



Kingston Elementary School November/December 2018 Newsletter



From the Principal-

November is here! We kick off the month with parent/teacher conferences on November 7th (dismiss at 1:45), and 8th (dismiss at 11:30). Then on the 9th we will have no school. We close the month celebrating what we are thankful for with Thanksgiving. We will celebrate with no school for the holiday on November 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. HaPpY ThAnKsGiViNg!!! The Kindergarten will be doing their feast on November 20th.

We will be offering a Christmas Shop the last week of November. The PTO is sponsoring this. The Christmas Shop offers low priced gifts for the kids to buy for family members. This gives them the pride of buying something special for a loved one. The dates are November 26th through the 30th. There will be more information sent home soon.

In December we will be doing our winter MAP testing beginning December 10th - 21st. The 2nd grade concert will be held on December 13th. Students should arrive at the high school at 6:30 and the show will begin at 7:00.

Winter seems to come earlier and earlier every year. As we all know the weather in northern Illinois can be very inconsistent. Please make sure that your child is prepared for whatever may come by having coats, hats, mittens/gloves, boots, snow pants, etc. Please make sure that everything is marked with their first and last name. Once the snow falls, ONLY students with proper winter attire will be allowed off of the blacktop during recess.

Our last day of school for 2018 will be on December 21st, on that day we will be having our holiday parties. There will be more information to follow regarding the holiday parties.

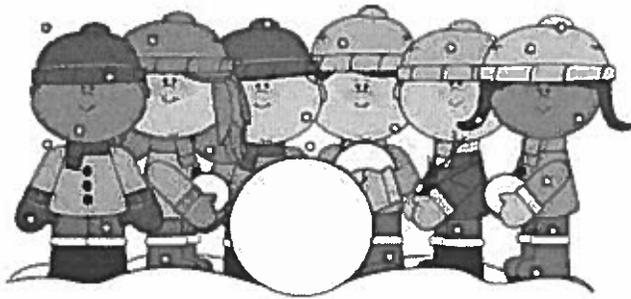
Just a reminder, please call by 2:15 if you are changing transportation for your child. This ensures that we can get them the message in enough time.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime at 815-784-5246 or by email at shill@gkschools.org Also look for us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KingstonElementarySchool and Twitter @kescogs.

Thank you so much for your support!

Stefanie Hill, Principal





Early Childhood Newsletter
December
Teacher: Ms. Maddi

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Time is flying by in early childhood! I cannot believe we are halfway done with the school year! There is so much still to learn, and I'm looking forward to the second semester with the students. In January, the AM class will begin learning about shapes, numbers 1-10, and counting to 10. The PM class will learn many new letters, letter sounds, and how to write letters. We will also learn numbers 11-25.

REMINDERS

- Please send your child in a hat, gloves, and jacket. If there is snow on the ground, please send your child with snow pants and snow boots. If you need assistance providing these items, please let me know.
- If your child is going to be absent, please call
 1. Transportation 815-784-5271
 2. KES office 815-784-5246



AM class making q-tip trees



PM class at the pumpkin patch



Kindergarten

Happy
Holidays!

Thank you to all of our parents and students for making Halloween in kindergarten a Spooktacular event! We all enjoyed our classroom parties. We are extremely appreciative of all of our parent volunteers. Without your help, our parties would have been truly scary.

An extra THANK YOU to all of our families for scheduling parent teacher conferences during Open House. We can't wait to meet with all of you and share your child's progress in kindergarten. If for any reason you need to change your time or simply haven't set up a time, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.



As we begin to prepare for cooler weather, the kindergarten teachers have a few requests. Please remember that we have 25 sets of feet each to attend to; so we appreciate boots without ties! Students will need boots, snow pants, coats and gloves to play in the snow at Kingston Elementary School. We appreciate your help with practicing putting all of these items on at home. Most importantly: LABEL EVERYTHING! We will have many identical sets of items and they often get switched between students in our hallways. We will have the best luck returning your items if they are labeled.

We will be assessing the children for 2nd quarter shortly before we take our winter break. Report Cards will come home with students on Thursday, January 17th. Here are the skills we will be assessing:

Phonics:

- Letter Names and Sounds: Ss, Aa, Tt, Ii, Pp, Nn, Cc/Kk, and Ee.
- Students will be asked to blend to read words using the above letter sounds (short vowel sounds only).
- Tricky Words: the, I, see, to, you, like, play, is, look, all, are, he, she.



Math

- Recognize numbers 0-10.
- Counting groups of objects up to 10.
- Students are expected to verbally count to 20.
- Compare groups using more, less and equal.



First Grade

Conferences will be held the week of November 5th. If you have not scheduled a conference yet, please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to meeting with all of you.

Reading each night for 15-20 minutes is so important. Daily reading helps to improve fluency and comprehension. We have been working on using our reading strategies: Sound it out, flip the sound, use the vowel rules, look for clues, check for chunks and skip it and hop back. Please encourage your child to use these strategies when reading.

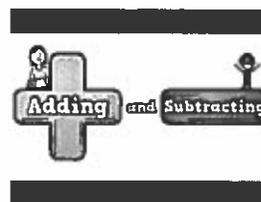


We hope you take time to read a chapter each night from our school-wide book, *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. Each day every class will participate in answering a trivia question relating to the book. The children have enjoyed finding and reading trivia facts around the school relating to the book

Homework

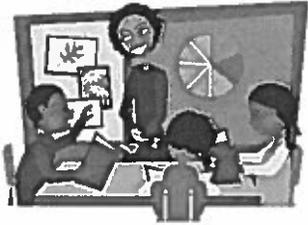
Remember to fill out the monthly reading homework calendar that is sent home. Please make sure your child's name is on it and you have signed it. These calendars count towards our Pizza Hut Reading Incentive Program along with our school's reading incentive program. We have a special reading incentive board by the cafeteria. We track how many days your child has read based on the monthly reading homework calendars. When your child meets a goal on the board, the teacher will move a crayon with his or her name on it. We have many fun awards your child can earn when he or she meets a goal.

In math we have been focusing on addition and subtraction facts. Our third topic with the Envisions math program is Addition Facts to 20: Use Strategies. Topic 4 with focus on subtraction facts. The math papers that are sent home help you to see what we have been working on in class.



Your child goes outside for two recesses a day weather permitting. Please sure they are dressed properly for the change in temperatures.

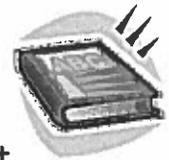
Please send one healthy snack a day. Your child may bring a water bottle to school each day. We encourage you to send bottles that will help limit spills such as ones with straws and lids that close easily. Thank you for your support with our many requests.



SECOND GRADE



Remember the spelling words that your child brings home are life-long spelling words. Please help your child learn these new words. Also, when your child writes, check that these high frequency (spelling) words are spelled correctly. Even when there is not specific spelling homework, take a minute or two to review the weekly word list. It may be helpful to save spelling lists or keep a running list of words to use as a reference. Students frequently struggle with the homophone pairs (their/there, our/are) so making sure they understand the difference is important. Continue to practice those tricky words and point them out in books.



Did you know there are some fun websites or apps to visit for spelling and word work? Check out these sites if you are looking for some additional practice:

www.kidsspell.com/
www.spellingcity.com/
www.funbrain.com/spell/
www.gamequarium.com/spelling.html



Happi & the Word Thief
Rocket Speller
Sentence Builder Free
Phonics Vowels- (short, long, 2 vowels)



We are delighted with the enthusiasm that our students have shown toward the KES Reading Incentive Program! Remember, your child is **not** required to return the leveled sheets the next day. Only reading 15 minutes at a time? That's okay! Divide a box in half and date/initial it with the time read so you don't lose track of those precious minutes. If your child's teacher requires daily reading for an on-going log, remember to count this time for any reading incentive program too. As the goals increase in difficulty, it may take your child several days or even a week or two to complete a level. The goal is to develop a lifelong habit of reading for enjoyment.

SECOND GRADE

(continued)

Math Facts: Remember to practice those addition facts! We will test addition facts again 2nd quarter. Subtraction is right around the corner so it is important to have addition facts memorized.



We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Music Concert on December 13th. Ms. Johnson and our second graders have been working hard to make this performance a success! Details will be coming home soon.



Looking for some fun reading and story websites? Check out these fun links to sites that allow children to hear stories read to them. Hearing stories read aloud is great for students because they will hear good examples of stories read fluently and with expression!

www.storylineonline.net/
www.starfall.com/
www.abcya.com
www.magickeys.com/books/

* The Kidztory Collection Apps
* Oceanhouse Media Apps
* Auryn Inc. Apps



Wondering if a book is too difficult or easy for your child? Check out the five-finger rule. Have your child select a page from the chosen book. Hold up a finger for each word your child cannot read. If you find there are five or more errors, the book is too hard. Choose another book. If your child doesn't make any errors, then the book is probably too easy.



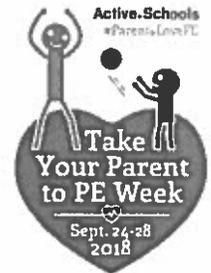
Wanting your child to be more responsible? Encourage chores at home and set up a schedule for your child regarding homework, chores, and free time. Students love routines and knowing what is expected each day. Carry over at home helps students feel successful and they become a contributing member of the family. It carries over to the classroom too!



Physical Education

Welcome to the Physical Education portion of the school newsletter. The first 2 months of school have moved very quickly, and the students have learned a lot! It has been fun working with the students in the afternoon early childhood class, kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade!

I wanted to say thank you to the parents who filled out and returned the colored information sheet that went home in the beginning of the year. It is very important to me that I have insight on the students and what their interests are, as well as, what allows them to be most successful. Additionally, huge thanks to the parents and grandparents who came and took part in Take Your Parent to PE week! I cannot believe how many attended, and am so glad that so many people were able to attend. With that being said, the letter at the beginning of the year stated that students would focus on movement concepts, skills themes, and wellness concepts so please understand that sport skill development will not be a part of the curriculum at KES, as sport skill development at this age is not developmentally appropriate.



The students have worked on a variety of skills so far this year. Skills that have been taught are movement concepts, educational gymnastics, striking, and short jump rope skills. The students are currently participating in rhythmical movements and will focus on some warm up games and relays prior to Thanksgiving. One of the greatest advantages to teaching students at the elementary level is watching their skills progress, and I have seen a lot of improvement during each unit so far this year.

Movement skills, pathways, directions, and levels are some of the basic fundamental skills needed for the building blocks of movement. They include running, skipping, galloping, sliding, etc. All students should be able to demonstrate proper form for all locomotor skills by the end of 2nd grade. The students worked on their locomotor skills by using relays, games, and a variety of stations during class time. The locomotor skills unit ended with the Obstacle Course, which the students participated in during class and had the opportunity to use at Open House. Thank you to those who stopped in at Open House, the final count showed that 200 Kingston students plus their siblings visited the Obstacle Course that evening!

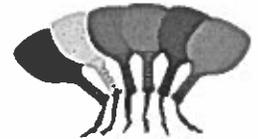




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The students participated in an educational gymnastics unit that was very basic. Students spent time learning a variety of animal movements, practicing on balance beams, and performing log, pencil, and forward rolls. It was nice to see how hard some of the students worked to they and get their form correct for all three of the rolls. In just a short amount of time, great gains were observed!

Manipulative skills are a set of skills that assist the students in developing the talents needed to participate in sports, as they get older. At Kingston, the focus is on the skill, and not the sport. The students have practiced striking (hitting) so far this year and will move onto rolling, tossing, and throwing after Thanksgiving. The students used paddles to strike a variety of objects and used bats to strike off the batting tee. The most interesting part of watching this was trying to figure out who is right hand vs. left hand dominant! Its makes a huge difference with both skills, especially when using the bat.



The students just finished a unit using short jump ropes and man have they worked hard and their hearts have been pumping! The emphasis on the jump rope unit is a forward basic jump, with 2 feet at the same time (using the secret words of swing, hit, jump, back). Students were assessed on their ability to jump on day 4, and as with all skills, there was a wide range of skill levels. Some of the second graders even are capable of doing some "trick" jumps! Way to work hard and to make your heart pump that blood!

PE Reminders:

- All students must have tennis shoes on to participate in class! Rubber soled tennis shoes are needed. No crocs, sandals, or boots will be allowed!
- Shoes must stay on your child's foot during class. If the shoe comes off during activity this is a safety issue for your child as well as the others in the class and after one warning will be asked to sit out.
- Please make sure if your child wears a skirt or dress on a PE day that they have shorts underneath, or there is a chance they will not be able to participate.

THE PBIS POST



Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe



November



This month focuses on respect, which is a very important character trait at Kingston Elementary. Modeling respectful behaviors at home and in public is very important as your child watches everything you say and do. One key phrase students may understand: Follow the *Golden Rule* (treat others as you want to be treated).

What should respectful children do?

- ❖ They speak politely to parents.
- ❖ They show courtesy and honor to others who are older or in positions of authority.
- ❖ They take care of things they borrow.
- ❖ Respectful students listen carefully to someone else's opinion, even if they disagree.

What Can I Do at Home?

- Ask your children how they show respect for: themselves, their family, their friends, and the environment.
- Practice respectful behaviors at home and in the community.
- Read books that have respect as a theme.

Suggested titles: Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Mathia, Arthur's Nose by Marc Brown, Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney, and Big Al by Andrew Yoshi



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Congratulations to our KES students who exhibited the TRUSTWORTHY trait in October! These students were honored on our bulletin board outside the office in the main hall. Every month two students from each class will be honored on our character counts bulletin board. Encourage your child to keep up the hard work!

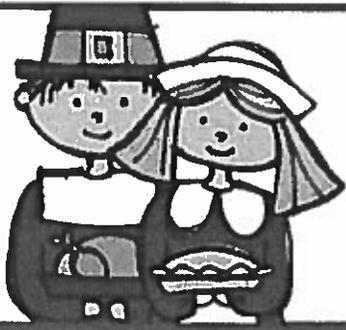
TRUSTWORTHY TRAIT WINNER

E.G.	KINDERGARTEN	1 st GRADE	2 nd GRADE
Jaxon P.	Micah B. Mackenzie M. Daxson D. Lillian M. Will B. Ella P. Nate C. Abby H. Aiden L. Riley Z.	Mateo M. Kaelynn W. Beau N. Addison B. Gabe F. Kimberly P. William S. Amy P.	Jackson R. Nikola R. Porter E. Emma K. Devin N. Jayci M. Cameron R. Scarlet R. Kolton R. Harlie K.

COGS BUCKS & COGS STORE

Accidently washed a purple Cogs buck lately? KES is always looking for good behavior. When students are "caught" exhibiting good behavior, a staff member may give them a purple Cogs buck or even a shout out. Students save their purple bucks to go shopping at the "Cogsmart". Our store is open every month and students are able to buy one thing during store hours. Students can choose among a variety of items ranging from two Cogs bucks up to triple digits! Ask your child what he/she purchased at the end of November or what she/he is saving up for next time!





Building Readers

Mrs. Whittenhall, Reading Specialist

November 2018

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Reading Aloud

We have just started our "One School, One Book" program for this year with *Frindle*. This book is meant to be enjoyed as a family. A parent reading aloud builds the desire to read in children. Here are some tips!

1. Find a comfortable place to read and snuggle up. Have snacks and a drink handy if needed.
2. Remove distractions like the TV and phone. Make sure you are in a quiet spot.
3. Use your best oral reading - smooth and steady, great expression keeps the story interesting, pay attention to punctuation (pause at commas, stop at periods, your voice goes up with a question)
4. Ask questions or make connections to your life or other books. Discussion is what keeps the stories in our heads

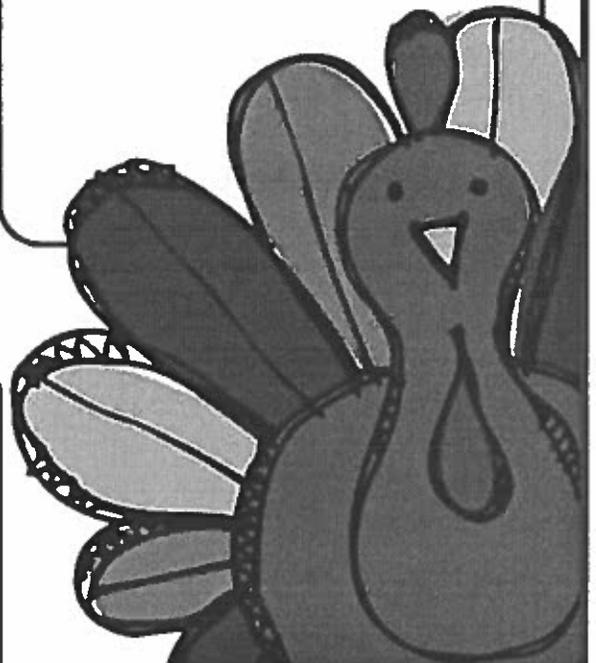
Fun with Words

To help children recognize sounds, try playing games with letter sounds:

- Put three different objects on the table (ie: apple, sponge, fork) and ask "Which one starts with the sss sound?"
- See how many rhyming words you can make with a word chunk like: *ap cap, lap, map, zap, clap, snap, nap, rap, sap...*

Books Kids Love

Great series books for primary grades: Biscuit, Elephant and Piggie, Pigeon books, No David, Pete the Cat, Frog and Toad, and Fly Guy are just a few!



TITLE MATH NEWSLETTER

Ms. Niedermeier

October 2018

Important Dates...

November 7-8

***Parent/Teacher
Conferences***

November 9

No School (SIP)

November 21-23

No School

(Thanksgiving Break)

Up and Coming ...

In the coming weeks we will be moving on to subtraction using 0, 1, and 2. We will also be using 10 frames to add and subtract bigger numbers . We will be busy learning new

Fun things we've learned:

We have been very busy learning about adding two digit numbers using regrouping and using cubes to help us count out bigger numbers to add and subtract. We also practice story problems that join numbers together and compared the numbers to each other. Keep practicing those numbers at home!

Math fun at home!

Play card games with family members or friends to practice adding and subtracting numbers!



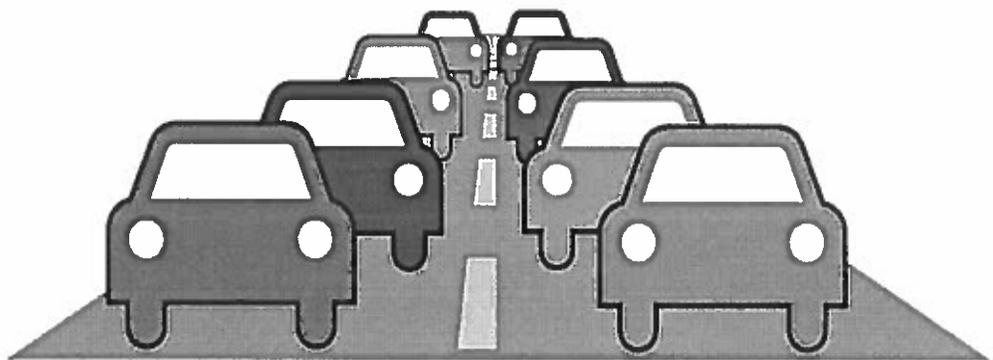
No Pokemon cards!!!

We ask that students not bring items (Pokemon cards or other items) from home. They cause disruptions throughout the day. These disruptions have included; hurt feelings, verbal arguments, and even fist fights.



Student Drop off and Pick up

Please follow the protocol and procedures for drop off and pick up. It is set up for student safety. All it takes is one parent to drop off in the wrong spot to ruin it for everyone.



GENOA COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB
PRESENTS THE 30TH ANNUAL

WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHRISTMAS Craft/Vendor Show

SUNDAY - NOV 11, 2018
10-4

GENOA-KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL
RT 72 (W of Genoa)



ADULTS \$2.00
STUDENTS \$.50



FEATURING:

OVER 140 LOCAL & REGIONAL CRAFTERS, VENDORS, CLUBS
& ORGANIZATIONS – FOOD – 100 DOOR PRIZES

VISIT WITH SANTA 11:30-1:00

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GENOA COMMUNITY
WOMEN'S CLUB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Email: genoacommunitywomensclub@gmail.com for more info.



BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 2018

Genoa-Kingston Elementary

Full \$1.75
Reduced \$0.30
Free to all who qualify

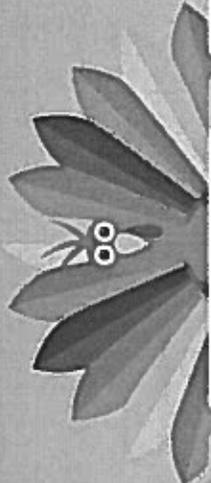
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



5
Cinnamon
Donut Holes
Raisins

12
Glazed Donut
Raisins

19
Cinnamon
Donut Holes
Raisins

26
Glazed Donut
Raisins

6
Egg
Ham and Cheese
Croissant
Fruit Cocktail

13
Apple Cinnamon
Bosco Stick
Fruit Cocktail

20
Egg
Ham and Cheese
Croissant
Fruit Cocktail

27
Apple Cinnamon
Bosco Stick
Fruit Cocktail

7
Bacon and Egg
Breakfast Pizza
Strawberry Cup

14
French Toast
w/Syrup
Strawberry Cup

21
NO
SCHOOL

28
French Toast
w/Syrup
Strawberry Cup

1
Banana Bread
w/Butter
Mandarin Oranges

8
Apple Strudel
Mandarin Oranges

15
Cherry Frudel
Mandarin Oranges

22
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

29
Cherry Frudel
Mandarin Oranges

2
Mini Maple Pancakes
w/Syrup
Cinnamon Applesauce

9
NO
SCHOOL

16
Mini Maple Pancakes
w/Syrup
Cinnamon Applesauce

23
NO
SCHOOL

30
Chocolate Bread
w/Butter
Cinnamon Applesauce

Offered Daily:
Fresh Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice, Assorted
Cereals and Cereal Bars w/Grahams.
Milk: Chocolate, 1% White and Skim

Menu questions call Regan Peterson 815-784-6222 ext. 1727

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LUNCH

NOVEMBER 2018
Genoa-Kingston Elementary

Paid \$2.80
Reduced \$0.40
Free to all who qualify

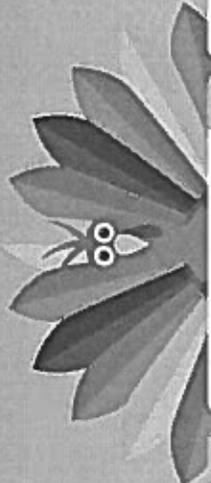
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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Friday



5
A: Creamy Carbonara Pasta
B: Hamburger
Seasoned Peas or Tomato Wedges
Fruit Cocktail or Apple Slices

6
A: Walking Beef Tacos
B: Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Seasoned Black Beans or Cucumber
Diced Peaches or Grapes

7
A: Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
B: Diced BBQ Chicken Sandwich
Potato Smiles or Fresh Spinach
Cinnamon Applesauce or Banana

8
NO LUNCH

9
NO SCHOOL

12
A: Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs
B: Mac and Cheese w/ Diced Ham
Tot Triangles or Tomato Wedges
Fruit Cocktail or Apple Slices

13
World Kindness Day
A: Beef Hard Shell Tacos
B: Chicken Patty Sandwich
Seasoned Black Beans or Cucumber
Diced Peaches or Grapes
Jonny Pop Popsicle

14
A: Pizza Burger
B: Chicken Nuggets
w/Roll
Steamed Carrots or Fresh Spinach
Cinnamon Applesauce or Banana

15
Turkey Day Feast
Gobbie Gobbie

16
A: Personal Cheese Pizza
B: Hot Dog on a Bun
Steamed Corn or Celery Sticks
Sidekick or Orange Wedges

19
A: Creamy Carbonara Pasta
B: Hamburger
Seasoned Peas or Tomato Wedges
Fruit Cocktail or Apple Slices

20
A: Walking Beef Tacos
B: Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Seasoned Black Beans or Cucumber
Diced Peaches or Grapes

21
NO SCHOOL

22
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

23
NO SCHOOL

26
A: Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs
B: Mac and Cheese w/ Diced Ham
Tot Triangles or Tomato Wedges
Fruit Cocktail or Apple Slices

27
A: Beef Hard Shell Tacos
B: Chicken Patty Sandwich
Seasoned Black Beans or Cucumber
Diced Peaches or Grapes

28
A: Pizza Burger
B: Chicken Nuggets
w/Roll
Steamed Carrots or Fresh Spinach
Cinnamon Applesauce or Banana

29
A: Shepard's Pie
B: BBQ Rib Sandwich
Steamed Broccoli or Baby Carrots
Strawberry Cup or Pear slices

30
A: French Bread Pepperoni Pizza
B: Mini Comdogs
Steamed Corn or Celery Sticks
Sidekick or Orange Wedges

Mon & Wed: Smoked Turkey Ham & Swiss on a Pretzel Roll

Tues & Thurs: Ham Salad Sandwich

Friday: Chef Salad w/CROUTONS

PB&J everyday

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Important Dates

November 7th~ 1:45 release- Conferences
November 8th~ 11:30 release- Conferences
November 9th~ No School
November 21st~ No School-Thanksgiving Break
November 22nd~ No School- Thanksgiving Break
November 23rd~ No School- Thanksgiving Break

December 24th- 31st~ No School- Winter Break
January 1st- No School- New Years Day
January 2nd- 4th~ No School- Winter Break
January 7th~ Classes Resume

REMINDER!!!!

Every Wednesday
is a 1:45 release.



Lunch Times

Kinder 11:30-12:15

1st 12:10-12:55

2nd 10:55-11:40

Please help us out!

If your child is having hot lunch please send lunch money in an envelope or baggie with your child's name and lunch money on it. If possible, please send lunch money in once a week preferably on Mondays! It really helps us out.

Thank you for your help!



**Please send your
child with a snack!**

PLEASE remember to call the
office if your child is going to be
absent! 815-784-5246



Please save:

- Aluminum Can Tabs
- Box Tops

