

ENFIELD STREET GAZETTE

WHAT'S THE BUZZ AT ESS!

Principal's Message

What a wonderful start we have had to the 2019-2020 school year! It is hard to believe that we are already heading into the holiday season watching the leaves and temperature continue to fall. The students have settled into our school routines and expectations, and it is evident every day that they are growing and learning. As we continue to work to help the students improve academically, we also put time into making sure they have the social and emotional tools to feel good about themselves, both in and out of school. This year we continue to have both school-wide, as well as classroom, initiatives and resources to teach the self-regulation skills students of this age range need to be successful. As always, we appreciate the support of the Enfield Street School families.

This is a very special community, one that works closely with our school to benefit and support all students. I truly look forward to our continued growth throughout the year.

All the best,

Mark Lord



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Kindergarten Corner

Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Fritz, Mrs. Guertin,
Mrs. Kraucunas & Mrs. Searcy

The kindergarten students have been having so much fun learning about our school community and all the ways they can be safe, kind, and responsible citizens at Enfield Street School. They have begun reading learn about the world books and storybooks in reading workshop as well learning about their names, letters, and letter sounds in phonics. The students have also been writing true stories about things that have really happened to them in writing workshop as well as learning about the numerals 0-10 in math. They have been making observations about our ever-changing New England weather and continue to work on their fine motor skills with cutting, gluing, coloring, and writing letters with

the correct letter formation. We are very proud of their growth so far. Please read to your child as frequently as possible and engage them in meaningful conversation to expand their vocabularies and social/emotional skills. Getting them involved in extracurricular activities is also very beneficial and will help to develop their social/emotional skills even further.



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First Grade Fun

**Mrs. Hulevitch, Mrs. Lajoie, Mrs. Moffett,
Ms. Nicol & Ms. Scully**

Time flies when we are having fun learning in FIRST GRADE!!

We are first grade readers, writers, and mathematicians! We rock! We are continuously using reading strategies, predicting, visualizing, retelling, drawing conclusions and using higher level thinking when reading! We continue to learn snap words for automaticity and to improve fluency. We keep building our stamina to read longer and stronger!

In writing, we will conclude our Small Moment unit. In this unit we brought what we do and our experiences to life in stories about ourselves. In November, we will begin a new writing unit focusing on How-to. In this unit we will be become "tiny teachers" writing about topics we are experts at.

In math, we have focused on counting orally to 120, number identification, identifying the missing number and identifying the greater number! We continue to use addition and subtraction strategies to solve problems. We are using strategies to add and subtract to 10. These

strategies include using manipulatives, drawing pictures, number bonds and a number line.

In first grade our integrated studies are comprised of Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS), science, social studies and the Lego Education Program. Mrs. Woods meets with the first graders every Thursday morning to focus on PBIS. Here the students continue to learn how to be safe, kind, and responsible at Enfield Street School! In science, social studies and Lego we are discussing engineering and design, communities, national holidays, and citizenship.

We are so very proud of all the hard work our students are doing to help them explore and learn in school! Thank you for your support!



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Second Grade Superheroes

**Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Kilty, Mrs. Schmidt,
Mrs. Tercasio & Mrs. Trifone**

Second grade has so many wonderful things going on. In reading, we are using our reading strategies to grow as second grade readers. Students are learning about narrative elements. Next, we will grow our word solving muscles by incorporating those strategies into longer books.

In math, we have been working on our addition and subtraction strategies. We are using these skills to problem solve. We have worked with odd and even numbers, and arrays.

In writing, we have been writing small moment stories. Small moment stories are true stories, about a moment in our lives. We will continue this writing unit until November.

In Second Step we have learned how to focus our attention, pay attention, and be assertive to get the most out of our learning. We will talk about feelings and body language to interact with others next.

We are looking forward to our in-school field trip program. The CT Historical Society will come to school and teach us about native people in CT long ago.



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Bucket Filling Celebration

As most of you know, Enfield Street is a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) and “Bucket Filling” School. Students earn “warm fuzzies” for demonstrating our Core Values of being SAFE, KIND, and RESPONSIBLE. Once their classroom buckets are full, they dump them into our school bucket. The kids have had a terrific start to the new school year and have quickly filled up our school-wide bucket. We are very proud of them! Each time our school bucket is filled, we do something special to celebrate!

On Friday, October 18th we welcomed Officer Trifone (husband to our very own Mrs. Trifone, grade 2 teacher) and Officer Masis with their K9 dogs Tango and Oden to Enfield Street School for a K9 demonstration. **THE KIDS ENJOYED IT SO MUCH!!**

Officer Trifone was so terrific when he spoke to the children. He tied in how they reward the dogs for good behavior with a special ball to the way we reinforce great behavior here at ESS with our warm fuzzies. He also talked about perseverance to the kids, explaining how it takes the dog an average of 44 times of practice to learn



one new obedience skill. He continued to encourage the kids to keep working hard in school and keep reaching for their goals. Our students asked some very interesting and thoughtful questions, showing how curious they were! Officer Trifone was incredibly patient and knowledgeable and stayed on to answer every single one!

It was a great day of celebration and learning at Enfield Street School! Please let your students know how proud we all are of them for working so hard to fill our school-wide bucket!!



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A Note from the Reading Rooms...

Mrs. Jennings Mrs. Paradise
Mrs. Woods



The Reading Rooms are off to a busy start in this new school year. Our goal is to help all students within the school to become lifelong readers. As a school community we work with the classroom teachers to develop the use of reading strategies enabling them to become independent readers. We hope to foster a love of reading.

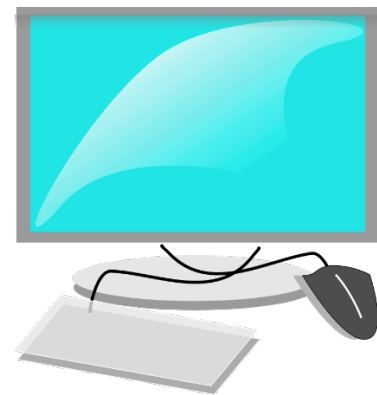
Try to set aside some time to read with your child each day. This should be a fun time for you to spend together. You may choose to read to your child, listen to your child read or take turns reading.

The First Readers Ceremony will take place on Monday, November 4th. Our newly certified readers brought home their certificates and letters to share with families. You should have received your invitation to the ceremony. We are proud of our First Readers!

"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child." — May Ellen Chase

From the Computer Lab with Mrs. Hatfield

Students are focusing on mastering basic computer functions in computer class. In Kindergarten, students have learned how to log into their computers, how to control a mouse and how to navigate a website. In first grade students are learning the placement of the keys on the keyboard. First graders are enjoying meeting keyboard characters to help them remember where each key is. In second grade, students are learning how to type using home row. They are learning the job of each finger on the keyboard and trying to become more efficient at typing. Second grade students are also responsible for the morning announcements each morning—they are very excited getting to see themselves on their classroom TV sharing Enfield Street's important announcements!



Art Studio

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Hello, from the Art Studio, hopefully your child considers art a very exciting and unique class!

Much of Art class revolves around using materials, developing skills and, the blending of collaboration with invention. Students are learning about proper handling and storage of materials, specifically brushes and wet paintings.

In Art class, the goals are to have fun, try and fail, and try again, and to get along with others. The rules for the room are:

1. Enter Calmly
2. Look and Listen
3. Whisper, Share and Take Care
4. Clean Up and Line Up

When classes follow these rules the Art room is an open space for creativity, self-exploration, and valuing our friends.

As projects find their way home, please try and find a chance to celebrate the work. If your child can do all the talking about the project, you win! A piece of artwork on clear display in the home can bring huge confidence and pride to your child. We eagerly welcome volunteers, donations and questions; hope to see you at conferences!

Respectfully,

The Art Department

Mrs. Sadosky

Your child visits the school library once a week with their class. At that time they hear a story, learn about what the library has to offer them, and they are allowed to check out two books. Books are due back the following week.

We've learned about taking care of books we borrow by reading "What Happened to Marion's Book" by Brook Berg. "Bunny Cakes" by Rosemary Wells taught us about patience, creativity and determination. In "Going Places" by Peter Reynolds, Maya showed us now to think outside the box.

Birthday Book Club forms were sent home with every child. With a \$15.00 donation, a book will be purchased in honor of your child. A special bookplate will be placed on the inside cover with a special message from you. Your child will be the first one to check the book out and it becomes a permanent part of our library's collection. It's a great way to acknowledge your child's birthday.

(Just a reminder, if your child does not have a plastic bag for his/her books, may I suggest a large zip lock bag. There are many damaged library books due to spills in backpacks, which results in a bill being sent home.)

Library News

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Notes from the Nurse's office:

We are starting to enter the time of year where colds and germs are frequently shared, and this age group tends to be very generous! While good handwashing is the best way to get rid of germs some choose to use hand sanitizer. Before sending it to school with your child please know we do have sanitizers on the walls and plenty of soap and water!! The sanitizers are 70% ethyl alcohol which if ingested could have serious consequences. If you do choose to send your child with sanitizer, please be sure it is fragrance free as this can be a health hazard to persons with certain conditions.

In order to contain the germs and keep everyone a bit healthier please review the guidelines for when children need to remain out of school. This information can be found on page 54 of **the Enfield Public Schools Elementary School Handbook for Parents and Students**.

“Communicable Disease and Infestation

Children should be observed before being sent to school to be sure they are free of any signs of disease such as headache, upset stomach, sore throat, runny nose, rashes, flushed face, and/or red and watery eyes.

A child with a beginning cold should be kept at home for 24-48 hours. Many contagious diseases begin with signs of a cold. Prompt isolation of these children from others will help prevent spreading of the disease. The following are the isolation requirements of the Connecticut State Department of Public Health in regard to some of the more common communicable diseases:

Chickenpox	Remain out of school until all primary lesions have healed, 5 to 7 days from onset of symptoms.
Head Lice	Re-entry is permitted when student no longer has an active infestation which will be determined through

examination by the school nurse.

Strep
Remain out of school for 24 hours after their first dose of medication to prevent the spread to other students

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) with discharge; remain home until the prescribed treatment has been given for 24 hours and/or the discharge stops.

Vomiting, Diarrhea, Fever

Students must be fever free, without fever reducing medication given, vomiting, or diarrhea free for 24 hours before returning to school.”

Please feel free to call me with questions or concerns if you are unsure if your child's condition is appropriate for school.

Stay Healthy!!

Nurse Tammy