

News from Kindergarten

December 1, 2017

Dear Families,

We have our next **Early Release** day on Wednesday, December 6th. All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM and there are no afternoon activities or programs for learners on that day. Please let me know if there are any dismissal changes so we can ensure a smooth dismissal transition for your child.

The holiday season is a busy time of the year. The children are filled with excitement and anticipation. There are many opportunities for us to teach them about the Spirit of Giving. Our Early Act Club (comprised of 3rd and 4th graders) is collecting supplies to fill stockings. Please send in stocking stuffer items by Friday, December 8th. There is an opportunity to bring non-perishable food items for the Gilford Got Lunch Program on December 13th. Please do not send items in glass containers.

Try to keep a schedule for your kindergartener that includes an early bedtime, plenty of time to play outside, with routines which they are used to following. It is the perfect time to spend some time enjoying the many holiday stories that are available. Reading aloud is a great way to model fluent and expressive reading. Use different voices for different characters, spend time talking about the new vocabulary that the children notice in the book, and discuss the story to reinforce the story sequencing skills that we are working on in the classroom.

Thank you for remembering warm coats, hats, and mittens. We enjoy 25 minutes outside at recess time, so it helps to bundle up on these cold days. Remember you can leave sneakers at school in your child's cubby once the snow boot season is here.

Mrs. Godbout, Kindergarten Teacher

Upcoming December events.....

December 6	Early Release~ all learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM
December 8	Showcase at 1:45 in the gym
December 12	PTA Meeting at GES Library at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.
December 13	Wear your holiday attire and bring an item for Gilford Got Lunch
December 15	Report cards go home
December 22	GES Spirit Day~ wear your pajamas to school; Holiday Sing Along at 2:15 in the gym.
December 23 - January 2	Holiday Break

Hot Lunch Choices for This Week

- Monday** hotdog or chef's salad
Tuesday chicken nuggets or ham sandwich
Wednesday nachos with cheese sauce or chef's salad
Thursday penne pasta or turkey sandwich
Friday Gill's homemade pizza or chef's salad



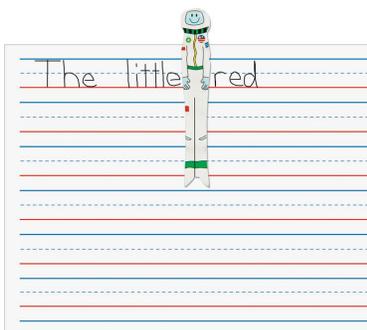
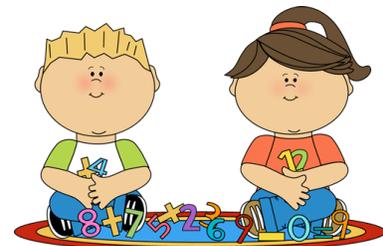
Breakfast is \$1.50.
Individual milk is 40¢.
Lunch is \$2.25 and includes milk.

Literacy

The learners completed the assessments for our report cards by reading a book they have never read before and then discussing the story. They need to be able to read fluently (with 93% accuracy or better) and answer comprehension questions (both inferential and within the text). The children tapped into the reading strategies to decode words and handle the text in the book. We are looking to see if they understand the concepts of print such as the left to right sweep, and top to bottom flow of the page. We expect our readers to be able to read level A or B books at this point of the year in kindergarten. We have been working on sharing stories with others. Many learners enjoy using the 'spaceman' tool to check to see if they have a meatball space between words.

Math

We are developing spatial reasoning and geometric concepts by experiencing flat and solid shapes in their world. We examined how shapes and objects are similar to or different from one another with respect to orientation and relative positions to objects. This week we focused on triangles, rectangles, circles, and hexagons. We also discussed the position of shapes using terms such as: above, below, next to, beside, in front of, and behind.



Your child may bring home a spaceman if they want to use it at home.