



Hello Families!

Our school is hosting **NED's Mindset Mission**, a live streaming all school event. A world-class performer takes our students on an interactive educational journey filled with storytelling, illusions, yo-yo tricks and humor. NED's message and memorable friends inspire students, promote academic achievement, and support our school goals.

Never give up Encourage others Do your best®

Our school received this program at no-cost because another school community has paid-it-forward to us. Now it's our turn—you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo and accessories. A yo-yo is both a mindset tool and tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again, and improve. Read more at www.MindsetMission.com/yoyos.

Collectible yo-yos for all ages

SHOW DATE/TIME: _____ LOCATION: _____

SALE DATES: _____ ADDITIONAL DETAILS: _____

CLASSIC YOS

Learn the basics of yo-yoing with assorted fixed axel yo-yos.

\$10



SUPER SPINNERS

Great for basic and intermediate tricks. With a strong throw, these auto-return yo-yos 'sleep' at the end of the string & then come back to you automatically.

\$12



SPECIALTY SELECTION

Assorted professional long spin yo-yos for next level tricks!

\$16



REPLACEMENT STRING PACK

Ten assorted strings to change color or replace a worn out yo-yo string.

\$4



YO-YO HOLSTER

Keep track of your yo and have it ready to go. Attach it to your belt loop or backpack (yo-yo not included).

\$8



Name: _____

Teacher: _____

For more yo-yo fun and to learn tricks, check out:
NEDkids.com



Yo-yo designs and colors may vary.
Make checks payable to our school.
Prices include tax (where applicable).

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	SUBTOTAL
String Pack	\$4		
Holster	\$8		
Classic Yo	\$10		
Super Spinner	\$12		
Specialty Yo	\$16		
TOTAL DUE			

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Backpack Thursday
Pictures



WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2023

FIRST GRADE FUN!

**MRS. CRANSTON & MRS. LONDERGAN'S
CLASS ACT OUT A FALL POEM**



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WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2023

FIRST GRADE FUN!

**MRS. WIDING'S CLASS SHARES WITH
MULTIPLE PARTNERS MOVING DOWN THE
Line**



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WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2023

FIRST GRADE FUN!

**MRS. CAMPBELL'S CLASS
FLASHLIGHT READS**



- 2023 -

OCTOBER

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Major Edwards Elementary School

Monday Alternate:
PB & J Uncrustable or
Assorted Sandwiches

Tuesday Alternate:
Cereal Meal or
Assorted Sandwiches

Wednesday Alternate:
Assorted Sandwiches

Thursday Alternate:
Assorted Sandwiches

Friday Alternate:
Assorted Sandwiches
*Menu Subject to change

If you have any questions,
concerns or meal modifications
please contact Danielle Erickson
508-835-4461 Ext 1407 or email
at
danielleerickson@wbschools.com

2

All Beef Hot Dog
Sweet Potato
Fries
Baked Beans

3

Nachos
Corn

4

Pasta &
Meatballs
Dinner Roll
Broccoli

5

Chicken Patty
Carrots

6

½ Day

9

Holiday

10

Taco Wedges
Baked Beans
Corn

11

Mac & Cheese
Dinner Roll
Broccoli

12

Chicken Nuggets
Sweet Potato
Fries
Dinner Roll

13

Pizza
Carrots

16

Hamburger/
Cheeseburger
Carrots

17

Chicken
Empanada
Baked Beans
Green Beans

18

Pasta
Meat Sauce/
Plain Sauce
Dinner Roll
Broccoli

19

Pizza Sticks
Dipping Sauce
Carrots

20

Chicken Patty
Peas

23

Fish Sticks
Tater Tots
Dinner Roll
Carrots

24

Nachos
Baked Beans
Corn

25

Mini Cheese
Ravioli
Dinner Roll
Broccoli

26

Waffles
Turkey Sausage
Egg Patty
Carrots

27

Pizza
Green Beans

30

Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Peas

31

Taco Roll Up
Baked Beans
Green Beans



Major Edwards Elementary WBPTA

Why Join the PTA?

- Support educational opportunities for every student
- Connect with other parents
- Contribute to the programming and educational offerings
- Keep up-to-date of the happenings at school

PTA Supported Activities/Programming

- Field Trips
- Enrichment programs
- Family events
- Teacher and Classroom supplies
- Teacher Appreciation
- End-of-the-Year Celebration

Joining the PTA does NOT require a time commitment. It involves paying a very small dues to a community-based non-profit organization that spends every penny to improve the lives of our children in our school.

Early Membership Dues: \$20 per household

Please make checks payable to WBPTA and send to school with WBPTA written on the envelope or pay online at: <https://majoredwardspta.memberhub.com/store>

Parent(s) Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Student(s) Name and Grade: _____

Membership questions can be directed to Jacqueline Leonardo

jacqueline.leonardo4@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting the WBPTA!



MAJOR EDWARDS ELEMENTARY

TRUNK *or* TREAT



**Sunday,
October 22nd**

**11:00 AM to
1:00 PM**

**SIGN UP TO BE A "TRUNK" AND PASS OUT CANDY TO THE
FAMILIES OF MAJOR EDWARDS STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT**



Our hallway Monsters are hungry!

**Please donate candy for your child to feed the
monsters and the candy will be used by the
trunks during the event.**

(Rain date is Sunday, October 29th)

CLASSROOM NEWS

PRESCHOOL



CLASS Updates

Welcome everyone! We are so excited for the start of the year, and to get to know both you and your child. To ease the transition in, the first three weeks of school were spent focusing mainly on getting settled in, and establishing routines and procedures in the classroom. During the last week of September, we began working on letter, number, and name recognition, and reviewing basic colors, shapes, and counting.

In October, we will delve into all things autumn. We will learn about fall, farming and harvest time, go on a leaf hunt, explore the insides of a pumpkin, and much more.



UPCOMING Events

- October 7th - Professional development day (no PM preschool)
- October 10th - No school
- October 11th - Scholastic book orders due
- October 26th - Picture retake day
- October 31st - Halloween parade



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Hello Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten! It's been a great transition to a new school year. We continue to build school and classroom routines and procedures. All of us, teachers and students, are working hard to follow our rules: Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful. At the beginning of the year, the students were introduced to new areas and tools of the classrooms where students will practice/reinforce literacy and math skills. Centers are underway in each classroom. This is very exciting! We will be discussing all things Fall! We will incorporate this theme into Literacy and Math activities.

In Math, we will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 10. Be on the lookout for the weekly home-school connection for each topic.

In Literacy, we will continue with Reader's Workshop-what makes a good reader?, why do we read?, book handling, and directionality when reading. We have also kicked off the Foundations program which includes letter recognition, sound and formation. Our writing will include interactive writing, shared writing and writing in our journals. Please continue to read every night with your child!

Happy Fall,
The Kindergarten Team



News Letter

Grade 1

September and October

Thank you all for helping our first graders get off to a great start this year. We have spent a lot of time getting used to our classroom routines and reviewing what we learned last year. It was so nice to be back with our friends and meet new classmates that came to Edwards for the first time this year. Every day the students are remembering to be safe, responsible and respectful.

We are in our third year of using our math program called, “Big Ideas” which is published by National Geographic. The skills of addition and subtraction within 10 are introduced this month. The program includes many strategies, vocabulary, and hands-on activities for each new concept. We are eager to share this program with your child.

Reading and listening to stories is a powerful way to spend time together. We hope you will encourage your child to get cozy with books each day. Enjoyment of books helps to increase curiosity and imagination. It also strengthens communication and social skills! This month during reading we will be asking students to make connections between themselves and the stories we read. These connections to stories and to feelings and experiences of their own deepen students comprehension.

Dates to remember!

- The apple orchard field trip to Tougas Farm is on **Friday, September 29th**. Thank you to the PTA for contributing to the cost of the bus which has made this fun trip possible!
- **Friday, October 6th** is a half day of school for students. Students will be dismissed at 11:25.
- Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day is **Monday, October 9th**; therefore, schools will be closed on that day.
- October is Fire Safety month. Please remember to check your smoke detectors once a month and change the batteries twice a year!

Grade Two September/October Newsletter

Hello Families! It was wonderful to meet so many of you at Open House when you had the opportunity to see your child's new classroom. The second graders are quickly settling into their new routines and schedules!

Math, we continue to implement the Big Ideas math program that we started using two years ago. After completing Unit 1, Numbers and Arrays, We "skipped" ahead to Unit 7, Understanding Place Value, in order to give students a strong understanding of number sense. We will then move on to Unit 2 which focuses on adding and subtracting within 20. In this unit we will review various addition and subtraction strategies with an emphasis on working with fact families and developing automaticity of recalling math facts.

Phonics we are building on the skills that were taught in Foundations in first grade. We are reviewing closed syllables, marking up words and writing words with "glued" sounds. In addition, we are practicing first grade "trick" words.

During Readers' Workshop, we are beginning to learn about story elements such as beginning, middle, end, problem, solution, characters and setting. We are also working on building reading stamina so students can learn to read independently for longer periods of time.

We have also been doing "Growth Mindset" lessons to help our second graders learn strategies to face challenging situations with a positive outlook.

Sincerely,

The Second Grade Team



Welcome Third Grade Families!!!

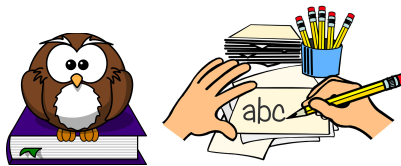
What a great start we have had! We have been busy getting to know each other, learning classroom expectations, getting ourselves organized, and beginning our academics! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our annual Open House on Wednesday, September 20th! We hope you were able to learn about our curriculum and the expectations for your child. Thank you for making the effort to be there to learn about your child's school experience and become involved with our school.

Here is what we have been up to:



Math

In Math, we are diving into understanding what multiplication is in relation to adding equal groups, repeated addition, arrays, and using number lines. We are also learning about the concept of division as subtracting equal groups, repeated subtraction, and using numbers. In the next unit we will begin to learn and study the multiplication facts. Once we delve into this, we will ask students to study their multiplication math facts for about 5 minutes each night.



Literacy

In our reading block we are discussing how to talk about books, support our thinking with evidence from text and how to mark interesting or important places in our books for discussion. We are studying authors and noticing techniques that are used by different authors in their books. We will also be learning about the different genres of books and giving evidence for why books fall into different

genres. We will look closely at "reading as thinking". It is important to stop and think and stop and jot down our understanding of what we are reading. Good readers ask questions before, during, and after they read. We will practice many strategies a good reader uses. Half the time, we don't even know we are doing it!! It is an exciting time to watch the students enjoy books all the while, paying attention to how many thinking skills they really use all of the time. They rely on their schema and background knowledge to make connections and inferences that make reading a much deeper experience.

We are working on writing a strong paragraph with a topic sentence, important details, and a closing sentence. Then we will work on how to expand this paragraph into a multiple paragraph essay using supporting details using graphic organizers. The students will be editing their work for capitalization, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

In phonics, we are reviewing open and closed syllables and when to use the digraph -ch or the trigraph-tch. We will also discuss closed syllable exceptions and the spelling of the /k/ sound.



Social Studies

In Social Studies we have been learning about where we are in the world. Ask your explorers what continent we live on, what country, and what region! They will be able to tell you what the 6 New England states are and locate West Boylston on a map of Massachusetts!

Wrapping Up!

Lastly, a friendly reminder to have your children bring in jackets and sweatshirts as the weather gets cooler as we will have the windows open in the classroom. New beginnings can be tough and we are very grateful for your support this year. We are so happy to have a great start of the year and are so excited to see how your children will learn, explore, and grow with us this year!

Sincerely,
The Third Grade Team

Fabulous in Fourth!

September/October 2023



Welcome! We are so glad you're here!

Reminders:

-Please request work when you report your child's absence. It can be sent home with a sibling/neighbor or it can be picked up at the office after school.

-Students have a "working snack" at approximately 10:30 a.m. Please send in a small, healthy snack and reusable water bottle.

-Our classrooms are very warm throughout the year. Please remind your children to dress in layers and bring a reusable water bottle.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Students are...

- Reviewing strategies that answer the question: "What do good readers do?"
- Picking 'just right' books
- making connections and using schema
- thinking about the text while reading
- Increasing their reading stamina with specific focus on improving comprehension
- Students will be learning how to annotate the text to "catch their thoughts"
- Learning about Narrative Writing
- Using strategies from the Self-Regulation Strategy Development Model (SRSD) to help them become stronger, more independent writers
- building skills and confidence in the area of written expression
- Producing written assignments on the computer
- Writing in journals to allow more creative opportunities to express themselves

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

Students are...

- Learning how Scientists "do science" and how they make observations
- Making their own observations in many different settings
- Recording their observations using physical properties
- Experiencing how Scientists use the Scientific Method and working through each of the steps
- Designing their own experiment using the Scientific Method
- Discovering the three states of matter and the differences between them
- Thinking about the different ways matter can change its state
- Using Map Skills such as latitude, longitude, map keys, the compass rose and scale
- Going on a Map scavenger hunt
- Getting excited for their Field Trip to New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill
- Looking forward to Massachusetts Audubon Society enrichment programs

MATH

Students are...

- Understanding the Values of digits on Place Value Chart
- Reading & Writing Multi-Digit Numbers
- Comparing Multi-Digit Numbers
- Rounding Multi-Digit Numbers
- Estimating Sums and Differences
- Adding Multi-Digit Whole Numbers
- Subtracting Multi-Digit Whole Numbers
- Problem Solving: Adding & Subtracting

Please start practicing basic multiplication facts a little bit each night. Multiplication is the foundation of fourth grade math. Knowing their facts will not only enhance their learning, it will boost their math confidence!

Looking Ahead:

Half Days - October 6, November 20 & 21

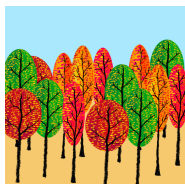
No school - October 9 & November 10, 22, 23, 24

Tower Hill Field Trip - October 13

Halloween Parade - October 31

Festival of Gratitude - November 16

Parent/Teacher Conferences - November 20 & 21



Your Fourth Grade Team,

MRS AVERY, MRS. LEMAY, MRS. MILLER,
MRS. HEIDEMANN, MRS. ATKINSON



GRADE 5 *newsletter*

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2023

LITERACY

WORD STUDY

- Greek & Latin roots - plur, mega, multi, poly
- Greek & Latin roots - mono, uni, sol
- Prefixes and suffixes - the three sounds of -ed, vowel suffixes

READING / WRITING

We started the year with a review of summarizing fiction and nonfiction texts. Next we'll apply our skills to a historical fiction novel called Home of the Brave and read analyze nonfiction texts about refugees.

MATH

Place Value: Students have been studying the place value system with both whole numbers and decimals.

Upcoming Units: Solving and writing numerical expressions and adding and subtracting decimals

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

- **Plant Unit:** Students are learning about plant parts and their functions. We will also focus on the process of photosynthesis and how plants make their own food.
- **Upcoming:** 3D plant poster project-more info coming soon
- **Government Unit:** Branches of Government

REMINDERS

Half day of school - Friday, October 6, dismissal at 11:25am
No school - Monday, October 9

Culture and Diversity



September 15-October 15 is Hispanic Heritage month. The website, *We Are Teachers*, describes this Heritage month in this way:

"Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates Americans who have ancestry in countries that speak Spanish. That includes Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain. It was started in 1968 by President Lyndon B. Johnson as a way to celebrate the contributions of Americans who had come to the United States from Spanish-speaking countries. Back then, it was a weeklong celebration. It was expanded to a month in 1988 by President Reagan."

For some ideas on how to celebrate this month at home, go to this website: [We Are Teachers: Hispanic Heritage Month Activities.](#)

Multilingual Learners



During September, we reviewed the steps of “Turn and Talk” and are working on speaking in complete sentences and using language that helps direct good academic discussions. We have also been exploring the meanings and histories of our names. We have reviewed the writing process and are currently completing a paragraph about our name stories.

In October, we will begin our unit on seasons and the weather. We will delve more deeply into the writing process and informational writing while writing about the weather and the seasons. Building on our knowledge of the parts of speech that we studied last year, we will be focusing on sentence structure and how to write “super sentences.”

Remember, being multilingual is a superpower! Keep your home language strong by reading and speaking with your child(ren) in your home language as much as possible.

Reading Corner



September/October

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!!



Summer Reading SHOUT- OUTS

It was great to see so many students bring back their "Summer Reading SHOUT-OUTS" to have displayed and shared with others. This [slideshow](#) was created to showcase these books, and include some YouTube links to read alouds of the books, authors websites, and other connected books students might enjoy.

We enjoyed seeing many of you at the Open Houses for grades 1-5. If you were not able to make it you can scan this QR Code for some

Reading Resources that were shared.




“Fall” Into Reading by participating in [this](#) family activity.

“Fall” Into Reading at Major Edwards!!!!

On your own, or with a friend or family member, complete at least four of the activities below. Choose one of the books you read, and decorate the leaf to go along with your book. Return to the Reading Room for a small prize.

Read a book with an orange, yellow, red, or brown cover or spine. <hr/> Book Title	Read a book by an author you are thankful for. <hr/> Book Title
Read a book with fall or autumn in the title. <hr/> Book Title	Create a cozy area to read a book. <hr/> Book Title
Read a book that takes place in the Fall. <hr/> Book Title	“Fall” into a nonfiction book about a topic that you like. <hr/> Book Title
Read with your pet or favorite stuffed animal. <hr/> Book Title	Read a book outside or about an activity you enjoy in the Fall. <hr/> Book Title



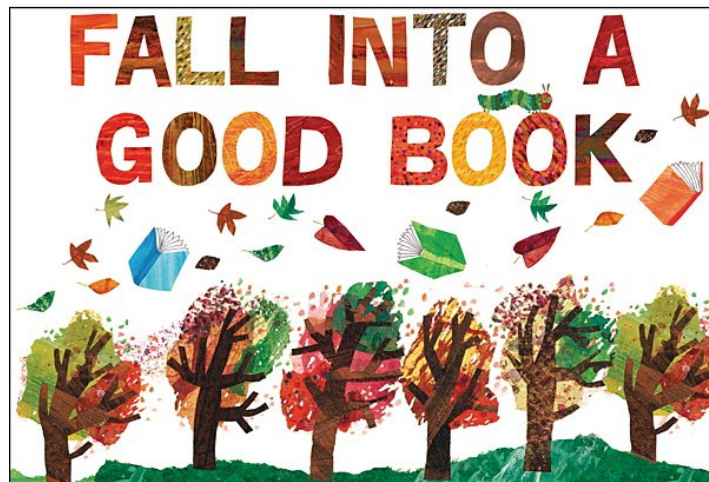
Book Title _____
Author _____
Student Name _____
Teacher _____

We are looking forward to being a part of your child’s reading journey! We can’t wait to hear about the new authors, genres, and non-fiction topics they explore this year.

Mrs. Bokankowitz and Mrs. Gangai

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SPECIALIST NEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students kicked off the year in Physical Education by learning WHY P.E. is important in their lives. Students made connections to how P.E. can benefit their mental, physical, and emotional health! Since then the grades learned Locomotor and Non- Locomotor skills. Kindergarten and 1st grade showed off their skills through repetition, while the older grades did group demonstration, recall, and were able to define the movement patterns. Moving forward all grades will be introduced to the Parachute, and play “Fleeing” games. We look forward to working with the students and further increasing their physical health.

MUSIC

To begin the school year all grades have been introduced to the concept of solfege (Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Ti, Do). Each note also has a corresponding hand sign which the students have been learning. This upcoming month the students will be introduced a “new” composer, Johanne Sebastian Bach. If you would like to experience some of our favorite music class songs at home with your student(s) search “Beethoven’s Wig” and “Beep Beep Beep Beethoven’s Wig” on YouTube.

ART

Students have been learning their way around the art studio and are having a great time exploring materials and learning new techniques along with routines and expectations. September we focused on the book the DOT and used the elements and principals of art to create our artwork. Line, Shape, Color and Repetition were our focus.

October brings in a new season with exciting lessons, including celebrating some of the incredible Hispanic Artists who have been a source of great inspiration, such as Joan Miro, Frida Khalo, and Margarita Azurida. Surrealism, symbolism and portraiture will be a focus in October.

