



Morse Newsletter

November 14, 2022

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and had the opportunity to do a little something in honor of community veterans. As I shared last week, November is a shorter month but a lot of important learning happens this month as we get ready to wrap up the first trimester. By now, all classrooms have had adequate time to establish routines and set clear expectations for how learning should look, sound, and feel in each learning space. Please continue to check in with your child daily and reach out to teachers with questions, concerns and feedback. For the last few weeks, teachers have been supporting students in setting both whole class and individual goals - some still focused on behaviors and others focused on academic goals connected to the fall data that was collected. You will be seeing the results of this goal setting reflected on the first report cards of this school year, coming home in just a few weeks. Please continue to support your child's education by ensuring good attendance habits and communicating regularly with teachers to discuss progress and any challenges that your child may be experiencing.

Attendance Strategies for Elementary School Parents

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick (i.e., fever, vomiting)
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up (possibly a family member, neighbor, or another parent)
- Schedule medical appointments and family trips for weekends and when school is not in session

Reminders this week include:

As anticipated, the weather has changed abruptly. This week looks to be colder and rumor has it, it may snow a little on Wednesday. Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for this weather change with pants, close toed shoes, jackets, hats, and even mittens would be a good idea now.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or need support for your child or your family. Have a great week!

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Notes from the Office:

Reminder: RSU 3 HAS RECEIVED FREE AT HOME COVID-19 TEST KITS FROM A FEDERAL PROGRAM. EVERY STUDENT AND STAFF MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A KIT SHOULD CALL THEIR SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE.

Important Upcoming Dates.....

- 11/14 - School Board Meeting at Morse School
- 11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/30 - School Picture Retake Day



Check Out What's Happening at Morse School: **Week of 11/7**

K/1	<p>This week we started our unit on families. Our big questions are what makes a family and how do families help each other. We will continue this unit by looking at family roles and responsibilities, how families change, and family traditions. Our first grade students will also take a look at how families were different in the past. If you would like to send in any family pictures to share next week, you can either email them to me at sgreenlaw@rsu3.org or send them in your child's folder.</p>
1	<p>We have been having fun with some addition games this week. Fall Roll and Bump with two or three addends, as well as, IXL on the laptops. We are finishing up our addition unit on sums to 10 this week. Ask your child to tell you some strategies they can use to solve addition. In science we have been learning more about the seasons and the reason for seasons. Reading groups will be sharing what they learned about the season they became experts on. In writing we used transition words to help readers understand the order of events. Can your children name a transition word?</p>
2	<p>Reading groups are working nicely in second grade. We are working at our independent learning levels and challenging ourselves to grow as learners. We are using our laptops more in class and students are really enjoying prodigy learning. I will be sending home information for using it at home, if you're interested. Runny noses are upon us and we could use some tissues. Thank you</p>
3	<p>In third grade, we closed up our first chapter in math adding and subtracting within a thousand. We focused on four math strategies to solve these problems by drawing place value blocks, using expanded form in the break-apart strategy, an open number line and standard algorithm. Ask your child which is their favorite way to solve.</p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>We started our unit on fraction equivalence and comparison in math. We focused on government, voting, and elections this week during social studies. We also discussed the freedom we have in our country due to the great sacrifice that veterans have made. We all agreed that we want to say a big THANK YOU to all veterans!</p>
5	<p>In 5th grade we finished up our opinion writing pieces and started taking a serious look at dividing numbers within 100. Most of the students want to jump right into the standard long division algorithm. I'm hoping this math unit will show those who struggle with division that there are other strategies that may be easier to use.</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>This week students worked on shadow people based on Keith Haring murals.</p>  <p>Haring's Work</p> <p>Student Work</p>