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From The Principal's Desk:



January 29, 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the school year. With that said, the time has come for the mid-year report card to be sent home with your child. While there is no doubt that providing quality instruction is our highest priority, "grading" during a global pandemic is a complicated. However, we are aware that households want to know how their students are progressing academically during these unusual times. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, February 5th, so please check your child's backpack. If you have any questions about your child's report card, I encourage you to contact your child's classroom teacher.

On Thursday, February 4th, the students in grades K-6 will attend a virtual author visit with Lesa Cline-Ransome. Lesa Cline-Ransome is an American author of picture books and middle grade novels, best known for her NAACP Image Award- nominated picture book biography of Harriet Tubman, *Before She Was Harriet*, and her middle grade novel *Finding Langston*. The staff and students are very excited about this opportunity and would like to thank the Union 28 librarians for arranging this special opportunity for our learners.

I would like to remind our school community that the EES School Council is sponsoring a virtual book fair with High Five Books, which will start on Monday February 1st. For two weeks, students and their families, near and far, can purchase books that can be shipped anywhere in the US. This virtual book fair will create funds that support the EES library as well as support a local independent bookshop. Please see the book fair flyer in this week's newsletter and on Class Dojo.

Also, The PTO Holiday Cookbooks are ready and have been sent home with students on Friday. Remote learner families are welcome to pick up their cookbook at the school, they will be placed outside the main entrance next week, Feb 1 - 5, 8:00am-3:30pm.

Stay warm this weekend, it's going to be a cold one.

Sincerely,

Lisa



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for a union-wide visit from acclaimed author *Lesa Cline-Ransome* on Thursday, February 4th. Please see the attached flyer for more information. This visit is very timely, with our online book fair starting next week! (See attached flyers for that, as well!)

EES PTO
2020-2021
Holiday Cookie Cookbook



The EES PTO Holiday Cookie Cookbooks are going home with students! A color copy is on ClassDojo!

MEAL PICKUP SCHEDULE

will be:

Tuesday, Feb 2nd

And

Thursday, Feb 4th

at 11:45 am - 12:15 pm

at Veteran's Field and
at Church Street/Erving Center

Please remember to wear your **mask** during pickup! We will keep you updated with changes.

In case of bad weather, we will announce alternate pickup dates: please keep an eye on **ClassDojo** if there is bad weather in the forecast!



Please join Principal Lisa Candito for a Parent Connection Session

Monday, February 18th
From 1:30-2:30 pm.

Please join Principal Lisa Candito with any questions or concerns you may have. This is an open forum for parents and guardians to ask any questions they may have about anything to do with the education and safety of their children. If you have wanted an opportunity to get the Principal's ear, this is a great time to bring up concerns or questions, or just to give feedback!

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Movement Matters... with Jess Galvin

After what seemed like a LONG time, it was great to be back in person with students. While we enjoyed our time online trying new HIIT exercises and new interactive games, there's nothing like seeing the student's faces, hearing their voices and laughter, and seeing them make progress and succeed in various areas.

In M&E, we've been trying some new activities in preschool to work on various movements. We've been including some Kidz Bop music in there while they are moving their bodies! The preschool students have also become quite skilled on the scooter boards here and are now beating me in races! Kudos to them!

Kindergarten has had the opportunity to begin learning how to play floor hockey. Because we are social distancing, they are learning to rely on passing to one another to move the ball down the floor. It's a work in progress, but progress nonetheless. Ms. Gagne and I have been having fun playing with them as well!

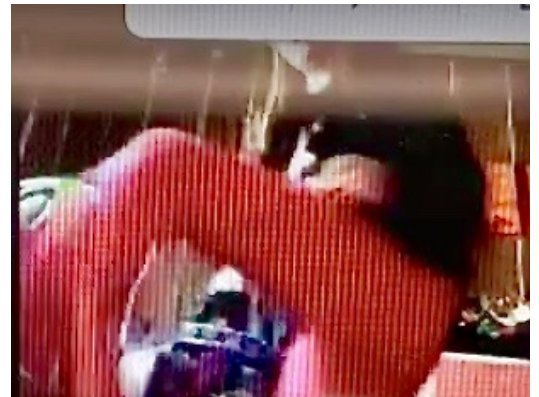
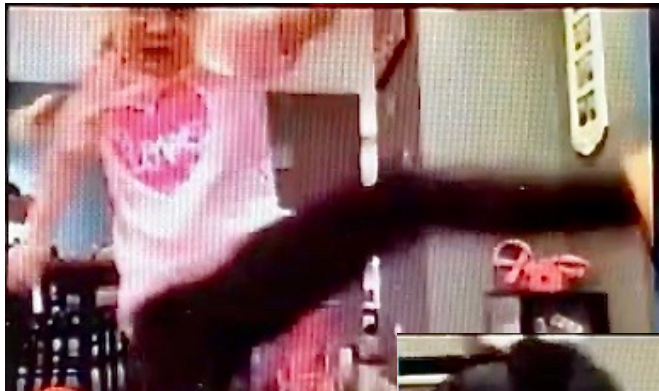
For the students I only see online, we have continued to add to our workouts. I've found several videos that are interactive and seem to be a big hit with students. I've been using these as dynamic warm ups for us. It seems to get the students motivated for what is to come. These are all on my site (located on the school website) if any parents would like to have their children show them what they are all about.

Upper grades are continuing to play some classic games but modified to fit out circumstances. This week, we also added in some full body Rock, Paper, Scissors and short in person HIIT workouts to warm us up. They can show you what the Rock, Paper, Scissors game looks like.

If there are ever times when you feel your child needs to get up and move, please don't hesitate to go to my site and let them choose a workout, dance, or interactive game. It's a great way to burn some energy and get some exercise!



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MATH MATTERS... with Allison Graichen

The following is a short excerpt from an article by Colleen Uscianowski and Herbert P. Ginsburg from the Teachers College at Columbia University sharing how picture books can help to foster mathematical understandings in children.



Source: DREME- Development and Research in Early Math Education

Storybooks provide a rich opportunity to build not only literacy skills, but also math understanding. Books with math concepts woven into the pictures and storylines can promote children's mathematical thinking and introduce foundational math concepts such as numbers, shapes, patterns, and measurement. Asking questions and making observations about the math found in picture books can support children's curiosity and enjoyment of math.

For example, *Quack and Count* by Keith Baker is about seven ducklings quacking, sliding, and flying in marshland. Throughout the beautifully illustrated story, the seven ducklings form different groups that can be added and always make seven. While reading, children can explore counting and addition as they practice counting a group of ducks that are not always neatly in a row and in fact may be hard to see—a challenging but enjoyable task.

The most important rule to keep in mind when selecting and reading a math picture book is to enjoy the stories and enjoy the children enjoying the stories! Read often, smile, and laugh. Ask questions. Build mathematical understandings together!

February Breakfast & Lunch 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Breakfast is served w/fruit & milk	1 Assorted cereal – chicken teriyaki bowl w/rice & broccoli	2 Pancakes – chicken fajita w/sour cream, seasoned black beans	3 English muffin w/butter, cheese stick – BBQ chicken filet on a wg roll, sweet potato fries	4 Assorted cereal – baked potato w/sour cream, ched cheese, bacon bits & a breadstick	5 WG muffin, cheese stick – pizza stix w/marinara, green beans	
	8 Assorted cereal - chicken nuggets, brown rice, broccoli	9 Pancakes – chicken & cheese quesadilla, corn & black bean salad	10 Bagel w/cream cheese – chicken parm over wg pasta, sliced carrots	11 Assorted cereal – bacon, cheeseburger on a wg roll, oven fries	12 WG muffin, cheese stick – pizza stix w/marinara, wax beans	
All lunches are served w/fruit, vegetables & milk	15 Winter Recess	16 Winter Recess	17 Winter Recess	18 Winter Recess	19 Winter Recess	
	22 Assorted cereal – meatloaf, rice & broccoli	23 Waffle bites – beef taco w/sour cream, three bean salad	24 Egg & cheese on an English muffin – hamburger gravy over noodles, carrots	25 Assorted cereal – chicken patty on a wg roll, oven fries	26 WG muffin, cheese stick – pizza stix w/marinara, green beans	

All sandwiches are made using whole grain bread. Each lunch is served with a choice of 1% white, skim, 1% milk. All meals are subject to change without notice.

All meals are served w/fruit. Breakfast requires a grain, fruit & milk. Lunch is served with a grain, protein, fruit, vegetable & milk

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*WG = whole grain
 *WW = whole wheat
 *HM = homemade

AUTHOR LESA CLINE-RANSOME



A live (online) author visit with K-6 students
from all four schools in U28

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*9:15-9:45 online visit with grades K-3

*10:00-10:45 online visit with grades 4-6

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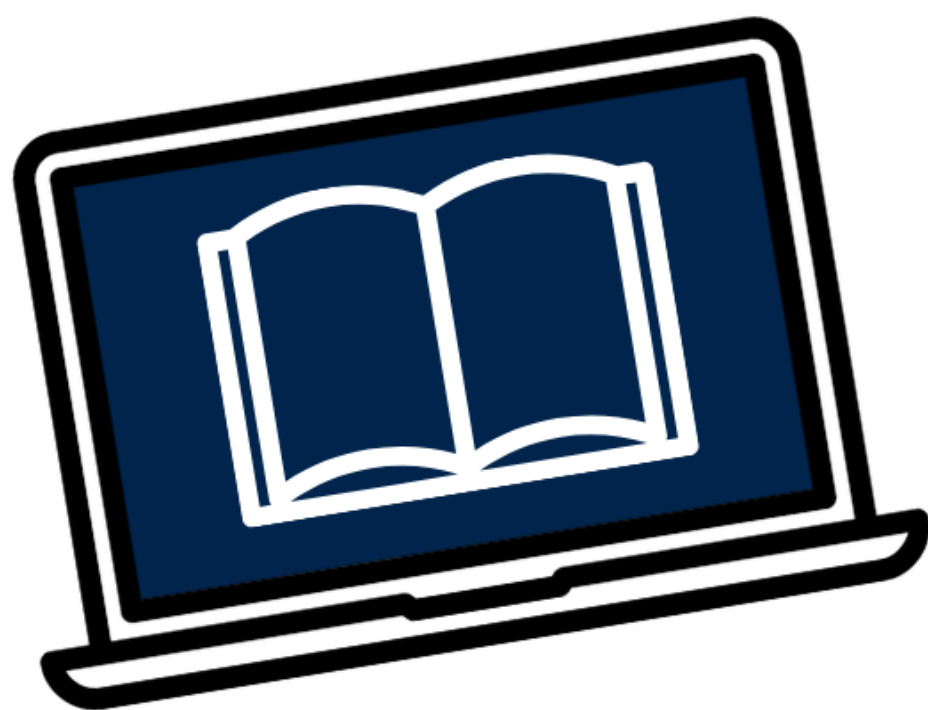
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Virtual Book Fair!

February 1 - February 15, 2021

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All purchases benefit Erving Elementary *and* local independent children's bookstore, High Five Books!



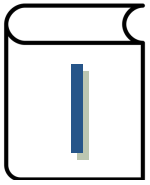
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Head to:
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Browse the suggested grade-by-grade and subject-based book lists, and/or ...



Search for ANY book—for kids *or* adults—by title or topic. Over 10,000 books are available!



Select books to be shipped directly to your child, yourself, or anywhere in the U.S., within about a week.



Feel GREAT knowing that your purchase benefits your child's school *and* their local independent children's bookstore!



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Questions? Please email Kinsey: kinsey@highfivebooks.org

Virtual Book Fair

FAQs

Can we order only *only* the suggested books?

Not at all! You can search for ANY book—including chapter books, graphic novels, classics, activity books, etc. You can also search for puzzles, games, toys: It's a great alternative to Amazon!

Do we have to pick up the books at school?

Nope! Your order will be shipped directly to the address you choose at checkout. Have more than one reader in mind? You just need to create a separate order.

Can I have my order wrapped?

Yes! \$2 for the first item gift wrapped and \$1.50 per additional item.

How does my order benefit the school?

We at High Five Books work directly with Erving staff to distribute a percentage of our total store profit from this fair right back to the school. Shopping small helps us all!

Is it possible for my recipient to return a book if they have it already?

Yep! You'd work with our distributor Bookshop to do so. And we can help walk you through that.

What if I need help with my order?

The team at High Five books is eager to assist! You can email us at lexi@highfivebooks.org. Or text or call: (413) 200-0197.



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Questions? Please email Lexi: lexi@highfivebooks.org

Virtual Book Fair

Staff FAQs

How is a Bookshop book fair different than a traditional one?

For one, it's totally online! Caretakers browse and order virtually, and books are shipped directly to families' homes from our warehouse. No standing in line, no school pick ups!

Unlike publisher-sponsored book fairs, readers can choose from a MUCH wider variety of titles via our virtual book fairs. And rather than earning credits just for a specific publisher to use toward future purchases, participating schools have the choice of receiving store credit from High Five Books or cash. Those funds stay local!

What is High Five Books?

We're a new kids' bookstore in Florence, MA, aimed at providing progressive, social justice-minded picture books, early readers, chapter books, graphic novels, and more. We LOVE collaborating with local schools and organizations around collection development, and we're always happy to help devise book lists or make bulk orders.

What is Bookshop?

Bookshop.org is a new e-commerce site that launched in February 2020, created to help independent bookstores better compete for online sales. Over 400 indie bookstores are participating and to date over 11 million dollars has been raised to support them. We at High Five Books use Bookshop to bring our favorite book collections to readers around the Pioneer Valley—and across the country!

Can I create a class wish list?

Yes, via a small workaround: Each staff member can create their own Bookshop.org user account and add books to their own wishlist. We'll then link to each teacher/ staff member's wishlist from the main page of the school book fair landing page. Just send us your wishlist link to be added!



tinyurl.com/ervingelementarybookfair



Questions? Please email Kinsey: kinsey@highfivebooks.org

SNOWTUBING AT BERKSHIRE EAST



Friday, February 19, 2021

Two timeslots: 10 am-11:30 or Noon – 1:30 pm
Limited to 40 people each timeslot

Erving Residents: \$5
Non-Residents: \$15 (Registration opens Feb 8)

Masks required
Minimum height 42 inches
No tandem riders
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Transportation not provided

For Covid-19 information and Directions, see
<https://berkshireeast.com/winter/snow-tubing-park>

Registration required at <http://ervingma.myrec.com>
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