



Kindergarten News



November 3rd, 2017

What's New?

Your **November Family Project** came home on Monday. We are very excited to see all of the disguises you can come up with for Tom Turkey!

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th. Information regarding picture retakes came home last week in your child's blue folder.



The Student Lighthouse Team at Randolph is hosting a **Canned/Boxed Food Drive** to support the Livonia Goodfellows.

All dates, spirit days, and more information is provided on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!



Thanks to all who donated items or their time to our Halloween Celebration. It was an awesome day and the kids had a great time...and so did I!

Every Friday is Pencil Day! This is optional, and it will continue through the year. Feel free to send in a quarter any day of the week and I will hold them until Friday. The new pencils will come home at the end of the day on Friday.



Today your child is bringing home his/her **Song and Poetry Binder**. This binder will come home each Friday and is to be returned on Monday. Please take some time this weekend to listen to

your kindergartener read/sing the pages in his/her binder. There is also a section in the back for our Weekly Reader magazines. These provide the students with exposure to and practice with nonfiction text.

Today your child is bringing home his/her **treasure bag!** Please remove this treasure from the small bag and read over the paper that is included. The treasure can go into the large treasure bag that is located inside your child's folder. The large treasure bag stays at home...the small one goes back and forth each week, transporting a new treasure. Please return the small treasure bag to school on Monday.



This week's treasure Book:
Strega Nona

Next week's treasure book:
Goodnight Moon

Mark your calendar:

November 3rd - Fall Festival 6-8 pm

November 7th - NO SCHOOL

November 22nd-26th - Thanksgiving Recess (NO SCHOOL)

Check out our classroom photos... updated daily!

https://twitter.com/MrsMitchell_KDG

Reading Rocks!

We are sailing through our reading unit called **Emergent Readers**. This week the students continued to practice connecting the pages in a book. They also learned that one way that readers talk about books is by sharing their strong feelings. We did this together with some



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of our favorite class read alouds and they also practice sharing their strong feelings with their partners during Partnership Power. We are also up to 6 minutes of quiet reading a day. What a celebration of their developing stamina!

the corresponding math problem, ultimately finding lots of different ways to make 10. They also made very large rope shapes, in groups of 4. That was a fun lesson!

Word Work



Each week, we are learning new **HEART WORDS**. We call them heart words because we need to know them in our hearts and by sight (they are not words to be sounded out). Please practice these words at home, and look for them in the books you read, or in the poetry binder that came home today.

Science Spin

We are finishing up with our first science unit entitled "Kindergarten in Motion". This week the students worked on using many different **position words**. Some examples are before, behind, beside, in front of, next to, above, below, toward, etc... They are becoming more comfortable with using them in observations and in everyday language. Try to incorporate them at home, too. We completed an end of the unit test, and went over it in class. The students will bring that home today, along with their completed pink science journal.

New Words This Week:

an, all

Our Heart Words:

I, you, we, the, up, go, so, as, see, in, to, my, am, is, a

This Week's Rhyme:

One Misty Moisty Morning

Growing Writers

We have started our new writing unit, **Label and List**. This week, we have been reading books with labels and learning to think like scientists. The students studied various leaves this week, and made sketches of them with labels.



The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we continued our focus on **Habit 2: Have a Plan** We read Thump, Quack, Moo. It's a story about a wacky adventure at Farmer Brown's farm. Both Farmer Brown AND Duck used Habit 2....but they each had their own plan....and it sure led to a surprise ending! Ask your kindergartner about the corn maze at the end of the book!

Character Counts!

This week we started our focus on **CONFIDENCE**. Having **CONFIDENCE** means you believe in yourself. It has been a great way to teach the class about how important it is to give yourself a chance to do something that you think you can't do (like zipping your own coat!). We also talked about how confidence

Math Matters!

This week in math we worked on making 10, using two different color counters. The students recorded their findings onto a ten frame. We then worked on writing

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means not being afraid to be yourself. Even when someone may not like the same things you do. **Ask your kindergartner about our read aloud this week, Crazy Hair Day.**

What happened to Stanley in the story? Where did he spend his day? What did his class do for him at the end of the book?

Friendly Reminders

Things your kindergartner will need each day, for a successful day of school:

** A **water bottle** and a **healthy snack**.

** Their **blue folder**. Please empty this each night. It will often contain homework or notes to be filled out and returned.

Return the **Song and Poetry Binder, **blue folder**, the **small treasure bag**, and your child's **water bottle** on Monday.



Feeding the Community

Randolph's Student Lighthouse Team will be hosting a canned and boxed food drive for the Livonia Goodfellows November 1 through

November 17. Please send to school canned or boxed food (no glass, please) with your students during our food drive.

Our goal this year is to fill 40 boxes of food, which averages

about 2 boxes per classroom. We will have a few significant days that we hope will provide extra encouragement and reminders for students to bring in canned food for the food drive:

- *November 3: Randolph School Spirit Day*
- *November 10: Crazy Hair Day*
- *November 17: Hat Day (Last Day of Food Drive—Final Total Number of Boxes Counted & Results Announced)*
- *November 21: Celebration of Our Met Goal—Stuffed Animal & Slipper Day*

Please encourage your child to bring in at least one canned or boxed food item during the weeks of these special days.

Thank you for helping to make the holidays wonderful for our Livonia neighbors!

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