

# STILLWATER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14, 2022

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Board of Education Meeting 10/17/22

PTA Family Fun Night 10/21/22

PTA Meeting 10/24/22 6:00 PM

Parent Teacher Conferences 12:40 PM Dismissal 10/26/22, 10/27/22 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

## SECOND GRADE NEWS

Second graders are finishing up their first unit of Reader's/Writer's Workshop! They have learned various reading strategies and applied them while reading new books. Students are becoming expert readers and writers! Next week we are going to have a celebration of our reading. All students in second grade will share books and reading strategies they learned with their peers. In math we have been adding within 100 and learning various addition strategies to solve math equations. Just a reminder that next Tuesday we will be going on a walking field trip to the Stillwater Historical Museum. We would also like to thank the Stillwater Fire Department for visiting our school and teaching us about fire prevention and safety. Happy Fall!!

## THIRD GRADE NEWS

Happy October! Third graders are finishing up their first group read aloud: Tigers at Twilight by Mary Pope Osborne. Students reviewed story elements and worked on going back into the text to answer comprehension questions in complete sentences. We have been reviewing how to write a well developed paragraph that includes: a topic, sentence, supporting sentences, and a closing sentence. Soon we will dive into the writing process by starting our personal narratives. then, we will write spooky monster narratives. In social studies, we have been learning about communities. We learned what is special about our community and how we share our culture with others. Stillwater is an amazing community and we are thankful to live here.

## FIFTH GRADE NEWS

The fifth graders have been busy with place values of both whole numbers and decimals. They have learned what an exponent is and how to write expanded form using exponents. The students are also working on adding and subtracting decimals to the thousandths place value position. Next topic will be to learn how to multiply double and triple digit numbers using the standard algorithm, or the "old math way" to multiply. In Science, the students enjoyed an amazing class trip to Sunrise Mountain, Hyper Humus and Swartswood Lake. They learned where the Paulins Kill watershed begins and how important it is to conserve and keep our water sources clean. The students tested various water samples to see what pollutants were in the water and how it affects Swartswood Lake and our watersheds.

## SIXTH GRADE NEWS

MATH: Students in 6th-grade math have been exploring real-world problems that can be solved using decimals and fractions. The 4 basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division have been expanded to include all rational numbers. Students have been practicing these mathematical operations with the set of positive rational numbers in order to become more fluent when working with numbers that include parts of a whole. An emphasis on applying the eight mathematical practice standards and multiple ways to solve the same problem has been an essential part of helping students develop and practice their problem-solving skills. Coming up, students will learn about integers, absolute value, and the 4 quadrants of the coordinate plane.

## LLD NEWS:

We have been busy working on Life Skills and Social Skills by practicing how to dial our phone number, sharing how we feel and why, and asking friends questions. Students have been working hard on writing sentences using proper sentence structure. In math, students are adding and subtracting within 1,000, dividing similar shapes into two or more equal parts, and using positive rational numbers. In reading, we are learning about how the Animal Reading Strategy Friends help us when we get stuck on a word. We are looking forward to all the fun events to come during Fall.



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