

News from Kindergarten

September 29, 2017

Ask your child.....

- ★ to use the pictures in a book to help him/her tell the story .
- ★ to count items from 0-5 and to write the numbers.

Dear Families,

The PTA is hosting an outdoor showing of *Lego Batman* on this 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.

Our next early release day will be Wednesday, October 4th. All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM and there will be no afternoon activities or programs for children on that afternoon. If your child will be going home a different way than they usually do, please send a note or call to let us know of your dismissal plans. This helps us with a smooth transition for our learners.

Outstanding	Great day	Good day	Ready to learn	Stop and think	Teacher choice	Parent Contact
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Have you noticed our bracelets? At the end of the day, the learners reflect on how they did during the day. There is a rainbow with different colors that correlate with the following descriptions of the day: **outstanding**, **great day**, **good day**, **ready to learn**, **stop and think**, **teacher choice**, and **parent contact**. Everyone starts the day at "ready to learn" and depending on their choices throughout the day, they may move up or down the scale (which is set up as a rainbow on the children's folders). The children choose the setting they land on and I check with them and review the choices that support or necessitate the need to move the clip they use. Most learners choose outstanding at the end of the day, which tells me that they see themselves as having a wonderful day in kindergarten, but sometimes they need reminders about the choices they made during the day that might change the choice. When learners are following expectations, making positive choices to help them learn (which includes fixing mistakes and being brave enough to make mistakes), and being kind and helpful to others in our class, they can expect an outstanding bracelet. If they are making choices that show refusal to make an effort to learn something or they are hurting themselves or another learner, they would expect parent contact. We talk about the green through purple range is where we would like to be at the end of each

day. We add our name to a bracelet and then bring it home to share with our families. We will be setting goals for the month of October and sharing them with our families at the beginning of next week.

Next Friday we will have school pictures taken. Bring your best smile! Families have received school picture information. You can send the envelope back to school or order your child's pictures online. We will have individual pictures taken as well as a class picture. We will also have an eye screening on the same day.

We welcome volunteers in Gilford Elementary School and appreciate the many ways you help our students to grow and learn. If you are planning on volunteering in any manner (classroom, chaperone, etc.), please complete the **background investigation and criminal records check**. You should contact the SAU office (527-9215) to schedule a time when you can complete this requirement. You will need to be **fingerprinted and have a photo identification taken by the school district**. The fingerprints will then be sent to Concord for a thorough background check by the State Police and the FBI. All volunteers should be approved by November 1, 2017. You will be issued a volunteer photo ID and you will need to bring that with you each time you volunteer in our school. Thank you for all you do to help out in our schools and keep our learners safe. If you are interested in helping out this year, please complete this volunteer sheet and return to Mrs. Godbout by October 6, 2017. There will be an important **volunteer orientation/information session** on October 3rd at Gilford High School Chorus Room. You will need to sign a confidentiality agreement in order to volunteer as well. Classroom volunteering begins October 16, 2017. Many thanks for all that you do!



Mrs. Godbout, Kindergarten Teacher

Upcoming events.....

- 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

This week we focused on three letters: Bb, Ll, and Tt. I sent home an alphabet chart to help your child to connect the letter, sound and picture clue when they are practicing their letters. We are working on setting goals to help us learn to learn the alphabet letters and sounds and use that information in our reading and writing.

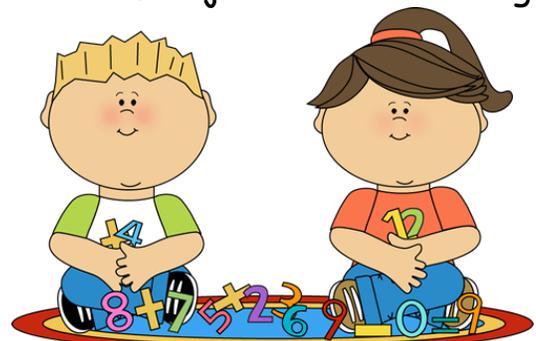


Ask your child to sing the poems at the bottom of the newsletter and point to each word.

Math

We set math goals that looked at the following criteria:

- know number names and the count sequence.
- Count to tell the number of objects.
- Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand that subtraction as taking from
- Classify objects and count the number of objects in each category.



Hot Lunch Choices for This Week

Monday meatball sub or chef's salad

Tuesday steak and cheese sub or ham sandwich

Wednesday nachos with chicken 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.

Y-E-L-L-O-W spells yellow.

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**Like the early morning sun,
When the day has just begun.**

Y-E-L-L-O-W spells yellow.

**Sung to the tune: "If You're Happy And You
Know It"**

**Here are the number poems we practiced
this week:**

Down and over and down some more
That's the way to make a four.

Short neck, belly fat,
Mr. Five wears a hat.