

# News from Kindergarten

September 22, 2017

## Ask your child.....

- ★ to read by pointing to the word they are reading. This technique helps them match the words with one to one correspondence.
- ★ to name the **hidden partners** for the number 5. For example, "If I say 2, you say (3)."

Dear Families,

The PTA is hosting an outdoor showing of *Lego Batman* on Friday evening on the Gilford Village Fields (by the band stand). The movie is free and popcorn will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a fun evening with your family. The movie starts at 7:30 P.M.

A few years ago, I introduced stability balls as a seating choice for the learners in my classroom. Studies have shown that stability balls provide opportunities for movement for children while they are working. It helps build writing stamina, strengthens core muscles, and helps children to focus. We have 3 simple expectations: have 3 points of contact, roll the ball to move it around the classroom, and keep the stability balls away from sharp objects. The children love to sit and bounce while they are working. We also have regular chairs and clipboards for learners who work better when they can spread out on the floor.

*Mrs. Godbout, Kindergarten Teacher*

## Upcoming events.....

**September 26** Volunteer Orientation at 5:30 in GHS Auditorium. Lynn Lyons: How to manage the worry in family and at school. Come join us for a free event sponsored by the PTA at Gilford High School from 6:00-8:00 PM.

**September 27** Volunteer Fingerprint Clinic 1:00-3:00 PM. Call the SAU office to make an appointment.

**September 29** Gilford Spirit Day~ Wear our school colors (blue and white) Come to the PTA Movie Night at the Village Field. We will be watching *Lego Batman*. Rain date will be 9/30.

**October 3** Volunteer Orientation 6:00 PM in GHS Chorus Room

**October 4** Early Release~ All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM and there will be no afternoon programs or activities for learners.

**October 6** Picture Day at GES

**October 9** Columbus Day~ No school

**October 10** PTA Meeting at 6:30 PM in the GES Library. All are welcome.

**October 12** Volunteer Fingerprint Clinic 8:00-10:00 AM. Call the SAU office to make an appointment.

**October 18** Early Release~ All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM and there will be no afternoon programs or activities for learners.

## Literacy

We are learning to read using shared reading stories and poems. The children are practicing left to right and top to bottom eye tracking. Ask your child to sing the poems at the bottom of the newsletter and point to each word.



In writing workshop, the children are learning that "When you're done, you've just begun." We know we can add more details to our writing by adding colors, letters and words to our stories. Try fine motors activities like using tweezers or solving mazes to help your child build those finger muscles.

## Math

Our math class learned about numbers to 5 as the children count objects arranged in different **counting configurations**. They are answering questions like, "How many?" and finding the **hidden partners** when they break numbers apart. We listened to simple math stories and used a math expression to show someone about the stories.



Try playing "Red Hand, Blue Hand" to make combinations of 5. See if your child can find the hidden partner to make 5.

## Hot Lunch Choices for This Week

**Monday** grilled cheese sandwich or chef's salad

**Tuesday** chicken quesadilla or ham sandwich

**Wednesday** breaded cheese sticks 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.

R-E-D, red

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I can spell red,

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Firetrucks are red.

Stop signs are red.

R-E-D, R-E-D

O-R-A-N-G-E

O-R-A-N-G-E

O-R-A-N-G-E

That's how I spell orange.

Jack-o'-lanterns are always orange.

Carrots are always orange.

Oranges are always orange.

O-R-A-N-G-E

Round and round, just like an O  
That's a way to make zero.

Start at the top and down you run  
That's the way to make a one.

Make a candy cane, add a shoe,  
That's the way to make a two.

Around and around just like a "B".  
That's the way to make a three.