

# News from Kindergarten

January 26, 2018

Dear Families,

Our class will be in the next Showcase performance, so save the date of Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Showcase is a schoolwide celebration of learning designed to promote higher order thinking skills for our learners. Learners choose a way to display what they are learning in school and then show the rest of the school community. Families and community members are welcome to visit and watch the show. It begins at 1:45 PM and usually finishes around 2:30 (but it may be a little later depending on the acts that are involved). You do not need to provide any special costumes or make time for extra practice. If you are planning on attending, be aware that there will be lots of traffic and parking is at a premium on Showcase days. Please arrive and wait in the lobby while the learners are seated. Then find a seat in the back of the gym. We do not allow our learners to sit with families during the show. If you plan on taking your child home at the end of showcase, PLEASE call the office before the show and let the secretaries know. Once the show is over, please check in with the office and your child will be called down for dismissal. Please do not visit the classroom or walk through the hallways as there are lots of children moving back to their classrooms. Showcase Days are especially busy and we appreciate your help in making sure for a smooth transition at the end of the day. If you let me know that you'll be dismissing your child at the end of Showcase, I will have them packed and ready for dismissal as well. Thank you for your support and I hope you are able to come to see your child on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Mrs. Godbout, Kindergarten Teacher*

## **Upcoming January events.....**

**January 18-February 24** One School/One Book reading

**January 31** Early Release Day~ All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM. There are no afternoon activities or programs for learners on this day.

## **Upcoming February events.....**

**February 9** Showcase at 1:45 in the gym. Hope you can join us as we will be performing.

- February 13** PTA meeting at 7:00 PM in the GES library. All are welcome to attend.
- February 14** **Valentine's Day ~Breakfast Bash (class party)**  
**Early Release Day~ All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM. There are no afternoon activities or programs for learners on this day.**
- February 17** Family Fun event from 1:00-4:00 PM at GES. Come enjoy some activities based on our One School/One Book, Brambleheart. Dress for outdoor fun.
- February 24- March 4** Winter Break~ No school

## Hot Lunch Choices for This Week

- Monday** hot dog or chef's salad
- Tuesday** breakfast sandwich or ham sandwich
- Wednesday** grilled cheese sandwich or chef's salad
- Thursday** chicken burger or turkey sandwich
- Friday** Gills homemade pizza or chef's salad



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

## Literacy

We have a great reading resource called Big Universe. It has thousands of leveled books waiting for your child to read. To access these stories, visit our school website and click on the Big Universe icon.



Then have your child enter the following information to get to their online bookshelf:

User name: 30lastnameinitial  
 Password: geslgesl  
 Group name: nhges

Keep reading our **One School/One Book** selection which came home last week. We will read Chapters 6-11 next week.

## Math

We continue to work with number bonds, and have been focusing on ways to make 6, 7, and 8. The learners have learned the n+5 strategy to make these larger numbers and we are beginning to write math sentences. You may see words on our math paper that support the oral representation of the numbers and symbols that the learners are starting to use to write equations. Have your child say the math sentence they write to see if it makes sense. Oftentimes, learners confuse the parts and whole in math sentences until the process becomes internalized.



