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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 14

BOE Meeting @ 7pm

NOVEMBER 15

PTO Meeting @ 6pm, K-2 Library

NOVEMBER 19

Parent Teacher Conferences @
12-4pm and 5-7pm

NOVEMBER 20-24

No School: Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 7

2nd Grade Trim-a-Tree @ 1:30-3pm

DECEMBER 11

BOE Meeting @ 7pm

DECEMBER 18

1st Grade Holiday Show @ 10am
in High School Auditorium

DECEMBER 20

Kindergarten Holiday Sing Along
@ 12:30pm

DECEMBER 24 - Jan 1

No School: Holiday Break

JANUARY 8

BOE Meeting @ 7pm

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PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRIMARY

1ST TRIMESTER NEWSLETTER (Nov '18)

Michelle Rawson, Principal

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year in the Primary School! We are looking forward to a successful and positive school year! It is exciting to get to know all the new faces and to see the familiar faces! Students have been practicing their new classroom routines, safety procedures, and expectations while in school.

We started off the year by having students engage in a beginning of the year assembly, which focuses on rules and behaviors. The focus of the assembly at each grade level is teaching the 3 B's and discussing the rules, expected behaviors, positive incentives, and bullying. Please discuss the "Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible" matrix in the student handbook that summarizes student conduct expectations. Students are doing a nice job this year practicing and demonstrating appropriate school behavior. Our own superheroes are featured in a movie



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NEW YORK STATE
SECOND ANNUAL

School Vision Health

AWARENESS EVENT

October 2018

NURSE'S OFFICE UPDATE

from Kathleen Bedard, RN

The month of October is School Vision Health month in NY State. Students in Pre k and kindergarten were given the option to be screened at school by the Peru Lions club for free on October 1st. Students in Pre K, Kindergarten and 1st grade are screened for vision and hearing concerns in the health office and referrals made with any concerns noted. If your child is in need of glasses, the Lions club offers free vision exams and glasses to children in need.

KATHLEEN BEDARD, RN
HEALTH OFFICE
Peru Elementary School (K-2)
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SCHOOL BREAKFAST INFORMATION

SERVING TIME

Elementary: 8:50 a.m - Students are dismissed from their bus

Jr/Sr High: 7:15 until lunch starts in the Sr High Cafeteria

PRICE

\$1.50 Dollars | \$0.25 Reduced-Price | Free (if qualified)

No advance registration necessary!
All students are welcome every day!

READING CORNER

from Mrs. Arnold, Academic Intervention & ELL



Reading is a fundamental skill that all children need to be successful in school and in the outside world. Because of this, it is one of the primary focuses in the early years of school. At Peru

Elementary, we not only want our students to be able to read but also enjoy it and become lifelong readers. Here are some useful tips that will help your little one on their journey to literacy.

Phonics – one of the earliest facts that children need to understand before they can read is that there is a relationship between letters and their sounds. The easiest way to help children learn it is through games and repetition. Ask your child what each letter says, help them make the connection between letters, and sing songs. Alphabet magnets, cards, and various games can help make this learning process fun and enjoyable.

Read and Read and Read! – It is important for children to read, be read to, and see you read. Help them understand that words go from left to right, how to turn the pages, and that the pictures relate to the words. Let them see you read – just understanding that reading is a fun pastime for everyone, including adults, will encourage them to want to read.

Explore the World of Books – If your child says they do not like to read, it means they just have not found the right book! If your child expresses an interest in something, help them find a book at their level about it. Make sure that the books they choose are at the appropriate level – they should be able to read most the words without trouble. For new readers, repetitive books are also enjoyable and help reinforce words and phrasing.



DEAR FAMILIES *(Continued from Pg 1)*

teaching and reviewing bus, cafeteria, and playground rules.

I want to remind parents to only use the parking spots designated for handicap parking if you have the appropriate licensed or placarded vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation.

As we head into the winter months and with the anticipated colder weather, I want to remind parents to please be sure that your child is dressed in appropriate attire for outside recess, which include jackets, hats, and mittens or gloves.

Also, snow pants and boots will be needed when snow is on the ground, so your child will be permitted to play in the snow. Students will be outside during recess as long as the temperature is 17 degrees and above with the wind chill factor. Also, we factor in conditions of the playground when determining if it is safe for students to partake in outside recess ie: icy, wet, muddy.



One of our PreK-2 building goals this year is focused on improving our students math fluency. To assist with this goal, parents and family members can practice math facts at home with students. Gold medal badges will be awarded to any student mastering his/her grade-level fluencies. Fluent is defined as fast and accurate. In kindergarten, students should be practicing adding and subtracting fluently within 5. In first grade, students should be adding and subtracting within 10 fluently. In second grade, students should be adding and subtracting within 20 fluently. Using flash cards is a great way to practice these facts.

Thank you for being supportive and helping your child with a successful start to the 2018-19 school year! We are committed to ensuring a safe and positive learning environment where students are encouraged, celebrated, and empowered to

learn. I want to thank you in advance for your support during this school year. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact me. My door is always open.

Happy new school year!

Michelle Rawson

Michelle Rawson, PreK – Grade 2 Principal

Grade	Required Fluency
K	Add/subtract within 5
1	Add/subtract within 10
2	Add/subtract within 20 ¹ Add/subtract within 100 (pencil and paper)
3	Multiply/divide within 100 ² Add/subtract within 1000
4	Add/subtract within 1,000,000
5	Multi-digit multiplication
6	Multi-digit division Multi-digit decimal operations
7	Solve $px + q = r$, $p(x + q) = r$
8	Solve simple 2x2 systems by inspection

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 21

No School:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FEBRUARY 12

BOE Meeting @ 7pm

FEBRUARY 18-22

No School: *Winter Recess*

MARCH 5

Grades 1 & 2 Spring Picture Day

MARCH 12

BOE Meeting @ 7pm

MARCH 13

Spring Picture Make-up - PreK-5

MARCH 22

No School

APRIL 12

PreK Lottery Application Deadline

APRIL 15-22

No School: Spring Recess
PreK Application Deadline

REPORT CARDS

DISTRIBUTION DATES

1ST TRIMESTER:

November 19, 2018

2ND TRIMESTER:

March 21, 2019

3RD TRIMESTER:

June 25, 2019

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FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN

All parents have hopes and dreams for their children and we can help realize those dreams!

New York State recognizes that children have a natural inclination to play, and encourages us to offer an enriched learning environment where children have opportunities to examine, experiment, practice and advance their skills.

Playful learning combines open ended experiences, child-directed initiatives, and teacher guided activities.

*PLAY IS A WONDERFUL METAPHOR
FOR ACTIVE, ENGAGED, MEANINGFUL AND
SOCIAL INTERACTIVE LEARNING!*



Mrs. Howie's Pre-K class is so enjoying the Fall. From a dried corn sensory table to a pumpkin and apple market to block corn mazes we are having fun and learning everyday. We have been spending many days in the cooler weather so we could choose and observe our special Pre-K tree, collect leaves, and go on scavenger hunts. We are learning about life cycles, describing words, cooperation, and school rules. These amazing kiddos are growing and changing every single day and we are so excited to see what the next few months hold.

Ms. Rebecca's Pre-K class put on a Three Little Pig's performance for some of Peru's First Graders. During this unit, they were not only busy learning early literacy concepts, they got to build houses and costumes for this show! Pre-K has also been exploring all the wonders of Autumn! We picked pumpkins and apples at Rulf's Orchard and have studied the trees around our school! We love using all our senses while we play and learn! Our learning centers have included carving pumpkins, apple tasting, leaf collecting, pie baking, pumpkin pie play doh, leaf rubbings, and so much more!



FROM KINDERGARTEN

It has a busy and fun start of the school year in Kindergarten and it is hard to believe the first trimester is coming to a close. The students have been learning the school rules and classroom procedures. Students have been working hard everyday and learning to collaborate in reading groups, math, and stations. We have started AIS push-in, OT push-in and Second Step with Mrs. Taptick. They attended a safety assembly with Mrs. Rawson to learn all about the 3 B's. Experienced their first evacuation drill, homecoming parade, and fire van.



FROM 1ST GRADE

First grade students started the year observing the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly! All classrooms had caterpillars and watched as they transformed into beautiful butterflies. Later the children helped release them outside.



First grade students had a great time at our Halloween Hoedown celebration. The children rotated to stations while participating in fun activities. Students danced to Go Noodle, played math games, enjoyed bingo, and used cups for a cup stacking activity! The children continue to work hard learning to read, write sentences, practice math facts and work on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) projects!

In October, the children had a visit from local volunteer firefighters. They brought a firetruck and safety house. Children reviewed fire safety in their classrooms.



FROM 2ND GRADE

September got off to a great start in Second Grade!! We had an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and met new ones in our second grade classrooms.

Mrs. Rawson welcomed us back with her annual safety assembly. She reviewed how to be safe around our school; like in the halls, cafeteria, playground, and even on the bus. She reviewed the 3Bs (Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible) and re-acquainted us with our Character trait superheroes. (Captain Compassion, Super Self-Control, and Citizen Prime) We can't wait to see what character traits we will be working on this year.



In October, Second grade went on its community field trip to the Babbie Rural and Farm Learning Museum. The students learned about what life was like in the Champlain Valley and the Adirondacks in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. We experienced the use of many of the tools used throughout this time period. Many parents were able to join us at the farm for our fun filled learning day.



FROM THE LIBRARY



It's been a busy start to the year in the library! I am so happy to be here at Peru working with all the wonderful staff

and students. There has been a lot happening in the library so far this year. In Pre K and Kindergarten, the students have been hearing some wonderful stories and learning about how to take care of books, how to choose just the right book, and how to tell if a book is fiction or nonfiction. First grade is learning about fiction and nonfiction and where books belong in the library. They made bookmarks to help mark their spot when reading, and leaves and jack-o-lanterns reading books to help decorate the library. What fun! Second grade has started to learn how to search for books in the library using the OPALS search program, and will soon be looking for and finding books to enjoy, all on their own. All of the students have been enjoying some MakerSpace stations that are new to the library, including coloring pages, puzzles, making bookmarks and building imaginative creations with Legos and magnetic pieces where they have to work together to build creative pieces and towers. The students had to figure out how to build the towers so they would stand without falling. Some of the towers were over 5 feet tall! Future engineers in the making!



The students can also choose to read to a stuffed animal, or look at other books and magazines found in the library. They really enjoy sharing their books with a reading buddy! Some upcoming events to look forward to are new MakerSpace stations and learning about and participating in the New York State Three Apples Book Award. Stay tuned to see what new discoveries can be found in the library!

FROM COUNSELING



Currently we are visiting the Pre-K -2 classrooms once every 6-day cycle to present our Second Step program. The Second Step program increases students' school success and decreases problem behaviors by teaching skills for learning—such as focusing, listening, and being assertive—as well as how to manage their emotions, solve problems, and make friends.

Make sure to visit www.secondstep.org with the activation key below to watch videos about the Second Step program

and to view information about what your student is learning.

Pre K	SSPE V8TZ RK2N
Kindergarten	SSPK FAMI LY70
1st Grade	SSPI FAMI LY71
2nd Grade	SSP2 FAMI LY72