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**Important reminder:
Parent/Teacher Conferences
12:45 Dismissal - November 17, 18, 21, 22, & 23**

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM...

Preschool The first six weeks of our Preschool curriculum have flown by! We are about to enter our next curriculum unit of Balls. Preschoolers enjoy exploring Balls. It helps to build our curiosity about how people use balls and what they are made of. We will also discover what is inside a ball, how balls can be used for work, and how high they can bounce. We will also talk about the different sizes, textures, and weights of balls. Balls are going to make a really interesting and engaging study to help us learn. Preschool is so much fun!

Kindergarten started to learn how to sign into our Chromebooks along with iReady and Happy Numbers. We are very excited to add these to our small group rotation. In math we started addition. Foundations we are reviewing letters already taught along with learning about p & j. We will be making holiday cards for the Palmyra High School Band Annual Craft fair. We will continue reading stories to reinforce manners and being kind.

First grade has had a lot of fun during the first marking period. We are successfully working in learning centers during reading and math. Currently we are in Unit 2 of the Journeys reading series. In Foundations, we are successfully tapping out and reading words with digraphs. In Math, we just finished up Chapter 3 where we learned many different strategies to add numbers with sums larger than 10. We are excited to start our next chapter where we will learn different strategies to subtract from numbers larger than 10. The students also really enjoyed sharing with their classmates "who they are thankful for and why" for our November bulletin board.

Second grade This week second grade is learning all about super storms and how each storm displays different characteristics. After taking a quick poll our students think the hurricane is the worst storm while a blizzard doesn't seem that bad because they can have a snowball fight and make a fort with all of that snow! Starting chapter 4 in math takes steps to learn how to add two-digit numbers with regrouping. Learning strategies to help find the answer to each problem gives us great tools in our math backpack.

Third grade is finishing up with their first chapter on understanding multiplication! Students made turkey arrays to show different ways to represent a multiplication problem including an array, repeated addition, multiplication problem, and word problem to match their math fact. In reading, students are learning about non-fiction text features and why they are important.

Fourth grade students have started their division unit in math! In reading and language arts the students are learning about fact and opinion, verb tenses, and how to summarize. The students are also switching over to social studies for the second marking period and will start with learning about geography & where NJ is located on the globe!

Fifth graders are looking forward to ending our Philanthropy unit by packaging 1,200 utensil packets for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. They have been learning a lot about people who don't have enough to meet their basic needs. We are hopeful that these lessons have taught them the importance of gratitude, especially at this time of Thanksgiving.

Charles Street Gets Ready for Thanksgiving



Photographs by
Carter Harris—Grade 5

MUSIC

This week in music, all K-2 students are beginning to learn their winter concert songs for our concerts on December 13th! All Kindergarten classes are learning “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” and our 1st and 2nd grade classes are learning “Let’s Be Jolly”. In 3rd grade, our students are putting our rhythm reading skills to the test and playing rhythm bingo for prizes! In 4th and 5th grades, our students are using our knowledge of rhythms to compose songs including whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes and quarter rests. Once students are finished composing their songs, they will either perform them as a solo or as a class on percussion instruments!

Kindergarten is busy learning Math in Mrs. Gaffney’s class -

Photographs by Carter Harris, Grade 5



Winter Holiday Children's Coat Giveaway

Hosted by: Senator Troy Singleton & The Burlington County Commissioners

December 3rd

10 am - 12 pm

Palmyra Community Center

30 W Broad St

Palmyra, NJ 08065



Parents must register to receive a coat & children must be present!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

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| November 17 - 23 | 12:45 Dismissal |
| November 17 | Parent/Teacher Conferences
6:00-8:00 |
| November 18 | Parent/Teacher Conferences
1:00 - 3:00 |
| November 21 | Parent/Teacher Conferences
1:00 - 3:00 |
| November 22 | Parent Teacher Conferences
1:00 - 3:00 |
| November 23 | 12:45 Dismissal Thanksgiving Break |
| November 24-25 | No School - Thanksgiving Break |
| November 30 | Pajama Day Fundraiser for CHOP
Wear your warmest PJs, (sneaks, no slippers of course), and support CSS Student Council's Fundraiser for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia |
| December 13 | Kindergarten Concert - 1:00

Winter Concert - Grades 1 & 2 - 6:00
<i>Concerts are held in the gymnasium, entrance through door # 9 on Walnut Street 15 minutes prior to start.</i> |
| Dec. 23-Jan. 2 | Winter Break - Schools are closed. |
| January 3 | Schools Reopen |



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are excited to announce that Charles Street School Student Council is participating in Pajama Day to raise funds for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)! On November 30th, we invite all students to wear their favorite school-appropriate pajamas and bring in an optional donation to help raise money for the children and families cared for at CHOP. If you would like to make a gift by check, please make it payable to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and put "Pajama Day" on the memo line. Your contribution is tax deductible. We are also accepting donations online at

<https://chop.donordrive.com/campaign/Charles-Street-Student-Council>.

Giving back and creating a sense of community are important to us at Charles Street School. By supporting Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, you are helping to create breakthroughs for sick and injured kids right here in our community *and* all around the world. CHOP is a charitable organization that has been serving families and advancing pediatrics since 1855.

We thank you in advance for helping us make this effort a success by saying YAY to Pajama Day! Every dollar makes a difference in the life of a child at CHOP. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Gaffney at Jgaffney@palmyra.k12.nj.us

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Gaffney
Student Council Advisor



Charles Street School Student Council will be collecting new, unwrapped toys until December 7th. Collection boxes are located in the cafeteria and in the front lobby.

TOYS FOR TOTS



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