

News from Kindergarten

December 8, 2017

Dear Families,

Report cards will be coming home next Friday in a brown envelope. Please keep all the papers inside the envelope, **sign and return** the envelope to school on Monday, December 18th. We will use the same envelope to send home report cards in March and June. All the results that are on the report cards are generated by common assessments based on the kindergarten standards. You will see your child grow from trimester to trimester as they master more skills. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school.

The holiday season is filled with songs, stories and gifts. We will not be exchanging gifts in our classroom, but will focus on having holiday fun that is connected to our learning. Many of the children have asked what I want for Christmas and I tell them that I would love pictures drawn by my favorite artists—them! Many of you have helped deliver the message of giving by sending in items for the Early Act Club's Stocking Stuffer project. The 3rd and 4th graders have been very busy helping to prepare those stockings for Santa to deliver. If you would like to continue to help out, remember you can send in a non-perishable food item on Wednesday, December 13th for our food drive to benefit the Gilford Got Lunch program. Please do not send any items in glass containers. Thank you for all you do!

Mrs. Godbout, Kindergarten Teacher



Upcoming December events.....

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

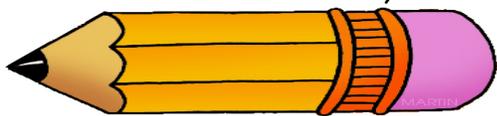
- Monday** hamburger or chef's salad
Tuesday breakfast sandwich or ham sandwich
Wednesday tacos or chef's salad
Thursday mac and cheese or turkey sandwich
Friday Gill's homemade pizza or chef's salad



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

Literacy

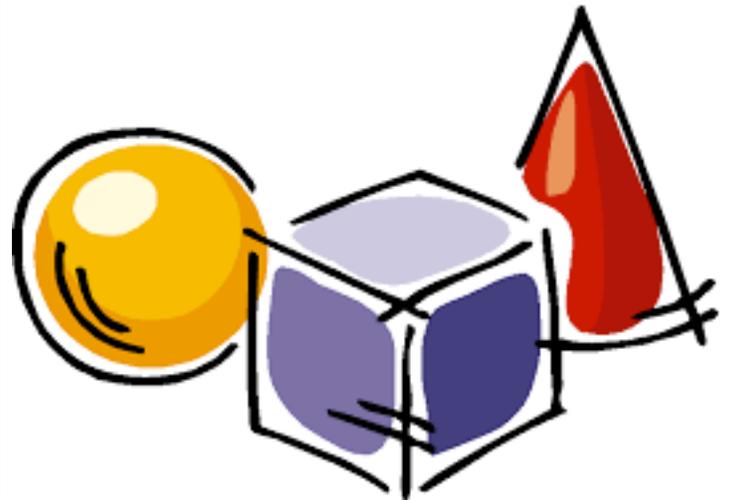
The learners completed the assessments for our report cards by writing a story independently. We have worked hard at telling our stories orally to practice them before we write them. Your child may want to write at home. Please encourage them to tell stories out loud and draw detailed pictures. Our young authors know how to label pictures, and use those labels to help tell stories. We are working on developing writing words and sentences. The children are learning "snap words" which are located on our word wall. These are words that we use so often that we can spell them "in a snap". They know to look at the word on the word wall. Think about the shape of the letters and then quickly write the word. For other words, they should try to stretch out the sounds they hear and write them in order from left to right. Don't worry if they don't hear and record all the sounds in a word. The important thing is for them to be able to reread their work and tell their story.



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Math

We learned the names and attributes of 4 solid shapes this week: cube, cone, sphere, and cylinder. The learners know that the flat surfaces are called faces and are made up of flat (2D) shapes. We learned the math term for corners of shapes- vertices. The children enjoyed finding these shapes in our classroom environment. We even found some in some books! Our favorite stories with shapes are *Captain Invincible and the Space Shapes* by Stuart J. Murphy and *Cubes, Cones, Cylinders, and Spheres* by Tina Hoban.



Can you find some solid shapes at your home?