

Ellis Elementary Newsletter

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Notes from the nurse:

Alert now was recently used to remind parents of new immunization requirements! Thank you to parents who have already responded. The state survey is due in November and there are about 75 students currently conditionally enrolled until they update their immunization record. The new requirements are for Tdap and Varicella and affects grades PK, K, 1, and 6 and any student age 11 and older.

INFLUENZA/H1N1 PRECAUTIONS:

- Please specify your child's symptoms when calling them in sick on the absent line
- Please notify the nurse and have a note from the doctor if your child is treated for strep or tested positive for influenza or any other contagious illness.
- Parents should follow the hand book guide lines for any illness and call the nurse if you have any questions.
- Proper hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when sick is a great way to prevent spread of illness.

If your child receives the Influenza Vaccine please send in a note from your doctor stating the date and vaccine received for record keeping. Everyone should get a flu shot if possible.

Upcoming Events:

- October 12-No School
Columbus Day
- December 9- Holiday Concert
6:30 At Sanborn
Regional High School



Top 10 Things for Kids to do @ the Library

10. Find the great new books that other kids are reading.
9. Curl up with your favorite magazine or book.
8. Discover places you've never heard about on maps and globes, and in Encyclopedias.
7. Find books on CD or tape to take home.
6. Be with your friends in a fun place.
5. Ask for help finding a book by your favorite author or the next book in your favorite series.
4. Learn more about your favorite baseball player, artist or animal.
3. Do research for school and get help with your projects.
2. Listen to a great story.
1. Become a better reader.

Peppermint Ponies 4H Club

Does your child love horses? Girls and boys ages 5 to 18 years are welcome to attend Peppermint Ponies 4H club meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at North Road Farm, 370 North Road, Fremont as guests to learn more about equines 4H. Meeting dates: 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25. No experience or horse ownership necessary. Questions? Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at [679-3367](tel:609-679-3367), j.brubacher@comcast.net, www.peppermintponies4h.org, www.northroadfarm.com or stop by. Scholarships available.



First Grade News!

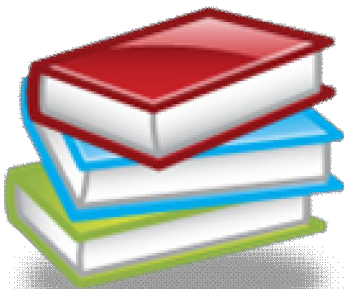
October is fire safety month. Thanks to the Fremont Fire Department for coming to teach our students about fire safety. All of the children learned that they should have an escape plan and meeting place in case of a fire at home. Have you reviewed a plan for your family?

First Graders have begun to read consonant/vowel/consonant words. We sound out words by taping each sound out on our fingers and then blending the word together. This practice, along with our Word Wall, enables the kids to read and write simple sentences.

We completed an assessment of letter formation using alphabetical order and have assessed the letter sounds. We will continue to practice these skills and assess student knowledge as we move into reading words and sentences. Practice at home will help students who still need to commit some letter formation and sounds to memory. We are developing a baseline for each individual child that will help inform our instruction as we move into more challenging text.

All of the kids continued to practice several numeration exercises at school. Let your child count for you to 20, 50, 100 or beyond. Try counting by 2s, 5s and 10s. Try counting backward from 10, 20 or 30. Try counting up or back from any number. Talk about numbers that are one more... and one less. These continue to be very important skills for our first graders and only practice can give the solid foundation that students need to be confident mathematicians.

Third Grade News



3rd grade had a wonderful time on their community field trip to the Fremont Public Library. The students had a tour of the library and listened to a story read by the children's librarian.

Students are learning the characteristics of a desert. Classification is being taught with desert animals and plants. Students are also being prepared to take tests through various test-taking strategies. They are being asked to answer multiple choice and open response questions.

We are working at a steady pace in math. Unit 1 is almost complete and students will soon be starting Unit 2 which includes fact families and number stories. Please enhance your child's education by practicing basic addition and subtraction computations.

Library Volunteers, Thank You!!

The library is very fortunate to have three great parent volunteers that assist with our first grade students during specials. Mrs. Earnshaw, Mrs. Herrmann and Mrs. Rowell have graciously offered their time once a week to check books in and out and work with students. Thank you to these generous moms for allowing me more time with the first graders. I appreciate you!

Fabulous Fourth Grade News!

We are off to a fantastic start. These first six weeks we have been busy discussing, learning, understanding, and practicing the positive expectations to enable us to work together as a community. In addition, we have also been learning how to use the resources we have to support, encourage and increase our learning in Everyday Mathematics (EDM) program. We have been exploring the various parts of the Student Reference Book (SRB) and the online games and other online resources.



Our Ellis School grade level webpage has been updated. We encourage you to go to the Ellis School website www.sau83.org and at the top under “Meet the Staff” select “Grade 4” and scroll down to the “Fourth Grade Resources” section. Additional grade level resources will be added each week in other curriculum areas, so be sure to check our webpage often!

We encourage you to visit the fourth grade webpage and explore the EDM grade level resources available for you and your student. We hope you find these resources along with having the SRB at home helpful in answering questions you or your student may have. Areas to look explore on the EDM page are: links for the unit Parent Letters (information about the current unit), as well as fun ways to practice math as a family and the answers for each Study Link (homework). The Parent Letter highlights the math vocabulary your student is learning in class. Missing a Study Link (homework) sheet? We’ve provided a link for those also. You can also use the free internet access at the Fremont Public Library to access these resources if you don’t have internet access at home. Just follow the directions above.

Thank you for helping your Fabulous Fourth Grader be Responsible, Respectful and Prepared each and every day!

The Fourth Grade Team,

Mrs. Masterson-Ceri, Mrs. Weber and Miss Whitehouse

Morning Drop Offs



Elementary students need to be dropped off at 8:25 in the morning. Please pull up to the sidewalk and let your student out. Kindly do not park and get out of your vehicle. This line needs to keep moving. If you need to park and get out of your vehicle please pull into a parking space and exit from there.



If your child is tardy the adult dropping them off must come into the building with the student and sign them in at the office.

Please do not just drop off your student after 8:30.

Thank you so very much for your understanding and cooperation.