November  “Exploring New Frontiers in Education”  2015

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2/3rd Conf/Workdays NO school
6th Multicultural Night
9th 1st Qtr Awards Ceremony (3-5th)
10th SCHOOL IS COOL
11th Veteran’s Day, NO school
17th Power breakfast—Kindergarten
18th Power breakfast—First Grade
20th Turkey Trot—Fun Run
23rd GO GREEN
25th-29th Thanksgiving Holiday
30th SCHOOL IS COOL

Administrative Notes:

This year is our first school wide status as a Title I school. Since this is a FEDERAL program we want to make sure you have plenty of understanding of the program and our completion of federal expectations.

As we continue to plan for a great year I want to bring your attention to several items:

1. On our school website is a Title I tab that includes lots of information.

2. Formal notice of our AMO status (Annual Measurable Objectives) was sent through Wednesday folder for every family in October. A copy is also on our website.

3. Formal Notice of parental right to information about teachers is contained at the end of this newsletter.

We want to ensure every parent is properly informed about Enterprise and our many events and happenings. We work hard to communicate that information in a variety of ways agenda, website, phone messages, letters, etc. Please pay attention to the information and ask questions whenever you need clarification, have questions or want to make a suggestion.

You can always reach me at the email below or leave a note in our suggestion box in the main office.

Cheers,
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Principal
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learn to identify tools used to measure like, clock, calendar, thermometer, ruler, and scale. Most of these tools are found at home.

Please talk to your child about the different use of these tools. Please remember to do the Book It reading with your child and to practice pointing to the words while reading. Our students love the technology! Take advantage of this and have them practicing reading and math using the websites www.starfall.com and www.abcya.com. There are a lot of good activities they can learn about using this free websites.

With the colder fall weather coming in, please remember to have your child bring a jacket and always wear tennis shoes. Thank you for your continued support!

First Grade

First grade is soaring through the beginning of the year. We have established our routines and began to delve into instruction. We have begun our poetry books where we look at the mechanics of writing such as capitals, punctuation and fluency. We have reviewed coins and time to the hour from Kindergarten.

First grade also explored their five senses through our scientific inquiry process. We are all working hard at being quality students and teachers. First grade had a wonderful time at our field trip to Cows-n-Corn. We learned about cows, how to make butter and even got to take home a pumpkin! Thank you to all our wonderful chaperones that were able to participate with us.

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First Grade is looking forward to November and more fall weather. We will continue our observations of fall and plants in science. In social studies we will start our unit on maps and look at traditions and holidays we celebrate. We have begun our Guided Reading Groups and continue to work on our Daily 5. Word work has also been going home, so make sure you are sorting nightly. For math we will start patterns, time to the half hour, and shapes.

Reminder: It is getting cold out there and we love to take our classes outside, so please make sure your child has warm clothes and jackets to run around in!

Second Grade

In Language Arts we have been working on main idea and character traits. We will continue to target these skills in small group instruction. This month we will work on summarizing fictional stories by discussing beginning, middle, and end. In writing we just finished up reviewing how to write a personal narrative. This month our focus will be on how to write a friendly letter.

This past month in math we have been working on a geometry unit. Our focus has been on identifying the differences between solid and plane shapes. We also looked at symmetry and how to define a shape as being symmetrical and nonsymmetrical. Our upcoming unit will feature work on number sense with our focus being on 2 digit numbers.

In Social Studies we finished our unit on communities in diversity and began a unit in Science on life cycles. Students learned about the life cycle of a plant, white tailed deer, and butterfly. For the month of November we will focus studying magnets in Science. We will investigate and understand that natural and artificial magnets have certain characteristics and attract specific types of metals.

A couple of reminders from the second grade team: please be sure that you check your child’s home folder, reading/behavior folder, and agenda nightly. The reading log, behavior log, and agenda should be signed by the parent each evening.

Third Grade

Greetings from third grade!

October went by so fast! We have been learning a lot of new concepts and having fun working in our Kagan groups. We have many more great things to look forward to in November!

We are excited about our upcoming field trip to Mount Vernon on November 12. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who signed up to go with us! Your help is very much appreciated!

We will begin Multiplication in math, which the students have been so excited about! In this unit, the students will practice modeling and writing multiplication problems, solving basic multiplication and division problems, and creating their own multiplication problems. They will also review number sense: rounding, estimating, fact families, telling time, counting money, and making change.

For Social Studies, third graders will review geography and map skills, like locating continents and oceans. Students will also review reading and making tables, charts, and graphs. In addition, students will discuss the importance of government and compare/contrast Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day.

Fourth Grade

The first quarter really flew by! In 4th grade we’ve been busy learning many new things and reviewing concepts from the first 9 weeks.

In math we completed place value and factors and multiples units. We’re still working on mastering our multiplication facts. We will continue to work on multiplication and division, and work on performing these operations with larger numbers.

In reading we’ve been working on making inferences and identifying the cause and effect. In writing,
we’re working on writing persuasive letters and essays. We are also continuing to work towards building our vocabulary and reaching our AR goals!

In Science we will continue working on our unit on the solar system. We have learned about the Earth, Sun, and planets in our solar system. In Virginia Studies, we are now beginning our unit on Colonial life in Virginia.

Be sure to continue to check agendas and folders for important announcements. Thank you for your continued support at home!

Fifth Grade

Our 5th graders have truly started the year off as Enterprise Rockets! We have had the great pleasure of going on a wonderful field trip to the EDGE on George Mason’s campus. This was an adventure for everyone! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make this trip so very special for everyone.

During the month of November our 5th grade Rockets will blast into the complex concepts of data analysis and statistics; median, mean, mode, and range; and fraction and number sense.

Our reading Rockets will review the use of the dictionary, glossary, thesaurus, and word reference materials. We will continue reading fiction and non-fiction with a focus this month on summarizing and using supporting details, as well as, drawing conclusions and making inferences. We will also begin providing information to support predictions, opinion, and conclusions. A way you can help your child at home with this skill is to ask them the question, “How do you know that?” whenever they come up with an answer. This will allow them the opportunity to support and justify their answers with evidence. You may want to do this in every subject so they feel comfortable with the idea.

In science students will investigate and understand basic characteristics of visible light and how it behaves. We will start on the Sound Unit at the end of the month. Students will investigate and understand how sound is created and transmitted, and how it is used.

In geography we will explore the Northeast Region of the United States by describing the population of the Northeast including early settlements, historically significant events and places, and cultural characteristics.

As always please feel free to contact your child’s teacher with questions and concerns. We look forward to a wonderful month of exciting new concepts and learning!

On Tuesday, October 13, Field Day took place at Enterprise. The weather turned out to be great, which made for an even better Field Day than could have been asked for. It was a pleasure to see so many volunteers to help and give encouragement to the students.

The morning Field Day session consisted of Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. Each class had been broken into three teams. Many of the games had a cooperative theme. Some of the games that were played included Chicken Run, Jump Rope Relay, Leg Tie Partner Race, and Class Relay Race. The students had a great time working with their classmates while trying their best!

In the afternoon session, grades 3-5 attended their Field Day. The afternoon theme concentrated on group games. Some of the afternoon games that the students really enjoyed were the Spin, Drop and Pop and Tug of War.

The Spin, Drop and Pop game used balloons as the main item. The students had to spin around a hula hoop 3 times, run out to their hula hoop and then sit down on their balloon while trying to break it. It was very funny and many laughs were heard throughout the entire grade levels.

The game that the upper grade levels enjoyed the most and really looked forward to was the Tug of War. The students gave a great effort to try and help their class win. The winner of the third grade Tug of War was Ms. Winnings’s class. The fourth grade winner of the Tug of War was Ms. Cohen’s class and the
fifth grade winner of the Tug of War was Ms. Mann’s class.

Thank you to everyone who came to Field Day and helped. It was greatly appreciated by not only the staff of Enterprise but by the students as well….See you next year for Field Day 2016-2017!

PARENTAL RIGHT TO INFORMATION ABOUT TEACHERS:

With the passage of the NO Child Left Behind legislation on January 8, 2002, parents in Title I schools have the right to request certain information about their child’s teachers. The information that you have a right to request about your child’s teacher is:

a) Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subjects the teacher is teaching.

b) Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing has been waived.

c) The baccalaureate degree major of certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

d) Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

At Enterprise Elementary School, we are extremely proud of our teachers and teacher assistants, and are happy to provide you any of the above information pertaining to your child’s teacher. If you have such a request, please email Principal McClure at mcclurmj@pwcs.edu and ask for the information you are interested in.