



— SOUTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL —

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NOVEMBER 2018

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

October has been an exciting month here at Southwest Elementary School! Thanks to our new Fresh Fruit & Vegetable program our students have been able to try plums, cherry tomatoes, roasted squash, and green apples. They were a little unsure about the squash but loved the plums!

Reading night was a huge success! We loved seeing the students in their costumes and appreciated all of the families taking time to come see us. We are looking forward to next month's family event, Family Math Night on November 15th. Make sure to mark your calendars!

Thank you to those of you that came to conferences. We can't do our job without your support and love to see you involved in your student's education. Also, thank you to those of you that completed our surveys. We are excited to announce the winners on Monday when the students return to school.

This month for AVID we will focus on Costa's Level 3 questions. Students will begin learning about how to ask and answer these questions. Level 3 questions really force students to apply the information that they are learning. Look for more information on this on our Facebook page and in your students work.

Thank you for your contribution to our education:

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 11/1 Early Dismissal (K-4)
No AM PK class
Parent/teacher conf.
Newsletters go home

- 11/2 NO SCHOOL

- 11/5-11/8 Book Fair hours
M-TH 8-10 AM
T/TH 3:00-6:00 PM

- 11/14 Early Dismissal (K-4)
Wacky Wednesday 50¢
(Bracelets)(K-4)
BOE Meeting
6:30 PM @ JB

- 11/15 Math Night 5-6:30 PM

- 11/20 Progress Reports go home

- 11/21-23 Thanksgiving Break

- 11/27 4th grade field trip to
SIM in Chicago

- 11/29 Picture Retakes

- 11/30 Birthday Celebrations
K-4 PBIS-Teacher Swap

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING SW STUDENTS!!

Congratulations to our October AR Winners!	AVID Spotlight Students
<p>1st Grade: Shaylyn Ross, Carter Trimble, Brinkley Engel, Kolin Winchester, Mila King</p> <p>2nd Grade: Rylee Hardesty, Anthony Bernardi, Brylee Morris, Sora Diffenderfer, Roy Anderson</p> <p>3rd Grade: Keira Shutes, Timberly Reed, Eris Valdez, Hannah Porter, Miles Nixon</p> <p>4th Grade: Emiliano Noghrehchi, JeLanna Tall</p>	<p>Pre-K: Ismayil Kilani, AlayJah Montgomery, Cohen Perkins, Eleanor Nasser, Cassidy Jones, Allie Morger, Ryu Tran, Camden Beasley, Lauren Funk</p> <p>Kindergarten: Demi Hardesty, Owen Palmer-Huber, Aspen Bradfield, Atticus Jones</p> <p>1st Grade: Jaelyn Manning, Spencer Boswell, Crecenciana Lopez</p> <p>2nd Grade: Ryland Moore, Brylee Morris, Blaze Gimer</p> <p>3rd Grade: Timberly Reed, Ethaniel Wells, Keira Shutes</p> <p>4th Grade: Alexis Pollard, Olivia Moore,</p>

~~~~~Pre-K~~~~~

This month has been a very busy month for the preschool classrooms here at Southwest! Prior to fall break, most of the classrooms visited the St. James Pumpkin Patch, where they took part in many fun activities, including games, face painting, decorating cookies, storytelling, and they even got to pick their very own pumpkin from the “patch.” That same week, the classrooms celebrated fire safety week with a visit from the Catlin and Tilton fire departments. The firefighters showed the children their fire safety gear that they wear, talked about fire safety, and showed the children a first responder vehicle (different than the large ones that the children are accustomed to seeing). Many of the classroom themes have revolved around fall and fire safety, but other themes the classrooms are working on include boxes, bubbles, cars, and all about me. The teachers enjoyed talking with the families during parent teacher conferences. If you were unable to attend a conference, you can contact your child’s teacher to discuss your child’s progress and development. Please share with friends and family that the next preschool screening for children who are not in the program will be Thursday, November 8th in Danville. Call 444-3266 to set up an appointment.



Mrs. Keyser’s class decorating pumpkin cookies at the St. James Pumpkin Patch.

KINDERGARTEN

We are moving right along in Kindergarten. We are working hard to learn our capital and lowercase letters. We are also learning each letter sound. Our Kindergarten goal for 2nd quarter is for each student to know all their capital and lowercase letters and their sounds. Each student that reaches that goal will participate in a pizza and movie party. They will also sign their name to the goal board.

We would like to thank everyone that came to Parent-Teacher conferences. Please continue to check your child's folder daily. Your support is greatly appreciated.

First Grade

A big thank you to all the families who came in for conferences. We appreciate you taking the time to come in and meet with us to discuss student progress and goals. It was awesome sharing all the great things we are doing in our classrooms! During November, we will be working on mastering various strategies such as, doubles, near doubles, counting on and using number lines to increase our math fact fluency. In reading, we will be focusing mostly on nonfiction as we study life cycles of plants and animals. Lastly, we are super excited about meeting our deputies this month for the Adopt-A-Cop program!!! November is going to be a great month.

SECOND GRADE

IN NOVEMBER WE WILL CONTINUE WITH UNIT 3 BENCHMARK "PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN THEIR HABITATS". WE WILL STUDY ABOUT DIFFERENT HABITATS AND ANIMALS THAT ARE FOUND IN EACH HABITAT. IN MATH WE HAVE MOVED ON TO SUBTRACTION WITHIN 100 USING STRATEGIES. AS ALWAYS, CONTINUE TO READ A.R. AND PRACTICE MATH FACTS FOR FACT FLUENCY. THE STUDENTS ARE ENJOYING THE FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES WE HAVE HAD THUS FAR. WE HAVE ENJOYED APPLES, PLUMS, SQUASH, AND CHERRY TOMATOES. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Third Grade

Happy Fall! Third grade had another visit from Ms. Richter, the Ag Lady from Farm Bureau. The kids learned about pork and painted a pretty picture! We will miss her in November, but look forward to learning about beef in December. In reading the students have been studying characters and their actions. They all wrote fables, and some got to try typing them! Later on this month we will start our unit on Animal Adaptations- a favorite in the past! Third graders are doing Rocket Math in class to help them memorize their multiplication facts. Please use the papers they bring home to practice facts with your child. In addition, students should always be bringing home their library book to read. Please read with them and encourage them to take Accelerated Reader tests when they are ready. As a final reminder, the weather is becoming cooler. Students should be wearing appropriate warm clothes and shoes to school!

Fourth Grade

We have a lot going on this month and so much to look forward to! November 1st is Read-a-Thon day. We're hoping 4th grade can get several generous pledges and earn great books for our classrooms! Thanksgiving break is also fast approaching. Tuesday, November 27th we will be taking a 4th grade trip to Chicago. We will be visiting the Museum of Science and Industry. We are working on more complicated multiplication in math and moving on to Unit 3 for reading (Observing Nature). Be sure to ask your student what they're learning about!



A Note from Ms. Wilt, School Social Worker

This month has been very busy! As Social workers, we want to ensure students know where they can go if they need help! This month, Ms. Wilt and Miss Rose, our fabulous social work intern, taught the students at Southwest about Stop, Walk and Talk. This is a strategy for dealing with disrespectful behaviors. We were able to discuss the meaning of respect, practice saying stop assertively and practice with partners in class! We meet with all K-4 students to discuss Erin's Law on October 24th. Please feel free to contact us for more info.

Data Driven

The holidays are quickly approaching, but those long breaks from school can still be filled with fun and learning. Scholastic Parent offers the following 5 ideas for keeping your student involved in math over holiday breaks!

Create Surveys: Children can create holiday surveys to collect data from family members at dinners and parties. Questions can range from holiday traditions to favorite gifts! Once kids have collected the data, they can create graphs (bar graph, pictograph, line plot) either on paper or online to display the results.

Travel: Many families travel over the holidays. Invite your children to become a part of the travel plans by using MapQuest or other resources to map out the best route to grandma's. They can estimate the time it would take and develop a schedule for the family according to holiday activities.

Holiday Toys: Children can research top holiday gifts from the years their parents or other relatives were kids. For example, find out the number one toy from 1975, how much it cost, and find the difference or price increase over the decades. This is a great way to incorporate many different curricula into one activity. Kids can make a report or poster to show their findings!

Weather: Everyone loves a White Christmas! How many times in the past 10, 20, or 50 years has it snowed on Christmas morning? Children can collect weather data on temperature, precipitation, and/or snowfall levels over the years.

Math Facts: We definitely want to keep children's math facts fluent even over holiday breaks. So play mental math-counting games in the car, math war at restaurants, or have a math family game night so the efficiency and accuracy doesn't slow down.

Try a few of these out and post a picture to our Facebook page so that we can share what we are doing at home!

AVID

Southwest students have been learning how to identify and ask Costa's Level 2 questions. We have spent "Pack Time" reviewing what it looks like to be an AVID student on the bus, and put some new and exciting bus incentives in place to encourage positive bus behavior. Talk to your child about what positive bus behavior looks like and what incentives they are earning. Please continue to check their folders/agenda books nightly. Help us by encouraging your child to be an AVID student!

Always prepared, Very respectful, Intentionally safe, Determined and responsible

***Erin's Law was reviewed with K-4th on October 24th, 2018 and will be reviewed with PK November 5th-16th. Please contact either Mrs. Cline or Ms. Wilt if you have any further questions.**