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Wednesday, February 7th
Savings Makes "Cents"

Saturday, February 10th
PTO Movie Fundraiser
9:30am Greenfield Cinemas

Thursday, February 15th
PK Coffee Hour – 8:30am in Conf Rm
All School Sing – 9:30 am

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd
No School for Vacation Week

Week 2 of Six Flags *READ to SUCCEED*--
logs due back Mon., Feb. 26



JUST A REMINDER: The Six Flags *READ to SUCCEED* program is now happening. All you need is a reading log

to keep track of how many minutes you've read. There's a log and an information sheet in THIS newsletter! Kindergartners to 6th graders are eligible to earn a summer ticket to Six Flags simply by reading an extra six hours by February 26.

Any questions? Contact Ms. Urban
email: urban@erving.com or phone: 423-3326
ext. 103

100 Mile Club® Upcoming Morning Walking Dates

The last January walking date is Monday the 29th. February walking dates are the 9th and 15th. We meet in the EES foyer at 8:00AM and walk indoors until 8:30AM. Parents are not required for the student to attend but are always welcome!

Remember, if your child walks at least 25 miles before January 29 they will be invited to our pizza party on January 31st!



Parking Lot Rules

Please note: On Wednesday and Friday mornings our food delivery service comes. Please refrain from parking near the dumpsters so that you do not block the truck drivers. Please be sure you are not leaving your car running while dropping off or picking up your students. We have a no idling rule for our parking lots.

Thank you.

After School is collecting Box Tops to help support our programs. No need to paste them to a

collection sheet, just send them in with a note as to who sent them in. Your student will receive a prize for collecting.



PTO Movie Day Fundraiser



Save the date!!!!

February 10, 2018

9:30 am at Greenfield Cinemas



Movie Fundraiser: Peter Rabbit will be showing at the Garden Cinema on Saturday 2/10 at 9:30am. Tickets are \$5 at the door and seats fill up quickly! Total proceeds will go directly to the PTO and filter to each class equally.

DONATIONS NEEDED for Cash and Prize Calendar Raffle to benefit all classes. Tickets will be going home with students in March and prizes will be drawn daily in April.

Donations must be brand new and can include items like gift certificates, free passes to an event or stay, gift baskets of products, Or maybe that brand new flat screen TV you received for Christmas and don't have space to mount in your living room. The more unique and desirable the donation, the more tickets we hope to sell, and the more money raised for each classroom.

Some of the committed donors include Snap On Tools; Lularoe; Bagley Goodwin and Hrinda Dentistry; and French King Bowling Alley.

Deadline: February 16 to front office

Seeking **babysitters** for PTO meetings, School Math Nights, and potential adult evening fitness class. Requirements for this position are Red Cross Certified and at least in 7th grade and older. Compensation will be \$15 per event.



News from the Principal

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

Conditions for School Effectiveness

The Conditions for School Effectiveness (CSE's) is a document that articulates what schools need to have in place in order to educate their students well. Erving Elementary School staff and our School Council Committee use this document to assess the current practices that impact student achievement. The assessment helps our community identify areas of strength, and highlight areas that require greater focus. One area designated for greater focus is:

Condition # 10: Family-School Engagement.

Erving Elementary School continues to develop strong working relationships with families and appropriate community partners and providers in order to support students' academic progress and social and emotional well-being. If you have any thoughts on how we can strengthen our relationships please contact Mr. Trill.

For more information on the C.S.E. please visit the link below:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/accountability/school-effect-self-assessment.pdf>

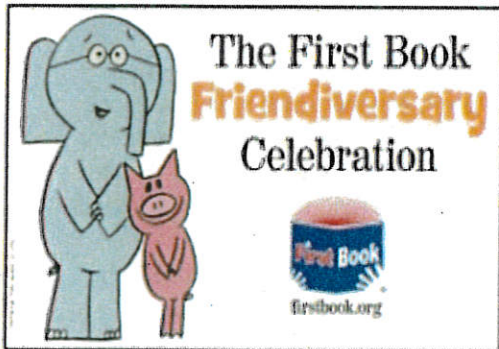
Another designated area is Literacy. One measure of literacy is reading. Helping your child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child to succeed in school—and in life. We emphasize reading every day, asking students and parents to set aside at least 20 minutes to read together as a means to build connections, relationships, and most importantly, literacy skills. I am sure you are aware that 20 minutes of reading, five days per week, will result in a student feeling more confident. Did you know that 20 minutes of reading, five days per week, equates to an additional 80 days of school before a child reaches grade 9? Did you know that on a Friday, March 9, the Battle of the Books comes to Leverett Elementary School! This Massachusetts Children's Book Award (MCBA) event will begin at 5:45pm. Any grade 4, 5 or 6 student who has read at least 5 MCBA books can attend. This promises to be an exciting evening with over 150 children expected to be in attendance. You may find out about Roller Derby, food tasting, or

even try your hand at 'Minute-To-Win-It' games. I hope to see a lot of our upper grade readers there. I am attaching an article to this newsletter that highlights a number of effective strategies in support of building success for your child.

Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Jim Trill
Principal



King Ward Coach Lines will provide free bus service from Greenfield, leaving the public parking lot behind

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR

a very special **FREE** event at
the Eric Carle Museum

Saturday, Feb. 10

10 am--4 pm

An annual celebration of reading and
friendship, with a **FREE**

Mo Willems book to

every child who attends, thanks to *First*

Book--www.firstbook.org

while supplies last

Wilson's at 10 am and leaving the museum at 2 pm.

Seating is limited, so call 413-559-6301 or email

info@carlemuseum.org for reservations.

Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

www.carlemuseum.org

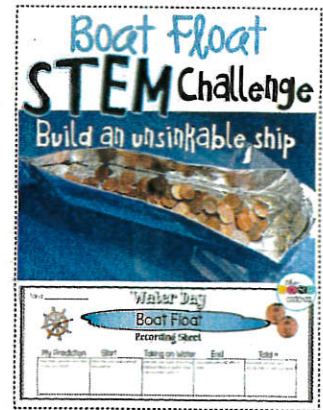
125 West Bay Rd., Amherst, MA

After School Program



Hello from After School,

Monday's activities of the penny boat challenge were a huge hit. Audrianna was the first place winner with 344 pennies in her boat. On Wednesday we have started reading in the well. This will follow through the month of February to keep the reading event fresh in the students mind. This week we read 2 dog books, The Hallo-Wiener and Dog Breath. The kids loved them both. The reading program will start in February. The kids are excited to work towards an ice cream social.



We made Gods Eyes this week, had a special birthday celebration, played an exciting game of winter bingo and a dodge ball game. Next week your students can look forward to play dough adventures, Melty bead day, STEAM Straw Rockets, the Human Knot game and the Dot game. We will be adventuring into February and starting on Valentines Day events next.

Have a great weekend and we will see you next week.

Michelle Fisher

'School-Home-School Teamwork'

Ways to help your child and school succeed

The following article is taken from the U.S. Department of Education booklet, *Helping Your Child Become a Reader*.

Encourage Your Child to Read

Helping your child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child to succeed in school—and in life. The importance of reading simply can't be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects. More important, it is the key to lifelong learning. Here are some tips on how to help your child become a reader.

- Start early. When your child is still a baby, reading aloud to him* should become part of your daily routine. At first, read for no more than a few minutes at a time, several times a day. As your child grows older, you should be able to tell if he wants you to read for longer periods. As you read, talk with your child. Encourage him to ask questions and to talk about the story. Ask him to predict what will come next. When your child begins to read, ask him to read to you from books or magazines that he enjoys.
- Make sure that your home has lots of reading materials that are appropriate for your child. Keep books, magazines and newspapers in the house. Reading materials don't have to be new or expensive. You often can find good books and magazines for your child at yard or library sales. Ask family members and friends to consider giving your child books and magazine subscriptions as gifts for birthdays or other special occasions. Set aside quiet time for family reading. Some families even enjoy reading aloud to each other, with each family member choosing a book, story, poem or article to read to the others.
- Show that you value reading. Let your child see you reading for pleasure as well as for performing your routine activities as an adult—reading letters and recipes, directions and instructions, newspapers, computer screens and so forth. Go with her to the library and check out books for yourself. When your child sees that reading is important to you, she is likely to decide that it's important to her, too. If you feel uncomfortable with your own reading ability or if you would like reading help for yourself or other family members, check with your local librarian or with your child's school about literacy programs in your community.
- Get help for your child if he has a reading problem. When a child is having reading difficulties, the reason might be simple to understand and deal with. For example, your child might have trouble seeing and need glasses or he may just need more help with reading skills. If you think that your child needs extra help, ask his teachers about special services, such as after-school or summer reading programs. Also ask teachers or your local librarian for names of community organizations and local literacy volunteer groups that offer tutoring services.

The good news is that no matter how long it takes, most children *can* learn to read. Parents, teachers and other professionals can work together to determine if a child has a learning disability or other problem and then provide the right help as soon as possible. When a child gets such help, chances are very good that she will develop the skills she needs to succeed in school and in life. *Nothing is more important than your support for your child as she goes through school. Make sure she gets any extra help she needs as soon as possible and always encourage her and praise her efforts.*

* **Please note:** In this booklet, a child is referred to as "him" in some places, and "her" in others. This is done to make the booklet easier to read. Please understand, however, that every point is the same for boys and girls.



What's with this "new" math, anyway?!

COFFEE HOUR

When: Friday, February 9, 2018, 8:30-9:30 am. This will be the first of what we hope to be a monthly gathering (possibly the second Friday of the month).

Where: Conference Room

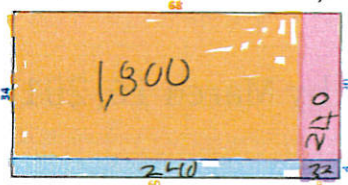
Who: Families and community members, who are interested in learning more about elementary mathematics - all ages are welcome.

What: Join us for coffee and a fun, informal conversation about math teaching and learning. We'll think together about ways to help your child at home.

Be there or be square!

Assessment: 34×68
Solve this problem and show your solution.

$34 \times 68 = 2,312$



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Erving Elementary School Preschool Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning to register preschoolers for the 2018-2019 school year.

If you have a child who will be either 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2018 and you live in the town of Erving, he/she is eligible to attend preschool at Erving Elementary School.

Please call the school at (413) 423-3326 to have a registration packet sent to you.

Families that currently have a child attending preschool at Erving Elementary School are automatically enrolled for next year and a registration packet will be sent home at the beginning of February.

All registration packets need to be returned by March 16, 2018.

If your child is preschool eligible but will not be attending Erving Elementary School, please call the school and let us know.

If you have any questions, please email Mackensey Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at bailey@erving.com



Erving Elementary School Kindergarten Registration

Erving Elementary School is beginning kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2018 and you live in the town of Erving, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten at Erving Elementary School.

Please call the school at (413) 423-3326 to have a registration packet sent to you.

Any child currently attending preschool at Erving Elementary School that will move on to kindergarten next year is automatically enrolled for next year and a registration packet will be sent home with your child at the beginning of February.

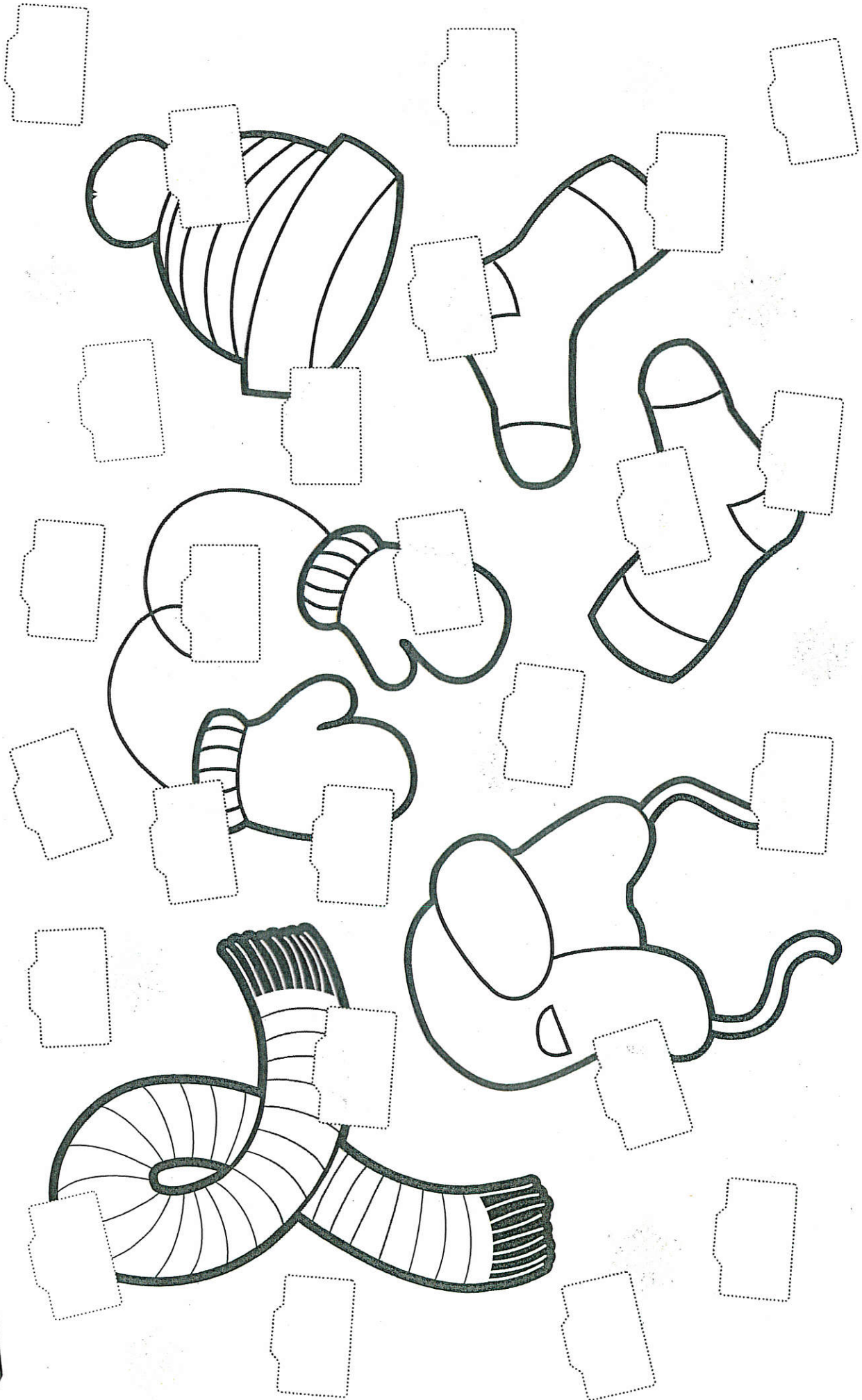
All registration packets need to be returned by May 4, 2018.

If your child is kindergarten eligible but will not be attending Erving Elementary School, please call the school and let us know.

If you have any questions, please email Mackensy Bailey, Early Childhood Coordinator, at bailey@erving.com



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