

December 4, 2020



EMES Mission Statement

“The purpose of our school is to teach all children to become competent, caring citizens and life-long learners through a challenging and relevant curriculum.”

Alicia Lyford, Principal

2020-2021 EMES Family Newsletter

Dear EMES Families -

It was wonderful to greet your children back at school after the Thanksgiving break. We recognize coming back into the building on Monday was both exciting and a bit stressful for everyone. We love spending our time together at school, but also know that we are relying so heavily on the actions of others right now. I am pleased to report that we've made it through another successful week here in good health!

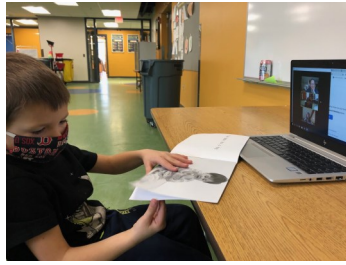
I have had many conversations with parents this week about children staying home from school for a variety of reasons. We want to recognize and support the needs of every individual family as only you know what is best for your children and family during this time. At the same time, our teachers are really only able to devote their full attention to the children physically present in our building. Each day presents itself with unique challenges, and I can say first-hand that our teachers go home physically exhausted at night. Over the course of the fall we have had a few students out here and there for an extended number of days, but we are now finding these numbers increasing. Please remember the following guidelines if your child is going to be out for an extended period of time for any reason:

- * Day 1: You are welcome to pick up your child's tablet or chrome book from school. Just give the front office a call to make arrangements.
- * Days 1—5: Your child is welcome to do some schoolwork from home—logging into Canvas for ongoing assignments; iReady for math; reading from their independent reading book; practicing keyboarding skills; doing some writing in a journal or on their chrome book.
- * Day 6 and beyond: Your child's teacher will have materials prepared and ready for pick-up, as well as any additional assignments on Canvas. These materials are not meant to fully replicate the learning that is happening in the classroom, but will serve to keep them abreast of the learning going on at school and ensure that they do not significantly fall behind their peers when they return.

Thank you for your understanding of these practices. We know it can be challenging to have your children at home for an extended period, but that is one of the unfortunate realities of this year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions regarding this.

Please remember that during the month of December, we will continue to dismiss students at 12:30, after lunch and recess on Wednesday's. Teachers are spending this time learning more about Canvas as well as the experiences of their remote teacher colleagues. We recognize this may not be easy for all families to accommodate and appreciate this time to work together with our colleagues from across the district.

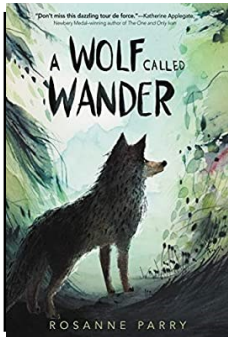
Have a wonderful weekend! Alicia



Students share their reading with family and friends over Zoom. Beloved EMES teacher, Jamie O'Hare, reads with students over Zoom each week.



K-1 Decorate a tree in their outdoor classroom for the Nature Elves



A Wolf Called Wander Book Club

EMES Book Club for 4th - 6th grade will meet Tuesday Dec 8th from 4:30 to 5:30 pm via Zoom.

Students who are interested need to sign up with Arlyn or their classroom teacher by Monday Dec 7th. Materials will be sent home with students and Zoom information will be shared to their school email.

Upcoming Dates to Note at EMES:

- ⇒ Tuesday, December 8: 4:30—5:30 EMES Book Club for Grades 4—6 via Zoom
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 9 and 16: 12:30 dismissal
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 16: WCUUSD School Board Meeting 6pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 23—Sunday, January 3: Holiday Break—no school!



Holiday Thanks

EMES and the East Montpelier community has a long tradition of supporting families around the holidays. This year has been no exception, and we would like to thank everyone who has donated. Mary Redmond and the Old Meeting House Church generously donated \$50 gift cards to families for grocery shopping at Thanksgiving. The East Montpelier Fire Department donated food and Turkeys to families also prior to Thanksgiving.

EMES would also like to thank our staff and families for their generous donations. Each year we ask for donations from families, and to date have received \$800 to buy toys and clothing for East Montpelier families. EMES staff also purchase toys or clothing for families. During this challenging time we would again like to thank all of the support for our families during the holidays.

DECEMBER 2020

East Montpelier Elementary School

Milk \$.50
Adult Breakfast \$4.00
Adult Lunch \$5.50

Monday



Grilled Ham & Cheese **7**
Tomato Soup
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Corn & Ham Chowder **14**
Dinner Roll
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

Hot Dogs **21**
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Turkey & Cheese

No **28**
School
1

Tuesday

1
Ham & Cheese Croissant
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Taco Tuesday **8**
Beef, salsa, cheese, sour cream
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

15
Cheesy Nachos
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

Italian Dunkers **22**
Meat or Marinara Sauce
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Egg Salad

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School

Wednesday

Early Release Day **2**
Macaroni & Cheese
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Early Release Day **9**
Chicken
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

Early Release Day **16**
Waffles & Yogurt
Fresh Fruit
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Ham & Cheese

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School

No **30**
School

Thursday

3
Burgers
With or without cheese
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

10
Egg & Sausage McMuffin
Yogurt
Fresh Fruit
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

17
Pizza
Meat Lovers or Cheese
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Tuna Salad

No **24**
School

No **31**
School

Friday

4
Corn Dog
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Chicken Salad Sandwich

11
Pizza
Pepperoni or Cheese
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Chicken Salad

18
Popcorn Chicken
Fresh Fruit and Veggies
Milk
Sandwich of the day:
Chicken Salad

No **25**
School



All students eat free until June 30, 2020

We are an equal opportunity institution

Menu Subject to Change