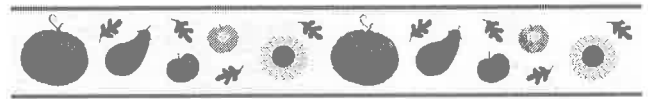
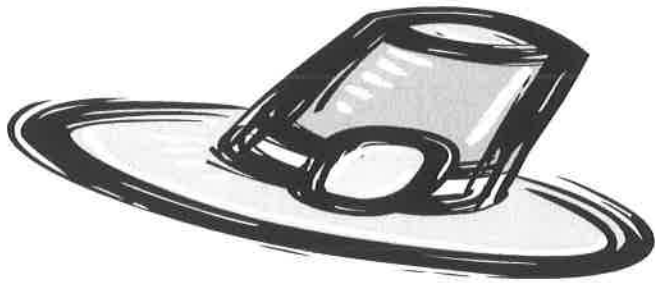


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Upcoming Events:

- 5th Daylight Savings Time
Ends Move Clocks back an hour
- 7th Veteran's Day Program 2:00
- 7th 2nd Grade Music Program @ WPS
School 6:00 pm
- 9th Picture retakes
- 16th & 17th WPS Book Fair
- 16th & 17th P/T Conferences
- Kindergarten Feast
- 22nd-24th Thanksgiving Break

Kindergarten News:

Kindergarten students are improving on letter/sound correspondence and are practicing sounding and blending to read words. Those who have mastered skill will work more on reading whole words fluently. Please continue to listen to your child read and help them with their sight words. (reading, spelling and writing them)

In math we look forward to your child understanding the numerals and their quantities. It's fun to see them make combinations of smaller numbers to equal a larger one. Once this is mastered addition and subtraction will be a snap.

Writing is starting to get exciting! The students are identifying subjects, verbs and prepositional phrases. Soon they will be writing complete sentences. It takes time and hard work, be prepared to be amazed!

The Kindergarten Team

First Grade News:

Hello family! We are enjoying first grade let me tell ya! Our reading curriculum is moving right along with short vowels, blends and digraphs for spelling. Don't forget about those sight words too!! The students are working hard on reading fluency, answering questions about what they read and comprehension strategies for different kinds of stories. In our reading groups we are making sure we look back at the text to find evidence for our answers. First graders are learning how to "close read" to dig deeper into fiction and nonfiction pieces. A good reminder would be to ask your child about their library book and how AR is going. They should have this book every day and can test in the classroom.

First grade needs number sense! The students have finished up learning about all those addition strategies and will continue on with subtraction.

In Social Studies, we are studying our national symbols just in time for Veteran's Day.

First grade continues to write with a camera planner for describing sentences.

We want to thank parents for having that so important homework routine. It makes a huge difference to have that.

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Second Grade News:

Our second grade students are growing and learning rapidly!! We are thrilled with their gains! We're working hard in math as we learn place value to 1000.

Our social studies target is discussing Scarcity, so we were able to learn about wants vs needs.

We are practicing writing summaries of stories as well as writing our own stories based on the same plot. We will soon be writing "Informational" paragraphs.

Our reading comprehension strategies are inferences, summarizing, and sequencing. We will also be working on test taking strategies to help with quarterly assessments.

Snacks are always needed, so please continue to donate to your classroom. Our students truly appreciate them. Happy Thanksgiving!

The Second Grade Team



V is for Volunteers....

Our School encourages the teamwork of teachers, staff and volunteers so that we can offer our Students', their parents and the community the best possible education. If you would like to help at school, please notify the office or classroom teacher. As part of the schools' ongoing effort to keep our schools safe,

we will be requiring background checks on all volunteers.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM WPS



Homework and Parent Support

Homework in grade school reinforces and extends classroom learning and helps kids practice important study skills. It also helps them develop a sense of responsibility and a work ethic that will benefit them beyond the classroom.

In addition to making sure your child knows that you see homework as a priority, you can help by creating an effective study environment. Any well-lit, comfortable, and quiet workspace with the necessary supplies will do. Avoiding distractions (like a TV in the background) and setting up a start and end time can also help.

While your child does homework, be available to interpret assignment instructions, offer guidance, answer questions, and review the completed work. But resist the urge to provide the correct answers or complete the assignments yourself. Learning from mistakes is part of the process and you don't want to take this away from your child.

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Parent Teacher Conference

Washington Primary Conferences will be the 16th and 17th of Nov. Notes will be sent home to the scheduling of the conferences, we will coordinate between Jefferson and our building so that sibling's conferences will be on the same day. Please plan to attend the conferences for kids do better in school when parents get involved. Attending parent-teacher conferences is one way to be involved and help your child succeed. A parent-teacher conference is a great opportunity to:

- discuss your child's progress
- share your child's strengths and needs
- work with the teacher to help your child do well in school

Conferences focus on learning, although behavior and social concerns might be discussed. The teacher will review your child's progress, including strengths and areas in need of improvement.