



Recently, the Zachary Fire Department put on a puppet show for us. We learned how to Stop-Drop and Roll and what number to call in case of an emergency. On October 21st, we enjoyed a field trip to the Dan Klein working farm and we also went Trick-or-Treating across campus on October 30th. We will be traveling to Baton Rouge on November 3rd for the Stephen Fite "Giddy-Up" & Learn Concert. Yee-Haw! Cotton-Eyed Joe! And away we go!

Prekindergartners have also been busy in the classroom with patterns, estimation, sequencing and letters and sounds. We know a lot about books like the title page and what the author and illustrator do, too. So stay tuned for more fun and hands-on learning as we get more into the holiday season! Our March of Dimes Wonder Walk is scheduled for November 6. Creative checkpoints featuring educational messages for the children will make the walk fun!

Music News

Each K class will perform a Christmas program in Mrs. Lola Hill's classroom during December. You are invited to come. The performance schedule of classes is set up to allow one group of parents to leave before the next comes in.

The girls will be dolls and need to wear Christmas dresses (or skirts and blouses) and shoes. White tights or stockings would be nice. Each girl will also need a red bow in her hair.

The boys will be toy wooden soldiers and should wear dark slacks (black would be nice), long or short sleeved solid white shirts (with collar), and tennis or dress shoes. We will provide the hats and red cross-bands. We need a parent (or two) to bring a tube of red lipstick and help in the classroom to put red circles on the cheeks of the girls and boys.

The students will wear their performance clothes to school on their assigned performance day unless the classroom teacher advises differently. The programs start on time and last under 20 minutes.

You may purchase a DVD of your child's performance for \$10.00. Forms have been sent home. We look forward to seeing you at the program.

Christmas Program Schedule:

Tuesday Dec. 8
 9:15-9:35 Joubert
 10:15-10:35 Cottongim
 11:15-11:35 Thornton
 12:15-12:35 Tucker
 1:15-1:35 Kellogg
 2:15-2:35 Wilkins

Wednesday, Dec. 9
 9:15-9:35 Tassin
 10:15-10:35 Day
 11:15-11:35 Gafford
 12:15-12:35 Manuel
 1:15-1:35 Faircloth
 2:15-2:35 Brady

Thursday, Dec. 10
 9:15-9:35 Knecht
 10:15-10:35 Martin/
 Robertson
 11:15-11:35 Thorne
 12:15-12:35 Wells
 1:15-1:35 Curry/Allen
 2:15-2:35 Albarez

Special Thanks!

A special thanks goes to the Town and Country Book club for the donation given to the Northwestern Elementary School library. The donation is in memory of Lejeune Mills.

Star Students

Bonds	Tanner L.
Bradley	D'Shawn W.
Brown	Sam N.
Carlton	Lindsay B.
Carter	Trinity M.
Collins	Presleigh S.
Darensbourg	Kenson T.
Gehling	Trey B.
Hampton	Bailey A.
Major	Hudson T.
Manchester	Jena J.
Santangelo	Darius T.
Savario	Corey S.
Spangler	Taylor W.
Taylor, H.	Kibi Jae H.
Taylor, P.	Reed F.
Wall	Megan B.
Wojohn	Kaitlyn K.
Albarez	Kaleigh L.
Brady	Hayden H.
Cottongim	Alex C.
Curry	Brooke L.
Day	Jordan S.
Faircloth	Jillian T.
Gafford	Amelia S.
Joubert	Nathaniel H.
Kellogg	Seth S.
Knecht	Wyatt B.
Manuel	Michelle T.
Martin	Ethan S.
Tassin	Mason S.
Thorne	Alex S.
Thornton	Nicholas L.
Tucker	Kayla B.
Wells	Hayden W.
Wilkins	Kristen M.
Broussard	Toriano K.
Favaloro	Makayla H.
Haney	Kiley P.
Mestayer	Pierce M.
Morrison	Jacob S.
Pierce	Kadence K.
Smith	Crawford W.
Dennis	Marvin A.
Hebert	Iyana Jack
St. Romain	Brennan S.
Granville	Nathen B.
Allen	Teryn G.



We had a great time on our field trip to the Corn Maze! We had fun going through the maze, shucking corn, watching the pig races, and riding the cow train.

Some of the skills we are working on are rhyming words, number recognition, graphing, and identifying customs associated with holidays. We look forward to Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving activities.

Please remember the importance of reading aloud to your child daily. It should always be a relaxed and enjoyable time. Here are a few

good ideas to follow when reading to your child:

--make listening to a story a regular part of your child's bedtime routine. This will help your child to develop a lifetime habit of reading before he or she goes to sleep.

--help your child to select the story or book.

--relax! Sit your child on your knee or by your side,

or make sure that he or she is lying comfortably in bed.

--talk briefly about the cover, the illustrations, and the book's title before you start.

--make sure that the child can see all the pictures. These help a young reader to follow the story or understand the information in a nonfiction book.

--from time to time, run your finger under the print to show that your voice follows the line of text. Ask questions to promote comprehension.



First graders have been very busy in the month of October. We carved pumpkins, learned about spiders, and watched the clowns teach us about fire safety. Thank you to the Zachary Fire Department for the clown show. The children loved it!

In November we will learn about life in Pilgrim times. "Journey Back in Time" will provide activities for us to learn about times past.

We will begin learning how to work subtraction equations. Another emphasis will be on problem solving. The students should be able to listen to a math story and tell if it is addition or subtraction and write the equation.

As always we are

working on writing. The students have learned about nouns and verbs. We will learn to include a noun and a verb in sentences that we write.

Please check your child's binder or folder every night for homework and other important notes. Thank you for coming for conferences. We want to keep lines of communication open at all times. Feel free to contact your child's teacher with questions or concerns.



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Important Dates

November 3-PreK field trip to Stephen Fite concert

November 5- Retake Fall pictures, Paper packets go home

November 6-Free dress, March of Dimes Wonderwalk/PreK

November 11 - Veteran's Day Program

November 13-Red Ribbon Day (dress in red "head to toe" contest/prizes)

November 16 & 17 - Journey Back in Time (1st grade)

November 19-Papers go home

November 23-27 - Thanksgiving Holidays

November 30-Students return to school



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FROM THE CHIEF

Thank you to everyone who attended Our Literacy Night and AR Nights and supporting our Book Fair.

We are always grateful for all of your support. Our Wellness Night was very successful. We learned, through hands on experiences, many new things about taking care of our health. We hope to offer another session of our Wellness Night in the spring semester since we had to limit the number of persons who could attend. Our Smart Bodies Walk was awesome. Thank you to Ms. Jacqueline Burrell for outstanding work in coordinating our Wellness Night and Smart Bodies activities. We thank all our parents who volunteered for our Smart Bodies Walk. We thank our fire department for teaching our students about fire prevention and safety, October 8. A special thanks to our parents who decorated our float for Homecoming, especially our chairperson, Ms. Karen Phillips. All of you are awesome!

For information about services provided by Louisiana Promise, the Louisiana Parent Information and Resource Center, please visit: Louisiana Promise www.LPIRC.org
The toll-free information line for parents and educators is: 1-866-751-6958. (Continued on p. 4)

From The Chief

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We will have our fundraiser for March of Dimes this month. Our pre-k students will have their annual Wonder Walk Friday, November 6. Our kindergarten and first grade students will participate in activities for March of Dimes during P.E. classes, November 10. Please give

generously to "save our babies."

We will have a short ceremony November 11, to honor all those who served to preserve our rights and freedoms. Our Veterans Day Program will begin at 9:30 a.m., November 11. We will also celebrate Red Ribbon Day, November 13.

Thank you for coming to the community celebration marking our school

system's fifth year in a row as the number one district in the state. Thank you to our parents for entrusting us with your awesome children. It is an honor and privilege for us to join with you in providing an outstanding education for them.

