

News from Kindergarten

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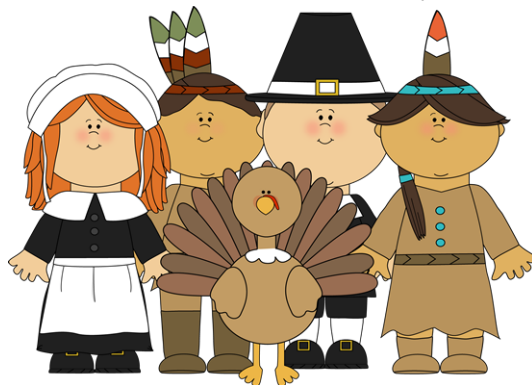
Dear Families,

Our kindergarteners have been learning about the traditions surrounding Thanksgiving and how this holiday began. We worked with Mrs. Stow's and Mrs. NB's kindergarten classes on a STEAM challenge that required the learners to build a bridge to allow the Pilgrims to cross a river. They worked with teams and experimented with different shapes and structures to create a bridge that would hold our counting bears. The record was 26 bears! We are thankful for our young engineers and their creative thinking.

Next week we will only have school on Monday and Tuesday. We hope you will enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday with your family. When we return, we will complete assessments for our first trimester report card. We use a standards-based report card here at Gilford Elementary School, so your child will be assessed on their independent level of knowledge of the kindergarten skills with these assessments. We will stress that each person should do his/her best, but it is OK to make mistakes. We will set goals for January based on the results of these assessments and the results will be recorded on our first trimester report card which will come home on Friday, December 15th.

Your child may be going to the principal's office soon! Mrs. Bolduc is inviting learners to have a **Literacy Lunch** with her. They will bring their lunch to the office and enjoy some great stories during their lunch time. I will add the time they spend reading with Mrs. Bolduc to our **Bonus Book Club**. Whenever your child gets to 500 minutes of reading time recorded, they will get to pick out a free book. We have already had 6 learners reach this goal and are working towards another 500 minutes.

Mrs. Godbout, Kindergarten Teacher



Upcoming November events.....

November 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

Upcoming December events.....

December 6 Early Release~ all learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM

December 12 PTA Meeting at GES Library at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

December 15 Report cards go home

December 23 - January 2 Holiday Break

Hot Lunch Choices for This Week

Monday grilled cheese sandwich or chef's salad

Tuesday breaded cheese sticks or chef's salad

Wednesday no school

Thursday HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday no school



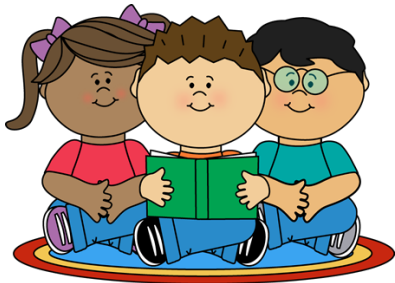
Breakfast is \$1.50.

Individual milk is 40¢.

Lunch is \$2.25 and includes milk.

Literacy

We have been working on summarizing what we have read. It is important for the children to be able to retell a story and include the characters and what they did in a chronological order. We have worked on retelling the beginning, middle and end of a story and include important details. The learners have a Thanksgiving story bracelet to be able to retell the facts from the first Thanksgiving to you. Ask your child to retell the story to you and if they need help, ask them what each colored bead means.



Math

The learners completed the first module of our Eureka math program. They are bringing home their math journal to share their learning with you. You will notice that we have built our math journal stamina, going from a very easy beginning of the year until now. The children have learned to share their knowledge with numbers, pictures and words. At the bottom of each page you will see 4 stars and the children do a self-evaluation of their skills each day.

