

## NOVEMBER, 2008 NEWSFLASH!!!!!!

WE ARE DOING GREAT THINGS AT MADILL SCHOOL THIS MONTH!

### UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN ~ MRS. SELLERS:

Thank you parents once again for your participation in all our October activities. We received many positive comments on our Scarecrows. Thanks to those who participated in our first "Parent Group" meeting. I hope we have a fun-filled year with lots of interesting activities. This month we'll have a Thanksgiving Feast as we learn all about the Holiday. Get ready to use your creativity as some turkeys will be coming home for you to help your child decorate. Ask your child to recite Peter-Peter Pumpkin Eater or Little Miss Muffet. They'll impress you- I know it!

### DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN ~ MRS. POWERS:

November is an exciting month in Developmental Kindergarten! In November we will start units that go along with letters of the alphabet! Our weekly theme units for November are as follows: Letter Aa-Amazing Animals and Letter Tt - Turkeys & Thanksgiving. Our shape for the month is the triangle and the number for the month is 3. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. The children in Developmental Kindergarten give us many things to be thankful for!

KINDERGARTEN ~ MRS. FARRELL, MRS. BINION: During the month of December we will introduce/review the letters Aa, Tt, Cc, and Dd. We will work with the keys -at and -ad. The children will be able to read and write words with these letters! We will continue to work on our sight words and of course use all of the skills we have learned so far to make some wonderful decorations! We hope to see our families at our Holiday concert!

### GRADE 1 ~ MRS. RISHE:

We will be studying the Pilgrims and how things were in the past. We are practicing sight words and short vowels a, e, i, o, and u daily. We are adding doubles (ex. 1+1, 2+2, 3+3). We will be adding pennies and then dimes.

### GRADE 2 ~ MRS. DAVIS:

We are learning about families and communities long ago. Keep reading at home every night. We continue to review and memorize basic math facts. You should see some fantastic writing going home this month!

MRS. SPOONER ~ MRS. SMITHERS: We have been off to a great start. September and October have been very busy months. The students have settled into a nice routine and are working hard. We have been working on Fall activities. The students are enjoying all of their specials. The visit with Sparky the Fire Dog was lots of fun for all the students. Don't forget to keep reading with your child for at least 15 minutes, 12 nights a month to keep up with the Madill Literacy Leader's Program.

### MULTIAGE ~ MRS. SHEPPARD & MRS. HAMMOND:

Multi-age is off to a great start! We are proud of how hard the children have been working. In November we have many exciting things we will be working on. One unit of study will be learning about the first Thanksgiving and the roles the pilgrims and Indians played. We will be welcoming two student teachers to our class as well. They are Potsdam State Students- Mr. Pacelli and Mr. Rickett. We want to remind our students to remember to read every night for added practice.

GRADE 3 - MS. WRIGHT AND MRS. BLACKMER: Happy Holidays from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This month we will be preparing for the New York State English Language Arts test. Please have your student read every night for 15 min. We will have a Holiday party on December 18, 2008. Please begin to review multiplication facts with your student.

### GRADE 4 ~ MRS. KELLY:

This month we will be reading a great story called "The Doughnuts". We'll be learning about sequence and character traits. In Math, we will quickly review addition and subtraction, and then we'll move on to multiplication and division. Science will get interesting when we begin learning about animals with backbones and animal adaptations. We will begin learning about New York's first people in Social Studies. I hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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### GRADE 5 ~ MR. FLEAHMAN AND MRS. MATHEWS:

We have much to be thankful for in fifth grade, but we are most thankful to get our New York State Exams out of the way. November means that your children will be taking the New York State Social Studies Exam. The test is given in two parts, day one is multiple choice and day two is a DBQ essay. The exam is long and exhausting, so help us out by feeding your child a healthy breakfast and getting them to bed early for a good night sleep. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

### GRADE 6 - MRS. DASHNAW:

Grade 5 Science- The students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science will be working on Plant Systems for the first half of the month then move onto traits of Living Organisms.

Grade 6 Science- We will be moving on from Unit A- Continuity of life to Unit B-The Changing Environment. We will be looking at the Cycles of the Biosphere, Ecosystems and Population. In Social Studies, the students will be working on Early Civilizations of the Middle East.

### GRADE 6 ~ MRS. HORTON:

In ELA this month we will complete our unit on nouns and begin our study of verbs. We will be reading The River, Where the Red Fern Grows, Nightjohn, and From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler as part of our reading program. In Social Studies the sixth grade will explore Ancient Egypt. They will learn about the lives of the ancient Egyptians from artifacts that Archaeologists have found and writings. Students will discover enormous stone structures and explain how the Egyptians influenced the lives of many cultures and civilizations all over the world.

### MRS. LAKE'S CLASS:

This month we have been celebrating Fall with hands-on Halloween projects, meeting new characters and a field trip. We are working on creating a spooky Halloween Village in our weekly Occupational Therapy Group. We can't wait to bring them home to decorate. Our adventures with "Nate the Great" have ended, but we are meeting several new characters as we explore some Halloween stories. Everyone is working on earning their accelerated reader points for the month. Our School Wide reading program has begun. Please help your child read at home and complete their monthly reading chart, which is attached in their planner. We also traveled to Old McDonald's Farm for a great day learning about animals and fall. Thanks to everyone who participated in Parent Teacher Conferences.

MRS. WELLS' CLASS: The students in Mrs. Wells' class are waiting with excitement to find out who will become the next president of the United States! Learning about the election process and facts about our government has been great fun! The students know many facts about the requirements for becoming president-the voting process and parts of our government. The students have also recently completed a Nutrition Unit and will continue learning about how to stay healthy and the amazing parts of the human body... Happy Thanksgiving!!~

### TITLE READING & MATH ~ MISS BALL, MRS. SHOLLETTE & MRS. SARGENT:

Congratulations to all students who met their reading goal for the month of October. These students will receive a coupon towards the fall book fair. The November charts will be due on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to the students in grade 3-6 that have received certificates for work in 1<sup>st</sup> in Math. Keep working hard!

CINDY BURNS-MCDONALD ~ SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Girls' Club will meet Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> after school to discuss important women in History and the changing roles of women. Please discuss these changes with your daughters. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> is National School Psychology week. Please visit websites for more information. The New York Association of School Psychologists ([www.nyasp.org](http://www.nyasp.org)) and the National Association of School Psychologists ([www.nasponline.org](http://www.nasponline.org)). There are helpful tips for parents and resources. Mrs. Carrie Tracy will visit Madill School during the week of Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Tracy is the Citizens Against Violent Acts (CAVA) educator. She will present age appropriate lessons regarding "Good touch-Bad touch" to the Madill School Children as part of the Safe Schools Program.

PTA PRESIDENT~ CAROL MOLINARI: We have the annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a drawing for a Thanksgiving Turkey dinner for a lucky family. Stop by the Book Fair to purchase a ticket. Our next meeting will be Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the Library. We hope to see you there. If you can't make it, we will have the minutes posted in the school for your convenience.

