

EES SCHOOL NEWS

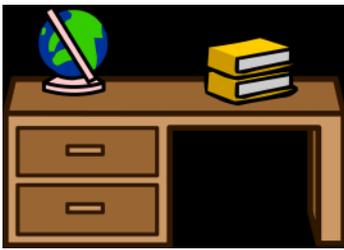
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Reminder!

Unless we have inclement weather, we go out to recess every day for 30 minutes. As the weather changes, please make sure your child arrives at school with cold weather wear. We also recommend that you put your child's name in their garments, as it makes it easier to get items back to their owner. Our lost and found is already full!

From the desk
of
Mr. Farrell



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the families and staff at EES for another wonderful round of parent/teacher conferences. As I walked around the building I saw teachers and families conferring about the successes and struggles of all our children, and I saw them doing so in the spirit of collaboration and teamwork, working together to provide the best possible education for all children. As always, we had a tremendous turnout, (my anecdotal estimate is 95%) indicating the EWSD community's commitment to children and learning. We are a very fortunate community!



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Classroom Happenings

What is an Engineer?

Students in Mrs. Pariseau's class are busy with many learning opportunities. We are all working hard to become the best readers, writers, mathematicians and scientists we can be. In addition we are challenging ourselves to become better and more collaborative thinkers by becoming budding engineers! We have had several opportunities to work with Mrs. Speranza and learn not only, *what is an engineer?* but also to delve into the engineering cycle: *Asking questions, Imagining how to solve a problem, Planning for that problem solving, Creating a solution, Improving and Presenting our solution.* This cycle helps us to learn not only how engineers think and work, but to build an atmosphere of working collaboratively to problem solve! It helps us to learn to accept failure and persevere until we have achieved success!

Some examples from our classroom: building flying machines with partners, testing them and then revising the design to have them fly further. Children discussed why they thought their design was or was not working and collaborated with partners to correct problems in their designs. A second design cycle was simply to create something that was "Not a Box" (from *This Is Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis). The students were very thoughtful when designing with their partners. Only materials from their design list could be incorporated. Children spent a great deal of time with creating everything from a walking fish toy, to a race car, a spaceship and a Barbie condo! When finished the children presented their concepts and strategy for building their "Not a Box" to one another. All the children agree - WE CAN'T WAIT TO TRY AGAIN!

Late Arrival

If your child will be arriving late to school please leave a message on the attendance line. We also ask that you walk your student into the building and sign them in at the front office if they are arriving after 8:30. Thank you!



A Winter Clothing Drive is currently underway to include coats, snow suits, snow pants, hats, mittens, scarves and boots for children and adults. This clothing will be distributed at the Heavenly Pantry during their food distribution on November 16th. We ask that winter wear is clean and in good repair, not to include sweaters or other winter clothing. We would like to receive all donations by November 10th, so that we have time to organize them for distribution day on November 16th. Please drop donations in the box marked Winter Coat Drive in the main entrance area. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Conti at sue-conti@comcast.net. Thank you for your support of this program and for helping your neighbors in need.

Health Office News:

It is vision and hearing screening time for all K, and 1st grade students.

A note will be sent home with your child's results if they require further testing. Please consult your Pediatrician if your child receives a referral. Any referral results should be sent back to me at the Nurses Office. Please feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns about your child's vision/hearing.

* Also, we are collecting old eyeglasses. They are refurbished for those who cannot afford them. You may drop them off at the Nurses Office anytime.

Thank you,
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