

OCTOBER, 2009 NEWSFLASH!!!!!!

WE ARE DOING GREAT THINGS AT MADILL SCHOOL THIS MONTH!

UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN ~ MRS. SELLERS:

September was a busy month in UPK. We are settling into a nice routine. Thank you parents for being so patient and cooperative with all of the paperwork. The color of the month is red. The shape of the month is a circle. Thank you to those who attended Open House. It was a big success.

DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN ~ MRS. POWERS: October will be a busy month in Developmental Kindergarten. We will work on counting to 5 with one to one correspondence. We will also continue to work on recognizing, counting and writing the number 2. We will continue to work on recognizing, naming and spelling our colors. The colors we will work on in October are as follows: blue, purple, black, white and orange. Our shape for the month of October is a square.

KINDERGARTEN ~ MRS. FARRELL & MRS. BINION:

The Kindergarten classes are settling into routine. Thanks for your cooperation. The children have enjoyed playing rhyming games which help with reading readiness and will use the language and concepts we have learned during the month of September to build upon in October. We look forward to sharing your child's growth at Parent-Teacher Conferences at the end of the month.

GRADE 1 ~ MRS. DAVIS & MRS. SWEENEY:

This month we begin spelling. Look for spelling words that come home to study. Tests will be given on Fridays. We are having so much fun learning new sight words and word families. I hope everyone has been enjoying the take home books. In science we are learning about weather and will soon begin our exciting pumpkin unit.

GRADE 2 ~ MRS. RISHE:

We are enjoying a new math program full of technology and fun. In reading we have settled nicely into our guided reading groups. We are enjoying our chapter books. Please continue to read at home. In science and social studies we will begin our weather unit and then on to PUMPKINS!

MRS. SPOONER & MRS. SMITHERS: The children are off to a great start. They have been adjusting to the new school year without any problem. Many of them have demonstrated their independence skills. They are ready for a fun filled, exciting school year.

MULTIAGE ~ MRS. SHEPPARD & MRS. HAMMOND: We would like to welcome back all of our 1st and 2nd graders to our Multi-Age. Thank you to all the parents who attended back to school night! We are currently working on a social studies unit about communities and neighborhoods. We enjoyed our field trips in the community to the fire station and City Hall. We are looking forward to pumpkin activities and a Halloween party. Notes will be sent home with more details. Thanks for your support!

GRADE 3 ~ MS. WRIGHT AND MRS. BLACKMER: Third grade has gotten off to a great start this year. We are looking forward to reading the novel The Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla in English Language Arts. We will be working on subtraction in math class this month. The third graders will have a Halloween party on October 30, 2009. There will be more information to follow. Please practice addition and subtraction facts each night!

GRADE 4 ~ MRS. DASHNAW: Welcome to 4th grade! The students are settling in and getting used to their daily routines. Please continue to talk to you child about their day and what they did in school. We are excited to have a student teacher with us, Miss Jones, from SUNY Potsdam. She will be taking over most of the teaching as she prepares for her solo week of teaching. The students will be working on strengthening their listening, writing and comprehension skills in ELA to prepare for the NYS ELA test. Remember to encourage your child to read and talk about what they are reading. We are also working on sentence structure and writing better sentences. We will be finishing our unit on geography and map skills and focusing on New York's first people. The students will learn about some of our famous New Yorkers and how they influenced the growth of our state. Happy fall! Enjoy the beautiful weather!

GRADE 4 ~ MRS. KELLY: We are settling quite nicely into our daily routine, and it looks like it is going to be a great school year. This month we will spend some time reading a great book called, Fourth Grade Rats, and then we'll write a book report together. In Math after reviewing addition and subtraction, we'll move right on to multiplication and discussion. We'll be studying plants in Science. I look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher conferences. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

GRADE 5/6 ~ MRS. MATHEWS: Well the 5th graders are making a big adjustment this year. They have 3 different teachers and are moving for classes this year. This has been a big challenge for the 5th graders. With some practice and time, they will be pros before we know it. Thank you for sending in student supplies as well as classroom supplies. Our program could not run without parental support.

The sixth graders will continue to focus on writing skills. Challenge your child at home and have them do some writing for you. Some opportunities might be thank you notes, grocery lists, or any other chance to write!

GRADE 6 ~ MRS. WESTON: Welcome to 5th & 6th grade science. The students have recently spent time learning about the parts of the microscope and have used them to examine plant and animal cells. The 5th grade students will use these lab skills during the units: Cells, Plant Systems, and Traits of Living Things in 6th grade!

MRS. LAKE'S CLASS: Our school year is off to a busy start. We have started Team building with Ms. Rhonda, where we work on cooperation, problem-solving, respect and teamwork. We began our adventures with a field trip to the Indian Creek Nature Center. This month we will be learning about the weather and the change of seasons. We will also be preparing our garden for the winter. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at the end of the month. I look forward to meeting with all of you.

MRS. FORBES' CLASS: I am pleased to be at Madill Elementary!! I look forward to a very productive year with a terrific bunch of students. We've been learning positive traits of a good citizen. We'll be following up on the plant unit from June, by measuring my sunflowers from my garden (some are more than 12 feet tall!)

TITLE READING & MATH ~ MS. BALL, MRS. SHOLETTE & MRS. SARGENT: Title I Reading ~ Welcome to Autumn! We are very excited about implementing two new reading programs this year. We are looking forward to seeing measurable reading growth with our students. Title I Math ~ I am very happy to see all the familiar faces in the school! Welcome to the students new to Madill School! We will be working on reading and writing numbers large and small in some classes. In other classes we will be working on vocabulary growth. This year all grades will seek to improve aspects of writing in math.

LIBRARY ~ MRS. WRIGHT & MRS. MALLOTT: We provide remote access to a variety of online data bases through the St. Lawrence-Lewis School Library System. So, if your child has a project that involves researching answers, you can access these online data bases from home. The information you need to do this is in a brochure called "2009-2010 Online Databases." Look for it in the papers your child brings home. Online data bases are found on the Libraries page of the School District's website.

PTA NEWS: Be watching in the Fall for upcoming PTA events.