



AMPS

Be Safe, Be Happy, Learn A Lot

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ACADEMIC ALLEY

Social Studies in the Primary Grade is focused on understanding of myself, families and the world around me. AMPS uses the Nassau BOCES Social Studies Resources to teach Social Studies to our students. The program is fully aligned to the NYS Social Studies Standards and incorporates reading, writing, listening and speaking.

This month all grades will be discussing Thanksgiving as an American Holiday and family traditions associated with the holiday. We will also be discussing Election Day and Veteran's Day.

We started the year discussing what makes each of us a good citizen. This has included Character Education Lessons on Kindness and Respect in our school community. As part of our Constitution Day celebration in September, students created class Constitutions.

As the year progresses: holidays, geography, laws, symbols of America and needs and wants will be a part of our curriculum.

Holiday Food Drive

We will be collecting holiday food for families in our community. Non-perishable items along with supermarket gift cards can be sent in with students from November 12-November 21. Thank you in advance to everyone who is able to donate in order to make this a warm and thankful holiday. Please check the expiration dates on the donations.

This year we will be having a contest to see which grade can bring in the most items - non-perishable food and gift cards to a supermarket count! The grade who brings in the most will earn an age appropriate funtime. [See the flyer for more details.](#)

Additionally, we will be collecting excess [Halloween Candy](#) to donate to the Fire Department from November 2nd to November 9th.

BE SAFE

Staying Safe is a common theme at AMPS.

In October, the Miller Place and Sound Beach Fire Departments visited AMPS. All students had the opportunity to learn about Fire Safety, climb on a fire truck and go into an ambulance. Please see the photo story from the day on our website! Thank you to the volunteer members of the Miller Place and Sound Beach Fire Departments for volunteering so much of their time to educating our students.

Our Librarian, will discuss on line etiquette and safety with students.

Throughout the year some other safety topics will include: what not to touch or ingest, eating healthy, bus safety rules, what to do in an emergency, who to talk to if you feel unsafe, wearing helmets and seatbelts and how to pick up after yourself so no one trips.

November's Character Education Theme is Gratitude.

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

11/3 - Election Day - **NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

11/4, 11/5, 11/6 - [PTA Book Fair](#). Teachers will let you know which day your child's class will be attending.

11/11 - Veterans Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

11/12 & 11/13 **Picture Days**
Teachers will let you know which day your child's class will be attending

11/24 - 15 Minute Early Dismissal Drill
(Please be at your bus stops 15 minutes early to pick up students)

11/25, 11/26, 11/27 - **SCHOOL CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



SCHOOL REMINDERS

1-If your child's bus tag has fallen off, please create or call for a new one.

2-Please dress your children in weather appropriate clothing. We try to get students outside each day, weather permitting.

3-Please pack and label lunch and snack separately.

4-Students should wear sneakers or closed toed rubber soled shoes everyday.

5-If you are sending home invitations, there must be one for each student. Envelopes must be unsealed.

6-School age children may not attend events at AMPS during their school hours.

7-PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! The lost and found is growing.