

News from Kindergarten

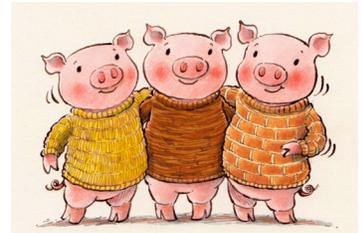
October 20, 2017

Dear Families,

The GES School Store is open every Wednesday morning. Last week, I gave everyone a gift certificate so they could all shop at the store. The store has school supplies that are \$1.00 or less, with the exception of headphones (which are \$6.00). Mrs. Bryant has provided everyone with a pair of headphones to start the year, but if your child breaks them, they should replace the headphones with ones from home or they may purchase some from the school store.

Halloween is just around the corner! Our annual Halloween parade has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st at 9:00 AM. Please send your child's costume to school on that day, but do not have them wear it to school. We will take off our costumes after the parade so they will be ready for trick-or-treating later that evening. Costumes should not be bloody or gory and may not include any weapons as part of the outfit. Families can view the parade on Belknap Mountain Road. We will walk from the school to the Gilford Village Store and back. When we return to school, we will have a small, festive snack and then return to our school day. Mrs. Costa, our room parent, will be contacting families about providing supplies for our festive snack.

We read *The Three Little Pigs* and designed models of the three houses and tried to make them strong enough to withstand the Big Bad Wolf (a small leaf blower). We thought about the structure of each house and how they would need to function to keep the pigs safe inside. The Next Generation Science standards which were addressed in this activity were:



- 🍌 Ask questions based on observations to find more information about the natural and/or designed world(s).
- 🍌 Develop a simple model based on evidence to represent a proposed object or tool.
- 🍌 Analyzing and interpreting data by collecting, recording, and sharing observations.
- 🍌 Analyze data from tests of an object or tool to determine if it works as intended.
- 🍌 The shape and stability of structures of natural and designed objects are related to their function(s).

Mrs. Godbout, Kindergarten Teacher

Upcoming events.....

October 27 GES Spirit Day~ Mismatch Day

October 31 Halloween parade (at 9:00 AM) and festive snack after the parade

Upcoming events.....

- November 2-9** Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
November 9 Learner Led Conferences~ No school for learners, but please bring your child to the conference as he/she will be leading the conference.
November 10 Veteran's Day- No school for learners
November 14 PTA Meeting at 6:30 PM in the GES Library. All are welcome!
November 15 Early Release~ All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM
November 17 Picture Re-Take Day
November 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

Literacy

This week we focused on two letters: Dd and Hh. In reading groups we used our new reading strategy: "Stretchy Snake". We stretch out the sounds found in words from left to right to decode words.



There is no homework assigned in kindergarten, but I have sent home a reading book club sheet. This is an optional activity intended to foster the love of reading in your child. Studies have shown that reading 20 minutes per day has a huge impact on young readers. I will keep track of how many minutes your child reads each week and each time they read 500 minutes, they will get a free book.

Math



Our learners made a rekenrek bracelet to take home and practice addition and subtraction facts to 10. The bracelet mirrors a tool we use in our classroom. Ask your child to show you how to use the bracelet.



Hot Lunch Choices for This Week

- Monday** hotdog or chef's salad
Tuesday chix bacon ranch sandwich or ham sandwich
Wednesday shepherd's pie or chef's salad
Thursday chicken bowl 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.

Our School Song

(We sing this at Showcase)

Gilford School a place you will remember,
G-i-l-f-o-r-d
Gilford School a place that's always friendly
A school that is best for me
Gilford School where learning gives the
greatest education you can find.
Gilford School a place for fun and frolic
where you improve your mind.

PURPLE

P-U-R-P-L-E, purple, purple
P-U-R-P-L-E,
Purple's what that spells.
Purple grapes on the vine
Purple Kool-Aid's fine.
P-U-R-P-L-E, Purple's what that
spells.

Sung to the tune: "*Camptown Races*"