

## September News

Thanks for the amazing class gifts to enhance our daily learning and each teacher is so appreciative and plans to use it wisely!!

We also appreciate all the other kind gestures and treats that brighten our school days. the tasty back to school goodies from the seltzers to granola bars, fruit cookies and popcorn really hit the spot!

### **Mrs. Husstege**

the media center makeover that began this summer is now complete. The maintenance department finished the new ceiling and lights. The new carpet was also installed. After a lot of hard work all of the books have been returned to the shelves in correct order and the students are excited to have their first book selection.

### **Mr. Villaneuve**

We are singing, dancing, and the music room is thriving with all sorts of colorful songs and sounds. Students completed their musical Hopes and Dreams, and we have begun to make music as an ensemble through each grade level. I look forward to a wonderful year of music with our students and look out for the Lincoln School Choir!

### **Miss. Linz**

Miss Linz wants to share that the Lincoln artists have been busy creating their self-portraits. All grades are enjoying working in their newly designed art space. Miss Linz hopes to encourage outdoor learning using nature to explore art in different ways. For now, she is loving getting to meet Lincoln's artists and can't wait to see what their creative minds have in store for them this year...

### **Mr. Patanella's computers update**

Kindergarten students have been working on mouse skills along with some Makerspace building activities (Lincoln Logs, Mega Blocks and Stick Puzzles). First grade has reviewed the rules of the computer lab and worked on Abcya and Starfall websites. Second graders have been getting excited about getting their Chromebooks. I have been going into the classrooms to go over Chromebook procedures and give out their email and passwords.

### **Mr. Reilly**

Mr. Reilly would like to thank the P.T.O. for their generous support of the P.E. department! This coming fall will be a busy one in the gym, as Mr. Reilly has a student teacher joining him from William Paterson University. Ms. Bertino will be with any students who have P.E. on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays leading up until the holiday break in December. Additionally, the intramural program will be starting up again for any interested 4th and 5th grade students. Finally, the Gaga Pit is just about ready for use, and classes will be heading out there soon! Have a great year everybody, see you at Back to School Night!

## **Spanish, Senora Merino**

So far in Spanish in all the grades we are reviewing whatever the children learned last year.

- How do we greet each other in Spanish
- How are you?
- What is your name?

## **Fifth grade**

Math is starting the year with a unit on understanding the importance of a growth mindset. Social Studies is starting a unit on European exploration. Students will soon be creating Google Slides presentations of European explorers and creating an interactive classroom timeline. In language arts, we added a new activity- the students created identity webs last week, these will be revisited throughout the year. This week, we are launching our reading and writing units- building up stamina and setting goals for the year. We begin the year in writing with a personal narrative piece.

## **Fourth Grade**

Grade 4 busy bees are buzzing and building relationships in their new learning communities! We've shared "bio bags", set new hopes and goals, and created our class Constitutions. Also, we're getting to know each other better by writing "I Am" poems and math autobiographies. Additionally, we have been working on developing a "Bubble Gum Brain" (growth mindset) rather than a "Brick Brain" (fixed mindset). All are excited about our new 4th Grade opportunities! On Friday, we will participate in an instrumental demonstration, and many of the children are excited about learning an instrument, joining Chorus, and running for Student Council!

## **Third Grade**

Third graders are off to a great beginning. We have been establishing our new routines and learning about how to be successful classmates and students. We are finding our commonalities and appreciating the unique qualities of each other.

One way we are practicing appreciation is to notice the all the good that is done around us. We have been discussing the heroes in our everyday lives, and we wrote thank you notes to the Wyckoff police, firefighters, and EMT workers. The notes thanked these local heroes for their service to our community and were written on small flags attached a pencil to be distributed at the 9/11 memorial service this week.

In math, we are reviewing reading and writing numbers in the thousands and using some number talk strategies.

We are looking forward to all the fabulous fall events ahead.

## **Second Grade**

Second Graders have been enjoying getting to know their new classmates and teachers. They have been busy making hopes and dreams for themselves for this school year. They have

established agreed upon classroom rules so that each of them may achieve their hopes and dreams as second graders.

### **First Grade**

Grade one is off to a great start! We are making new friends and becoming familiar with new class routines. We are building habits of readers and writers this month. We have begun our new social studies unit on families. In math, we are currently reviewing numbers through 10. The first grade teachers would like to thank the PTO for the very generous classroom gift. It is appreciated- from the bottom of our hearts!

### **Kindergarten**

We have been Building Class community learning out class routines and the many places around our very large school. We have been learning about each other from names to favorites and we all love morning meeting! We are writing about things we know through pictures and beginning to understand the routines for reading by practicing using Star books. In math we are working on numbers and hunting around the room. We will be developing a sense of self in social studies and then studying the weather in science! The children are most excited for blocks and our new art exploration time weekly with Miss Linz.