child who is coughing frequently or has severe congestion may need to stay home. Constant coughing makes any child weak and also may disrupt the class. Children with a cough or cold type symptoms may attend school with manageable symptoms.
- A Medical Provider or the School Nurse should be consulted before a child returns to school that has had a diagnosis of a contagious disease.
- Medical documentation with a diagnosis, return date and any limitation or restriction is helpful for the child's return to school.



**We can continue to work together to make healthy, safe choices for our children and focus on things we can be thankful for during November.**