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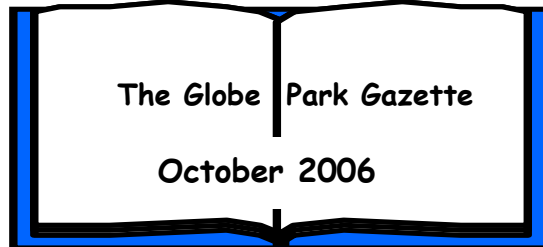
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Dear Globe Park School Community,

Welcome Back The school year is now underway and the children have settled into their classrooms. I want to thank all of you for your patience and efforts in making the transition from summer vacation to the 2006-2007 school year a smooth one for your children. A special welcome to our new parents whose children have entered our school for the first time.

Helping your Child At Home: We strongly encourage you to read with your children everyday for at least fifteen minutes. Either they can read to you or you can read to them. Either way will help lead to success for your children in school. Also, please make every effort to check your children's backpacks every day for notices from the school, notes from the teacher and homework. Finally, it is very important for your children to come to school every day and arrive on time so they do not miss any teaching and learning time.

Homework Folders: Each child in grades 1-5 should be coming home with a green homework folder every Monday-Thursday night. The front of the folder gives information about our homework practices and philosophy. All of your child's homework should be in one of the pockets inside the folder. The other pocket contains information for you to keep at home. If you child has not been bringing home his/her folder or tells you that he/she does not have homework on a weeknight, please check with your child's teacher. Please make sure to remove the items in the "Please keep at home" side of the folder every night. Kindergarten children will probably not use their homework folders until later this month!

Student Progress Reports:

Your child will come home with a student progress report on a monthly basis. You should have received your first report on Thursday, September 28. Please review the report with your child, sign it and return it to school the next day.

Arrival and Dismissal Thanks for all your efforts during arrival and dismissal. It has been excellent this year. I know it seems like arrival and dismissal take a long time but we would rather be overly cautious when it comes to the safety of the children.

PTA: If you have not joined the PTA, please do. Your \$4.00 in dues makes it possible for our children to go on field trips and see wonderful cultural arts performances. It also helps us make improvements to the school that would not otherwise be possible. You do not have to attend any meetings. We just need as many parents/guardians to join as possible. It is the only way this important part of our school can continue to help improve the quality of your child's educational experience. It's the best \$4 you'll ever spend! We thank you for your support.

State Testing: October is State Testing Month in Rhode Island. It is very important for the children in Grades 3-5 to attend school every day, on time in October to be sure they complete all sections of the state testing. Thanks.

On a personal note, I want to thank all members of the Globe Park School Community for the warm welcome I have received from everybody. I have felt right at home at Globe Park School from the beginning and I look forward to a great school year.

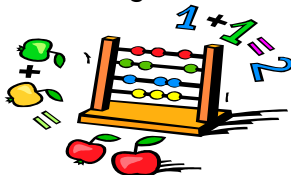
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CLASSROOM NEWS



Mrs. Dzikiewicz and Mrs. Martineau

Welcome Autumn! Our classroom rules and routines are in place and we're ready to go. This month we will begin our reading and math programs. We will be working on the letters m, t, c, a, b and number recognition. Also we will be reading stories and poems about fall and fall celebrations.



Mrs. Szrom and Mrs. Lauzon

The children have made a nice adjustment to school.

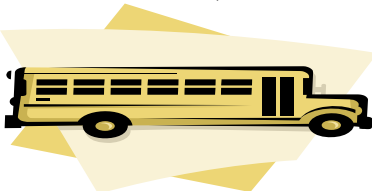
We have already learned the letters and sounds of A a, B b, and C c. In the coming weeks we will concentrate on the letters T t, M m, L l, J j, and H h, along with leaves, pumpkins, and Halloween.



Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Labarre

Although the beginning of school started later than usual, we are off to an amazing start to the new year. Our rules and routines are being set in place and we are all working at learning to cooperate with each other. New ways of using materials are also being explored in preparation for working in our kindergarten program.

This month we will begin working with our reading and math programs, with an emphasis on letters, sounds and numbers. A Writing Journal will focus on things the children Like and See. Our Theme for the month will continue to be ALL ABOUT ME, and in Science we will begin exploring our Senses.



Ms. Lamberto and Mrs. Dyndur

The year is off to a great start. We have gotten a good picture of everyone's personalities and have gotten our structured routine in place. We have been participating in activities based around the apple theme. Fall is a great time of year and we have great lessons planned for the month of October. It has been a pleasure meeting the parents and your children they are a great group of students. We keep very busy all day long so we all need a good nights rest !!!!!!!!!!

Mrs. Gobeille and Mrs. DiChristoforo

Our first grade classroom is filled with much excitement and enthusiasm. The children are eager to learn so many new things. We are spending some time reviewing the alphabet, sounds, nursery rhymes, color words, numbers, etc. A great big Thank You to all of the parents who so generously donated items from the "wishing tree" at our open house, and to those who have volunteered their time for special projects! It is all so greatly appreciated. We have been working hard on learning basic routines that will enable your child to become responsible for his/her learning during reading and writing workshops. The boys and girls are anxiously awaiting our field trip October 4 to the Biomes Center. It will serve as the foundation for some exciting lessons! We are all looking forward to a great year!



Mrs. Kucharski and Mrs. Robert

In the month of September we have been very busy learning to be independent writers and to use "children's writing". We are also learning to work together in cooperative groups. In the weeks ahead, we will be doing a unit on weather, beginning weekly spelling, and working on graphing in math.



Mr. Poli and Mrs. DiChristoforo

Well our year is off to a great start! We are adjusting to the everyday routines of first grade. Our class has been very busy so far this year reviewing letters and their sounds, transitioning to and from centers, and learning the strategies necessary to become great readers. In the weeks ahead, we will be working hard in our Won Way phonics program, Guided Reading, and Writer's Workshop. In addition, we will learn about Columbus Day, and have a Halloween celebration at the end of the month. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me! See you in November!



Mrs. Capalbo, Miss Flood, Mrs. Lemay and Mrs. Allard

In October, our second-graders will be learning about fire safety and Christopher Columbus in addition to our regular daily curriculum. In writing, we will continue to focus on what makes a good sentence, including the use of correct mechanics. In math, we will be working on number facts to a sum of 20. Please practice addition facts with your child nightly. We have begun Reading Workshop with our students as well, and we ask you to continue reading at home with your child. Remember the 25 book goal for the year! We look forward to a wonderful year with our new second-graders!



Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Allard, Mrs. Gamache, Mrs. Gingras and Miss Young

September was a great month to get to know each other and to get into a routine of work and play. October will bring new fun. We will celebrate Gregory's birthday. We look forward to a visit from Kathi's husband who is a firefighter. It will be exciting getting ready for Halloween activities. Alternate Assessment will begin for some. We'll try to make that fun and productive as we show how the children are applying reading and math to what they do each day. Happy October!

Mrs. Baffoni, Miss Christina, Mrs. Boivin, Mrs. Henao, Mrs. Mathewson and Mrs. Vachon

Miss Cherie, Miss Michelle, and Miss Diane will be working towards redesigning their classroom bulletin boards to welcome the fall season. They will do this through sensory art projects and reading through fall story boxes. They will be celebrating Summer and Jen's birthday in the month of October.

Miss Christina, Miss Maria Elena, and Miss Jacqueline have welcomed their students back to school with a made-over classroom. The classroom has accumulated numerous toys and play areas thanks to Globe Park teachers and friends!

Next month, Miss Christina's class will be learning about some Halloween traditions, as well as experiencing the fall season in their learning. The students will be cooking up some tasty recipes and using pretend play to go along with the October theme.

Miss Cherie and Miss Christina would like to invite any students to visit the classrooms and become a peer buddy this school year.



Miss Ficca, Mrs. Palmieri and Miss Maciejko

The students have been getting to know each other and their new routines. The topic for our October Pizza Hut Book It book report is a mystery book. Information on the report will be sent home shortly. Once the book report is returned, the students will receive a Pizza Hut coupon. Remember to read at home for fifteen to twenty minutes each night.



Mrs. Girard

The school year has begun and we had a very eventful and busy September. The students had a great time on our field trip to Goat Island and they were very excited to see the slideshow of the trip. Throughout the school year, the students will be learning how to use the wonderful technology we have in our school.

Parents, please be sure to check your child's homework folder each night for their homework. They might have between three and four subjects a night. Please be sure to review this work with them. Also, state testing will begin the first week of October. Please be sure your child eats breakfast and gets to bed early each night so they are well rested and fresh for the testing each morning. Thank you!



Mrs. Lacourse

Our class has had an exciting start to the school year. We went on a scooner boat ride and did some experiments with the ocean water and creatures. We continue to review for state test which we will take the first two weeks of October. During testing days there will be no homework. Please use this time at home with your child reviewing basic math facts and reading comprehension. Students must read a Biography book for the October book report. Paper work for this at home assignment will be forth coming the first week of October. The report will be due October 25th. Our class web site will be up and running soon, a note will go home with the web address when it is up and running. Thanks for all your generous donation of tissues and disinfectant wipes.

Mrs. Polacek

It has been a busy first month of school getting back into the swing of things. We are working hard at reviewing and introducing some new things. The students are getting ready to take the NECAP test starting the first week in October. Please have your child get a good night sleep and eat a good healthy breakfast prior to testing, hopefully it will help them stay focused. Encourage your children to try their hardest, that is all we can ask of them. Homework is a nightly thing, please check to see if your child has done their homework each day, we have had many students not bring in homework. This month a book report will be assigned, it will be on an autobiography. Paperwork will be sent home to explain what needs to be done. It will be due on October 25th. Have a great month, it has been great getting to know your children!



Mrs. Lavallee and Mrs. Rowey

Welcome back to school! Thank you for helping with homework, bringing in tissues for stuffy noses, bringing in snacks for our hungry bellies, and attending Open House. Your support is appreciated.

Students will be writing personal narratives, solving measurement problems, learning cursive, and completing an author study of Tomie DePaola. Mrs. Johnson has been helping us establish routines for reading and writing workshops. October's book report will be due on October 19th. We enjoy reading to our little Reading Buddies in Miss Lamberto's class. Have a happy and safe Halloween.



Mrs. Levasseur, Mrs. Ozanian, Mrs. Peloquin, and Mrs Foisy

Our students are settling in nicely to their new routine. Now that fall is here we will begin working on some projects that reflect the season. We have been achieving 4's and hope to continue our great work.



Mrs. Gudaitis

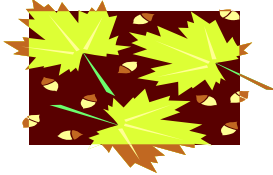
It was nice to see so many parents at Open House. It is hard to believe that it is already October. The students are growing used to the routine and expectations in the classroom. NECAP testing will take place for the first three weeks of October. Please be sure your child is coming to school having eaten breakfast, well rested, and on time. Encourage your child to try their best!



Mrs. Gray

Welcome to school year 2006-2007. We are underway, preparing diligently for the NECAPs. Our time in school is spent reviewing skills that will be helpful come test time. Please help your child with their multiplication tables and reading homework. Also check their paragraphs so that together we can encourage good writing habits. These skills are very important for the test but also throughout the school year! After NECAPs, we will be writing gory word problems just in time for Halloween! The class will be voting on the best ones and then we'll share them with the rest of the school. These will reinforce the steps and strategies to problem solving. In social studies we are learning how to be patriots. We are learning patriotic songs, discussing how to be good citizens in school, at home and in the community. Good citizenship is a life long characteristic we should all have. Homework is very important in the 5th grade. It needs to be completed nightly. Consequences are given for non-completion or part completion of homework. Rewards are always given for good work!

Have a ghoulish Halloween!!



Mrs. Laplante

It's hard to believe that we have been in school for almost a month. It has been a very busy September. REVIEW, REVIEW, REVIEW, is all we have been doing to prepare for state testing. Testing starts on October 4th and continues through October 17th. It is very important during testing time that your child gets a good nights sleep and eats a healthy breakfast. They will be working very hard so they will need the extra energy.

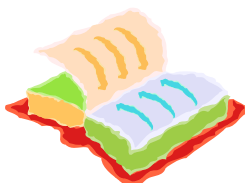
Homework is a very important part of your child's education. Homework is assigned nightly Monday through Thursday. Please make sure your child is completing it **every night**.

Our lollipop fundraiser will begin this month. Lollipops will be sold for \$1.00 two days (Wednesday & Friday) a week. This is our big fundraiser that helps pay for graduation festivities. If you have not already done so please consider joining the PTA, it only costs \$4. I hope to see you the night of the Halloween Party, Friday, October 27th at the Middle School. I am looking forward to having a great year with your child. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or send in a note.



Mrs. Chopoorian – Music

All grades are beginning to read, write and perform rhythms. 4th and 5th grades will be starting recorders the first week of November. The PTA will be selling recorders to students who would like to purchase them. Watch for the order form to come home in a few weeks. Also, instrument rental night is October 5th, at WMS for 5th graders involved in the after school band program at the Middle School.



Miss Fallon – Library

If any students found missing library books over the summer, they should return them. There are no overdue fines, and I would be happy to have them back. An easy way to identify a library book is to look for a bar code on the back cover of the book, upper right corner. The bar code will be marked: Globe Park School Media Center. Please remember that if you move during the school year, your child's library books must be returned.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms. Smith – Technology

Welcome back to another great year at Globe Park! Thank you for continuing to return your used ink cartridges. The cartridges are recycled and the school receives points for each used cartridge. It was very nice to see so many parents at open house. Some of you asked about websites with educational games; here are a few:

pbskids.org

kidshealth.org

iknowthat.com

funbrain.com

gamequarium.com

primarygames.com

prongo.com

kidsgame.org



Mrs. Cureton – TIME Teacher

TIPS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

HOW IMPORTANT IS PARENT INVOLVEMENT? Research is clear on this subject.

Parent involvement in education makes a huge difference in your child's school success. So even if your child seems unconcerned about your presence, he surely is affected by it.

This doesn't mean you have to attend every school activity, you can send in cookies for a party instead. In fact, many home tasks are associated with higher student achievement. The National Education Association (NEA) strongly suggest talking about school, helping with homework, and monitoring your child's time.

(Source: "Getting Involved in Your Child's Education," NEA, www.nea.org/parents/index.html.)



THE NURSE'S CORNER by Maria Bouvier, RNCSNT

First I would like to welcome you all to Globe Park. I would like to go through some of the important medical information. You may already have it but being the nurse I feel that I need to give you the ability to review the policies that help keep all the students as healthy as possible.

Illness: in order to maintain the best state of health for all our students, I would ask that parents not send children who are sick to school. Student should be without fever, vomiting, etc., for 24 hours before returning to school. I understand it is sometimes difficult if you are working. Maybe you can find another mother or relative who may help out, before you need them.

Medication: Parents are advised to give medication at home and on a schedule other than school hours. If it is necessary to administer medication, it should be in the original prescription bottle, properly labeled, and accompanied by:

1. a written physician's order
2. a written consent form, signed by the parent or legal guardian, allowing the school nurse-teacher to administer medication in school.

If you wish to have Tylenol available or any other over-the-counter medicines you must follow the above procedure. You may send a note with cough drops, lozenges etc., but it can only be given to your child once and only for one day.

Screenings: As you may already know Hearing Screening was done last Thursday by the RI School For the Deaf. They do K-3 which is recommended by the Dept. of Health. The next Screening will be with the Dentist on Thursday, October 26. There will be a reminder. If your child has not seen a dentist in 6 months prior to October 26, they will be checked unless you let us with a letter.

I would just like to finish up by reminding one of the best ways to keep your children and yourself healthy.

1. Drink lots of water.
2. Eat breakfast every day.
3. Get lots of rest.
4. Dress appropriately for the weather.
5. WASH YOUR HANDS, WASH YOUR HANDS, WASH YOUR HANDS!

Thank you for reading this and anything you do for your children.



PTA News

Well a new year is underway and we would like to welcome all the new and returning families. We have a very active year planned and we hope you will come to enjoy the events. First we would like to say the fall fundraiser is over. We would like to thank all the families who participated in the event. We will be sending home a notice letting you know when your purchased items will be ready for pick up. We would like to thank Mrs. Montecalvo, Mrs. Marcotte, Mrs. Therrien, Mrs. Remillard, Mrs. Lafrenaye, Mrs. Cassidy and Mrs. Archambault for helping us count and sort the fundraisers. Your help was greatly appreciated.

On Friday, October 27th we will be having a Halloween Dance. It will be from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Woonsocket Middle School. Please look for fliers asking for volunteers. Sign up if you can. The more volunteers we have the better the event will run. Thanks to Wanda Lafrenaye and Melanie Champagne for chairing the event.

We regret to inform you that we will not be having a pie fundraiser this year due to supply issues with the provider. However, we will be having a cookie dough/coffee cake fundraiser for Christmas. Catalogs will be going home on October 23rd and the fundraiser will end on November 6th.

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for October 12th at 6:30 PM in the school library.



Calendar

- October 2nd - Student Senate Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 PM
- October 4th - Grade 1 Field Trip to Biomes
- October 4-6 – NECAP Testing grades 3-5
- October 9th – Columbus Day No School
- October 11-13 – NECAP Testing grades 3-5
- October 12th – PTA Meeting 6:30 - Library
- October 16-17 – NECAP Testing grade 5
- October 23rd. – Cookie Dough/Coffeecake Fundraiser Begins
- October 27th – Halloween Dance – WMS Cafeteria 6:30 – 8:30 PM