



NOVEMBER 2023

Principal: Karen Renna

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CARRINGTON *School*



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

11/1 - End of Marking Period 1

11/7 - Election Day - No School

11/10 - Veterans Day Observed - No School

11/21 - Report Cards distributed

11/22 - 12:00 Dismissal

11/23 & 11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

As a reminder, please be sure that anyone picking up your child has a picture ID. This ID will be photographed for our records. No child will be dismissed between 2:30 and 2:50. As always the safety and security of your child is our top priority.

Please use guest parking when picking up your child during school hours.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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Carrington had the opportunity to partner with a non-profit organization called Vision to Learn to provide vision services to students. This includes vision screenings, a routine eye exam and, if needed, eye glasses. Students who had parental permission participated. We had 121 students prescribed glasses. Students were able to select their style of glasses. This was all free of charge. We are so appreciative and grateful to them.

We are now collecting food for the Salvation Army. Thank you in advance for your support and contribution to this worthy cause to help everyone have a meal at Thanksgiving.

Thank you to all that donated to our Pink Out Day and Pink Fitness Fridays. We collected over \$500 that was donated to the Breast Cancer screening fund.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I would like to take this time to say that we are very thankful for all our students and families at Carrington. We appreciate your continuous support and partnership to ensure your child's success. From our Carrington family to yours we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

VISION TO LEARN



NURSE'S NEWS

Nurse: Tina Hauser, RN

**Flu Season Prevention : If possible, get your flu shot.
This is the best protection for you and your family!**

As the weather starts getting colder and asthma starts acting up please remember that all medication needs to be brought in by an adult with the medication order. Please do not send in medication with your child.

All Preschoolers are required to receive a flu shot prior to January 1st, 2024.

Reinforce covering coughs and sneezes with your child.

Keep your child home if they are feeling ill or have a fever of 100.4 or more.

And of course, wash those hands!

**As always please update the nurse office with any new medical information or contact information, or if you have any questions please call at
203-574-8303.**

CRAZY HAIR DAY



PINK OUT DAY



PRE K - HALLOWEEN



READING DEPARTMENT

What a wonderful month to enjoy reading every night. There are so many great books to enjoy. The library is a good source.

Do you and your child have a library card? If not, this is the month for it. Stop by the Bunker Hill Branch on any Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday to sign up for one. What wonderful adventures await! Remember our goal as parents and teachers is to instill the love of reading.

Your child's academic performance is being progress monitored on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis in order to provide his/her teacher with data to support both strengths and weaknesses in your child's performance. Exit or entrance letters for Tier II and Tier III Intervention have been sent home.

Please be sure to sign and return to your child's teacher.

Students are enjoying the extra attention and strategies provided so that they can meet success. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at (203) 574-8184.

Remember...READ, READ, READ!

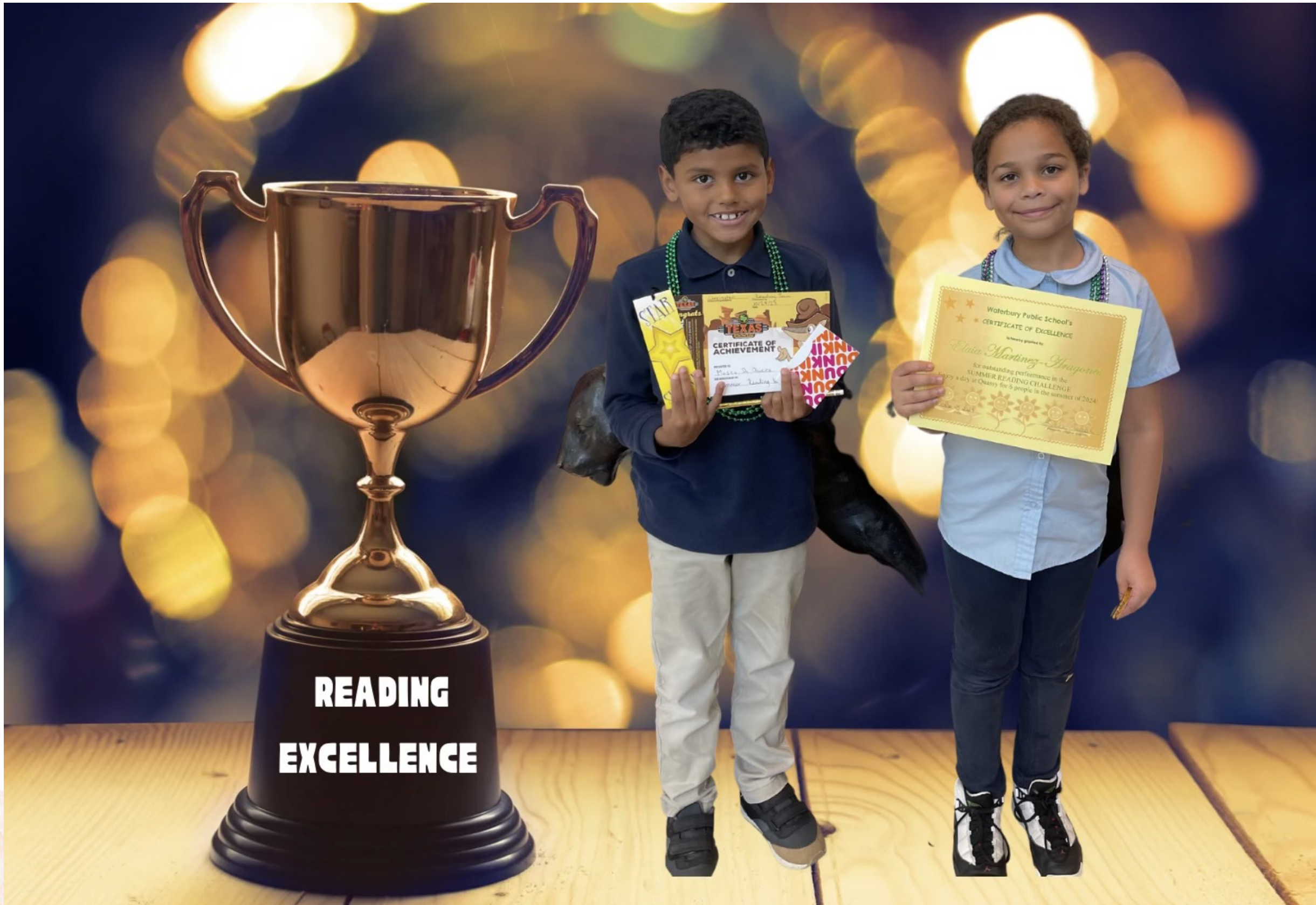
Sincerely,

The Reading Department

Ms. Johnson - Literacy Facilitator

Mrs. Mute - Reading Teacher

SUMMER READING AWARD



Moses De Oliveira
Carrington School Winner

Elaia Martinez Aragones
District-Wide Winner

Let's give a huge round of applause to congratulate our two summer reading winners!!! These two students had the most reading minutes for Carrington this summer. They each received a Texas Roadhouse gift certificate, a Dunkin Donuts gift card, and a reading bookmark. In addition, Elaia is the district-wide winner for all of Waterbury. She read more minutes this summer than anyone in the district. For her dedication to reading, she received a day pass to Quassy Amusement & Waterpark for six people!

Hopefully their hard work will inspire you to read this month.



PRE - KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Mauceri & Mrs. Promotico

We are a couple of weeks into our new study on “Trees”. What a perfect time of year to watch all the colorful changes around us and learn about this amazing part of nature. We are exploring several questions about trees, such as: What are some characteristics of trees that we can see? Who lives in trees? What foods come from trees? Who takes care of trees? How do trees change? What can we do with parts of trees? These questions are great things you can talk about with your child at home!!!

November also marks the beginning of our monthly Puppet Shows sponsored by The Hispanic Health Council to foster healthy habits. This month’s program on November 28th titled, “My Plate” will help the children learn about healthy foods and making good choices.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we will also talk about our family traditions and what it means to be thankful. What are some of the special traditions you do with your family? Please share these with your child.

We are diligently working with the children as they are playing with their peers during our “Choice Time”, and during our small group and whole group times as we prepare for our first Progress Reports. They are due to go home December 19th and our Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th. More details to follow.

This November...we are thankful for your children.

What wonderful students we have this year!

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Boivin

Reading Language Arts

In November students will continue to strengthen their decoding and blending skills . We will also continue to use the ECRI Program to help support our phonics and reading skills.

We will increase our list of CVC (Consonant Vowel Consonant)Words, HFW (High Frequency Words) and penmanship and ” PROPER “punctuation.

Math

Our students are learning the steps to write an addition math equation.

Count objects to get an amount.

We also continue to subitize an amount without the process of counting.

We are seeing a large increase in abilities and many determined students trying to log in to their chrome book independently. This will hopefully be a growing population all through November with an expectation for all to independently log in by December !!!!!

FIRST GRADE

Ms. Scarborough & Mrs. Varholak

Can you believe it is already November?
Here is what we will be learning in 1st grade.

ECRI - We will finish up Unit 2 and move onto Unit 3. Please keep practicing the new and old high frequency words at home. We will be learning more about contractions, consonant blends, the inflected ending -ing and digraphs such as ch, sh, th.

Wonders - We started Unit 2 which asks the question “What makes a community?” We will learn about buildings, nature and how to get around following a map.

Science - We finished up our Unit on Sound and will be learning some science related topics in Wonders until our next Science unit on light which starts in January.

Math - We will be finishing up our lesson on making partners of 10 and then moving onto counting on to subtract and then adding and subtracting in word problems. Please practice different ways to make 10 at home.

Please make sure to check Parent Square for weekly updates!

Important Dates

11/1 No School - Professional Development

11/7 No School - Election Day

11/10 No School - Veterans' Day

11/21 Report Cards

11/23 - 11/24 No School - Thanksgiving Break

11/28 My Plate Puppet Show

SECOND GRADE

Ms. Guerrera & Mr. LeVasseur

Happy November, 2nd grade families!

We can't believe we are already in November! By now, students should be familiar with daily routines, schedules, and expectations. Please check out Dojo to see how your child is doing throughout the day.

We have been learning A LOT in Grade 2! In Math, we are wrapping up using mental math strategies to add and subtract. We will begin to apply those strategies when adding two digit numbers that require regrouping. In ECRI, We are excited for Unit 2 in Reading! This unit allows us to build upon information learned from our latest unit in Science to dig deeper and get a better understanding of animals and habitats while focusing on characters, setting, and plot. In Writing, we will explore the features of a How-To Text and work through the Writing Process to write our very own How-To Text!

We have used the data from the beginning of the year assessments to find an instructional focus for each student in Reading and Math. Students will continue to participate in small group instruction in Reading and begin to participate in small group instruction in Math. We are thrilled that students have done an excellent job with these small group routines thus far!

The weather is changing quickly, please make sure your child has a coat to go outdoors for recess. Also, if your child needs a sweater while in the building, it must be compliant with the District's Dress Code Policy. Please review the [Student Handbook](#) for District Policies including Dress Code Expectations. Please be aware that hoodies and Crocs are NOT approved dress code for students and are not to be worn. We will continue to have Fitness Fridays, unless certain events happen otherwise.

ParentSqaure is the best form of communication. Please check ParentSquare often as we will continue to post updates, reminders, and events along with what your child is learning in the classroom. Please send in a note with your child if there is a change in his/her dismissal. Please do not ParentSquare that information. Thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact Mr. LeVasseur or Miss Guerrera if you have any questions or concerns.

November Important Dates:

11/1 - No School

11/7 - No School

11/10 - No School

11/22 - Early Dismissal (12:00 p.m.)

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Ciccone & Mr. Gagnon

Happy Fall!

Throughout the month of November, third grade students will read stories that include themes of cooperation, immigration, and government. Students will discuss genres that include folktales, historical fiction, and expository text. A major focus of reading is being able to answer questions through discussion with peers and providing text evidence in students' written answers.

During math class, students are continuing their study of multiplication. They discover that multiplication is repeated addition. They need to show their work using a variety of strategies such as equal groups, arrays, repeated addition, number lines, and skip counting. We will extend the study of multiplication when we learn the associative, commutative, and distributive properties of multiplication.

Students have learned about 1-1-1 words in Foundations and they have learned an important rule about adding vowel suffixes to these words. During November we will apply the rules we have reviewed about closed syllables and we will review vowel consonant e syllables and the exceptions to these syllables that include the "e drop" rule.

In November we will visit the Mattatuck Museum. Students are excited about this trip. Please check Parent Square for detailed information if you have not yet submitted your permission slip for this outing. Also, students will be going outside during this trip and must be dressed warmly.

We continue to use Class Dojo for communicating and monitoring students' behavior. Also, important class announcements and individual messages are given regularly on Parent Square. Please check both of these platforms daily.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Carroll & Ms. Smith

A lot has been happening in 4th Grade as we finish off the first marking period of the year! The students did an amazing job on the Bio Bottles for Hispanic Heritage Month and their projects are now on display in the 4th Grade showcase. See photo below of their work.



In Math, we have finished Unit 1 - Place Value, Comparing, Rounding, Adding, and Subtracting Whole Numbers. In Unit 2, we are working on Multiplication, Multiples, and Factors. We will then move on to multiplying by multi-digit numbers. It is important that students practice their multiplication facts daily so that they can solve these problems in a timely manner.

In ELA, we have started Unit 2 in our Wonders Curriculum which centers around animals and has students ask themselves, “What have you learned from animals or animal characters?” We will explore this topic through various fiction and nonfiction genres. The students will end the unit by writing a personal narrative; and I cannot wait to read about all of the adventures your children have experienced. We are also practicing daily to increase our reading fluency and students should be reading nightly as well in order to increase their reading stamina. They have set a goal of reading at least 4 nights per week for at least 20 minutes each night; and will track this progress on their reading homework calendar.

In Science, we are working through Unit 3 learning all about Waves and Information Transfer, and we will continue to explore this unit throughout November.

As the temperatures continue to drop, please make sure to send in proper outerwear with your student (coat, gloves, hat).

FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Allen & Mr. Russo

Hello Fifth Grade Families! The weather is starting to turn chilly outside with still some bouts of warm weather. Please have your child dress in layers and clothing that follow district-wide school uniform policies.

Math: We recently completed a unit on finding the volume of rectilinear objects and rectangular prisms. We are starting a new unit on multiplying multi-digit numbers using the standard algorithm. We have reviewed and proven that we can multiply multi-digit numbers using the Area Model and Partial Products methods. Now it is time to move on to the way we all learned when we were younger...the standard algorithm!!! It is important that students have a strong multiplication and division fluency base for being successful as we move forward. Please encourage your child to review his/her multiplication facts everyday. We want to know these quickly and by heart! There are many apps and free sites that can be used for math practice at home. Just search for “free multiplication fact practice”.

Science: We are wrapping up our unit on matter and properties of matter. We have learned about mixtures and solutions. We are beginning a unit on Energy and Matter in Organisms. Our first lesson will focus on how energy gets transformed by plants. The fifth grade has recently started going to the science lab in the middle school to work with Ms. Murray, the grads 7 and 8 science teacher, who is volunteering her time to work with us. We learned about proper safety in the science lab and look forward to participating in demonstrations and labs in the near future.

Thank you for all that you do from home! We couldn't do it without you!

Language Arts: Hello everyone. I hope your autumn is going well. The leaves are falling from the trees and our weather has been beautiful. It is starting to show signs of cold and we are a few days away from November 1st.

With that being said, we are also in full swing in regards to Reading and Writing. We just completed Unit one in our reading/writing curriculum and today we began unit 2, Taking the Next Step . There will be reading involving American history, problem solving, investigating questions about nature, things that motivate you, and how to get the information that you need. We will be learning how to write an invitation with directions to the venue and all the details you would find in an invitation. This Unit will take roughly 6 weeks to complete. Enjoy the upcoming holidays.

SIXTH GRADE

Mr. Carosella & Ms. Griffin

Math: Students will divide fractions with unlike and like denominators using the reciprocal. Then, students will fluently add, subtract and multiply decimals using standard algorithm strategies for each operation. In doing so, students will apply standard algorithm strategies to solve multi-digit problems for all operations. Also, students will represent ratios using tables, charts and diagrams. Using their understanding of ratios, students will solve real world mathematical problems.

Science: Students will start Unit 2 Ecosystems. Students will begin the unit by identifying key components of an ecosystem. The focus then turns to biotic factors such as producers and decomposers. Students will research and focus on specific producers and decomposers to better understand the flow of energy in an ecosystem. Students will be challenged to identify the components necessary for a healthy ecosystem, as well as the factors that may place an ecosystem at risk.

Social Studies: Students will begin to explore the continent of Asia. Specifically, students will learn about the physical geography, history and life in East Asia.

Reading: Students will begin Unit 2 “Ancient Realms” exploring ancient history that continues to impact us today. Students will analyze short stories from StudySync and excerpts from Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief to deepen their understanding of story structure, point of view, tone, author’s purpose, and theme.

Language Arts: Students will continue to build grammatical skills and strategies with daily Quill practice with a focus on effective use of adjectives and adverbs. In writing students will focus on developing body paragraphs with clear topic sentences.

SEVENTH GRADE

Social Studies - Mr. Thomas

Students will be presenting their Death Valley projects to their classmates and we continue to study the area west of the Mississippi River.

Math - Ms. Hall

Students are finishing up their percent units. Students during this unit learned on taxes/tips and simple interest work in a real-world situation. Also, students will be working on adding/subtracting integers in their upcoming unit. Please make sure that your student is completing their homework every night.

Science - Ms. Murrar

Students will be finishing up the “Fireworks Unit” by studying the periodic table, chemical reactions, and finally the Law of Conservation of Matter. At the end of November, students will begin their study

Reading - Mr. Napp

Students will be working on the project to End Unit 1. We will then transition to Unit 2: The Powers that Be and begin reading “The Giver” by Lowis Lowry.

Language Arts - Mrs. Fernandez

Students will be working on their EWP for unit 1. They will be creating a short essay that reveals the motivations of taking on dangerous missions, regardless of any risks.

EIGHTH GRADE

Social Studies - Mr. Thomas

Students will finish their “Create your own Colony” project and present their projects to their classmates. We will continue to study life in the 13 colonies and the precursors which led up to the American Revolution.

Math - Ms. Hall

Students will finish their unit on writing, reading, and evaluating expressions in which letters stand for numbers. Students during this unit were able to simplify an expression using distributive property. The next unit students will learn the relationships between triangles by their angles. Students will use angles to help them describe triangles. Please make sure that your student is completing their homework every night.

Science - Ms. Murrar

Students will finish the study Unit 1 “Changing Earth” by understanding the connections between the earth’s tilt on its axis, the seasons, and the sun’s rays and ending with analyzing and interpreting data in fossil patterns.

Reading - Mr. Napp

We will be completing our project to end Unit 1. We will then transition into Unit 2: Civil Rights and read the book “Brown Girl Dreaming” by Jacqueline Woodson.

Language Arts - Mrs. Fernandez

Students will be completing their end of unit project, which is creating a newspaper article on canva where they will create suspense about a real life topic.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Ms. Rodriguez

Essential Skills 1:

Essential Skills 1 is happy to enter into the month of November. As we arrive at school and play outdoors we are learning and looking at the beautiful Foliage colors that Fall has to bring. This month we look forward to making hand turkeys, Cornucopias, and leaf prints. We will continue to practice our numbers, colors and shapes and our daily tasks and routines in the class. We look forward to gathering together and giving thanks. Some fun stories we will read are Pete the cat ‘the Great Turkey Race” Pete the cat “the First Thanksgiving”, and Story time anytime, “countdown to THANKSGIVING. Hope everyone has a great Month of November and Holiday.

Ms. Teal

Essential Skills 2:

Can't believe that November is already here! This month we will be exploring the color brown and yellow, number 3, shape star, the emotion sad. We will continue to work on each individual child's objective and goals throughout this month.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Elementary - Mrs. Barbat

Welcome November!! This month we will be applying our skills of Lively Letters practice to increase our decoding skills. In math, we are increasing our calculation fluency with quick drills done in a fun, game-like way. Our 4th graders will practicing adding/subtracting multiple digit numbers with and without regrouping. We will also be discussing all the many ways we can be thankful for what we have in our lives!!!

Middle School - Mrs. Pierce

Hello October, I have continued to work on student's goals and objectives that are spelled out in their Individualized Education Plans within these small group sessions for both Language Arts/Reading and Math. I am so happy with the progress that my students have made. I am happy to have been able to meet some of the parents. I look forward to meeting the rest of you.

As always if there are any concerns or issues please contact me at the school. Thanks, Karen Pierce

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Mrs. Parker

lksjfWe had a lot of fun researching and learning about Hispanic Heritage Month last month! We understand that non fiction text features help us understand the material presented. We will continue to familiarize ourselves with non-fiction material aligned to our reading program: Wonders throughout the month! Younger learners will continue working on letter sounds and high frequency words. Thank you for reading with your child regularly. It helps a lot!

SPECIALS

Music - Mrs. Doolan

In Music Classes the students have been learning about the Elements of Music: Melody, Harmony, Dynamics, Rhythm, Form, Texture, and Timbre. They have learned the musical markings for fast, slow and medium tempos as well as the louds and softs in music. They are presently learning the keys of Major and Minor. Major key songs are happy and upbeat and minor key songs are sad or scary. Students also played the xylophones to accompany a minor key song. Some songs included: “There Was and Old Women”, “Bats Flying in the Air”, “ Pass the Broomstick” ,and “Five Little Pumpkins”.

Physical Education - Mr. Chiasson

In Physical Education grades Pre-K - 2 are starting a unit on soccer skills including passing, trapping, dribbling, and spacing with small sided games to come in a few weeks. In grades 3-5 students are continuing with a unit on soccer with a focus on the skills necessary to be successful during gameplay. Also these grades will be partaking in practice CT Physical Fitness Assessment tests that include the P.A.C.E.R., push up test, curl up test, and sit and reach. This will allow me to see what areas of fitness the classes need to focus on as the year continues. In grades 6-8 students are wrapping up the unit on soccer where tournaments are being played and will move on to floor hockey. In floor hockey we will be practicing moving/controlling the puck, passing, spacing, defensive strategies and gameplay. These grades will also be partaking in practice CT Physical Fitness Assessment tests to see what areas of fitness the classes need to focus on as the year continues.

Library - Mrs. Rosa

Happy November! This month in grades Pre-K to 1st, we will be reading fiction and nonfiction books about turkeys. Grades 2,3, and 4 will be reading about Election Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. We will also be reviewing different sub genres. 7th Graders are learning about the pros and cons to media usage. 8th Grade students are researching different local high schools and career choices