



Primary Post

October 2018

Oct.	5	1st grade field trip to Kendall Family Farms End of 1st Term
	8	Parent/Teacher Conferences—Early Dismissal 1:00pm
	9	Parent/Teacher Conferences—Early Dismissal 1:00pm School Board Meeting—6:30pm
	12	Fall Parties—2:30pm
	15-19	Fall Break no school
	23	Family Fitness—Bike Night
	26	P.J. Day Bring \$1—Must wear shoes NO slippers



Notes from Mrs. Leap, School Social Worker

Welcome to the month of October! Have your students talked about "bucket filling"? The basic premise of bucket filling is that we all have invisible buckets. Kind words and actions towards others fill the buckets, while mean words and actions empty the buckets. Students are being encouraged to fill others' buckets by smiling, waving, giving high fives, kind words, following the rules, working quietly, helping others and making good choices.

I have finished teaching the required lesson about **fairness and anti-bullying**. Students are learning what it means to be a "doormat", someone who does nothing when they are bullied or when they see others being bullied; a "stand-upper", someone who stands up to the bully in a positive way when they or others are being bullied; and a "bully", someone who says or does mean things just to make others feel bad. A bully is a bucket dipper. Students also are learning what they can do if they are being bullied. Bullying is defined as **repetitive** behaviors done on purpose to make others feel bad.

For our next 2 lessons, we will switch gears and learn about **school skills** like listening, paying attention, getting homework and school work finished, and staying organized. We will talk about why having good school skills, turning in homework, getting classwork done, and listening is so important.

You can help your student by making sure that they have their iPad's charged each day, checking over their homework, and making sure they put their homework in their backpacks! It would even help to have a set homework time each day and if your student tells you they don't have homework, then that would be a good time for them to get their daily 20 minutes of reading done! Lastly, you can help your child be successful by making sure they eat breakfast and get enough sleep every night! Children do their best when they aren't hungry and are well rested! Children **NEED** at least 10 hours of sleep every night!!!

Please feel free to contact me at 883-5528 if you would like for me to work with your child individually or in a group, or if you have questions about the services I offer. I help students who are struggling with behavior issues as well as emotional issues, grief/loss, divorce, friendship issues, and social skills. When pulling students out of the classroom, I always make sure they are **NOT** leaving during a direct instruction time. Students can be referred to me by parents, teachers, Mrs. Moree or themselves. If your child is struggling with something academically, socially or personally, working together is the best way to make sure that your child succeeds in school.



From the Library

Hello Western Families! We're off to a wonderful start in Library! By now, students are enjoying the freedom of picking books & reading in the Library. We are starting to prepare for our upcoming *Fall Scholastic Book Fair!* Be sure to mark you calendars now and plan to attend. You don't want to miss this event! **November 2-9th, 2018**

Student fliers will come home in mid-October! Look for dress up days and Family Night information then!

Parents: A friendly reminder that students **MUST** have working headphones! We use them in computer lab, the classrooms, and library. If your child does not already have a pair for their classroom, please send them in. In addition, please encourage your child to place their library books in their backpack when done reading at home. Some students are coming to Library unprepared. If your child receives a notice for a missing library book, promptly have your child return the book or pay the replacement fee so they can continue to enjoy library privileges. Happy Reading, Ms. Kauffman

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will have early dismissal on Monday, Oct 8th and Tuesday, Oct 9th for conferences. Please double check where your student should go ahead of time. We will dismiss at 1:10pm
Thank you

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that all school fees need to be paid by December 1st.

You can pay online through your Skyward account. Just login and click on pay fees.

This takes you to E-Funds for Schools. If you are a new user you will need to register. To do that you will need your 4 digit family code. You can call the Primary office if you don't have this code.

If you want to pay with cash or check, just come to the office or send with your student. We also accept partial payments.

Nurses Notes.....

October is here already and the season for flu/illness is just around the corner. When calling your child in absent, please be prepared to report the symptoms of your child's illness. This is so that the nurses can keep track of how many children are sick and what the symptoms are. Please notify the nurse if your child has tested positive for the flu.

Western School Corporation and the Howard County Board of Health recommend keeping your child home if they are ill. If your child has had a fever or has been vomiting, please do not let them return to school until they are symptom free for 24 hours without medications. Your child should not come to school if symptoms are present the day or night before or the morning before school.

I will be doing vision screenings for 1st graders very soon. Please make sure that your child wears their glasses to school. Once all of the 1st graders are screened by the nurse, a MCT (Modified Clinical Technique) screen will be done by an eye physician at the school. This is required by the State of Indiana for all first graders. Referral letters will follow screenings if your child requires additional testing.

Have a great October and never hesitate to call with any questions or concerns!

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