Leary Elementary School
After School Care
November 2026

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Dear Families,

National Family Literacy Day encourages families and communities to consider the importance and benefits of establishing family time in which parents and children read together. The annual holiday – which began in 1994 and is observed on November 1 – celebrates learning activities, family literacy programs, schools and libraries, and reading in general.

National Family Literacy Day also serves the important purpose of raising awareness of family literacy nationally and locally. There is no more important gift a parent can give to their child than reading to him/her, every day if possible.

On Saturday, November 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., you have the opportunity to attend the 29th Rochester Children & Teen Book Festival at Monroe Community College, R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, 1000 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14623. Free parking is available in lot M. It is a free event which will include book signing and will feature guest readers, illustrators, and authors throughout the day. For more information, go to rcbfest.com

Happy reading throughout the month!
Pearl Tokar





"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift."

Kate DiCamillo

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1 National Family Literacy Day
1 Standard time begins; change clocks back
2 Celebration of National Family Literacy Day
3 Election Day: please vote if you are a US citizen
9 Deadline for non-school day registration for November 23, 24 & 25
11 Veterans Day: non-school day, Cub Care is closed
16 Payment is due for December
17 December late fee added
23 R-H Conference Day: Non-School Day *See below
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25 Thanksgiving Recess: Non-School Day *See below
26-27 Thanksgiving Recess: no school; Cub Care is closed
26 Happy Thanksgiving!
30 School resumes

* Non-School Days: Cub Care is open!

November 23 & 24, R-H Conference Days
November 25, Thanksgiving Recess
Care is available at the Webster Learning Center 2000 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta, NY 14467 on the above days, 6:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Preregistration is required.

Non-School Day Activities

November 23: Holiday ornaments
November 24: Story Time, cards for Veterans
November 25: Holiday movie
Remember to preregister!

Reading benefits:



- **Creates quiet, quality family time.**
- **Develops early vocabulary skills.**
- **Expands attention span.** Read chapter books even to your youngest child. They may drift off to sleep but they are listening and their attention span will lengthen.
- **It's free.** Books can be checked out of the library.
- **Improves listening skills**. You can read well above a child's level; they will still listen and comprehend.
- **It's portable**. Reading doesn't require batteries…except at night.
- **Improves imagination and creativity**.
- **Opens up a dialogue between parent and child**.

Reading is a tool that can never be unlearned. Once a child learns to read, they never stop. You'll know because you'll have to stop spelling certain words to your spouse.

Resource note: from *NationalDayCalender.com*

Facts about literacy in America:

- The United States is facing a literacy crisis.
- According to the U.S. Department of Education and National Institute of Literacy, more than 30 million adults cannot read, write or do basic math above a third-grade level.
- Nearly 85% of teenagers facing a trial in court are illiterate, proving there is a close relationship between illiteracy and crime.
- More than 60% of inmates in prison are functionally illiterate.
- Low literacy rate in the U.S. directly costs the health care industry more than $70 million every year.

December Payment is Now Due

The December 2026 payment for your Cub Care Zone participation is now due. Full payment must be made by November 16, 2026.

If you have made your payment, thank you! If you have authorized us to charge your credit card, that payment will be made soon.

Each student must bring the following required, labeled items with them to Cub Care each day:



- **Coat, hat, scarf, mittens or gloves. It's getting cold outside!**
- **Proper footwear, such as sneakers or boots, for outdoor activities** (no open-toed shoes, sandals or Crocs allowed)
- Change of clothes
- Water bottle
- Lotion sunscreen (no spray sunscreens)
- Do NOT bring toys or electronics from home.



November 3rd is Election Day! Please vote if you are a US citizen.



Standard Time begins Sunday, November 1st Turn your clocks back 1 hour.

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